

Newsletter

22nd April 2021



The sun is shining and the evenings are longer, marking the start of our Summer Term with the potential of further lockdown easing imminent!

The teachers came back on Monday to an inspirational INSET, reflecting on curriculum development to date and our shared aspirational goals for every CPS child. Mrs Dobson launched our new Design and Technology curriculum, which we have been trialling in some year groups to date. Mrs Cuniffe, and the SEND Lead from New Haw Junior School (a current SEND Ofsted Inspector) led training for our support staff. We focussed on identification of pupils' sensory needs (including those with ASD - Autistic Spectrum Disorder or ASD traits). It was practical and thought provoking. We also had a session where we considered the role of the teaching assistant, how best to maximise progress and ways to engage, support and challenge all children, particularly in the light of Covid and recovery.

The children seemed overjoyed to return on Tuesday, with smiles on their faces and a spring in their step! (This may be something to do with all of the chocolate they tell me they have eaten over Easter!) Teachers feel the children are refreshed and eager to learn. Our children are so resilient and it seems like many feel that this is just like a normal return to school after a holiday - all of the routines and settling in and support provided post their return on 8th March looks to have been successful.



Mrs Duncan has worked at CPS for 14 years, most recently part-time with Year 3. We all recognise her contributions to CPS over the years, to the many children she has taught and the teams she has worked within. She recently trained as a child and adolescent psychotherapist and has been undertaking this work alongside her teaching. Although she immensely enjoys teaching and has found it greatly rewarding, she has decided to solely pursue her new career. She will leave us at the end of April. Whilst we will undeniably miss her, we wish her well and every success in this important and fulfilling career. Mr Hales will continue with Hazel Class, taking them full time for the remainder of the year.

Beginning of the Day

Thank you for all of your positive feedback regarding how smoothly the beginning of the day is with the flow of children entering school.

From next week, we will continue to let Reception enter first at 8.45am. All other children may enter after Reception until 8.55am, when the gates will be closed.

Children begin their learning on entry and pause for the Register to be taken between 9.05am - 9.10am, after which the child is marked 'late'. It is important that every child arrives on time. Arriving 'late' is unsettling for the late child but also disrupts the learning of the whole class.

Please note:

Although we look forward to all children finishing at 3.15pm, we will maintain our staggered finish until advice indicates that it is safe to do so. There are therefore no changes planned to the end of the day routine.

Message from the Sports Team

We would like to remind you that Claygate has a no jewellery policy in PE lessons and participating in sporting activities, including Sports Clubs. Following Surrey guidance, all jewellery must be removed before the lesson or club.

If you wish to have your child's ears pierced, we advise that this should be done within the first week of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings, so if your child has difficulty removing them, please do this at home on the days they have PE.

Staff are unable to take responsibility for the safekeeping of any jewellery.

The Big Ask

In the last newsletter, before Easter, we mentioned The Big Ask, the largest ever survey of children aged 4 to 17 in England, from the new Children's Commissioner. This is designed to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future. The results will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

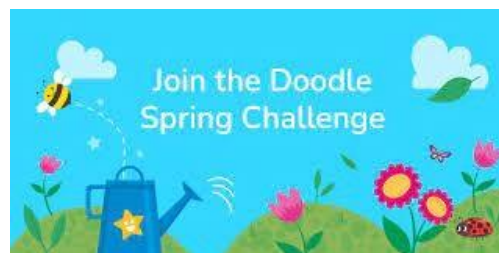
We're pleased to say that [The Big Ask](#) is now live. Please encourage your child/ren to respond to the survey using the link.

Closing date for Nursery Applications

Please note that the closing date for nursery applications for our new Acorns Nursery is 2nd May. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter – please feel free to share it with friends and family who may be interested in the nursery.

Doodle Maths Spring Challenge until 30th April

Doodle are running the Doodle Maths Spring Challenge! This Challenge encourages children to use Doodle daily, to rebuild their confidence in their mathematics. Best of all, those who take part can earn a free pin badge and certificate! Encourage your child to earn 450 stars (or 350 if they were born on or after 01/09/2013) and achieve a 7-day streak in DoodleMaths. Once they've reached their target, you can claim their reward by logging into the Dashboard and pressing Claim Reward.



Message from Esher Library

Esher Library is now open again for browsing. Our opening hours are Tues/Thurs 9.30-1, 2-5 and Fri/Sat 9.30-1. Other library times may vary but are available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries.

It would be lovely to welcome your children into the library again and we hope to see them soon.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

It was so lovely to welcome back the Year 5 and 6 children to our before school Football and Netball clubs this week.



All external run clubs are restarting next week and we have an exciting range of different clubs on offer. Please have a look at the attached timetable for more information.

Further information and sign-up details for all clubs is available on the school website [here](#).

Doodle Maths

Don't forget to keep doodling!
We will be publishing the winners next week.



Meet the Governors

Jo Farthing (Vice Chair)

I have lived in Claygate for 13 years with my 2 children and husband. I studied Law at university and worked as a lawyer until starting a family. I have worked on policy and compliance issues in a school in Wimbledon but now volunteer as an adviser at Citizens Advice Esher. As well as being the vice chair on the governing body I also liaise with the PSHE subject head to oversee how the subject is developing. I am also the contact governor for Health and Safety.

I am a keen salsa dancer and yoga enthusiast

