

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know, I am still unwell with COVID and would like to say a huge thank you to you all and to Team CPS for your support! I am feeling much better, am able to work from home and plan to be back by Monday.

Unfortunately, we have had a further positive PCR COVID test in Reception and the EYFS bubble has had to close for 10 days. I am aware that this is a worry for many of you; not only the concern of COVID but also how you would manage if your child's bubble closed. We continue to strive to keep our school COVID safe. All staff wear masks in communal areas and we opt for virtual meetings where possible, thus limiting our staff mixing as well as additional adults on site. We continue to keep classrooms and the school well ventilated and maintain our hygiene regime etc. We thank you too for all of your efforts to socially distance and by testing twice a week. Working together, we hope to keep our community safe.

A huge congratulations to Miss Thornton, now Mrs Pendry! Her email has been updated to louise.pendry@claygate.surrey.sch.uk.

The weather has not been kind to us but most of our sports days have gone ahead...the children had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed their picnic! The children showed our values through their sportsmanship and certainly had fun from the tweeted photos I have seen! Hopefully Reception will have a great sports day experience on their return! Thank you to all of the staff involved and in particular Mrs Gee who organised the events.

Our school is keen to have our teacher judgements for writing validated. We regularly moderate work across the school and with other schools, guided by Mrs Ali who is a qualified Local Authority moderator. To ensure our accuracy with this, our judgements were also moderated externally by Surrey Moderation Managers who visited the school previously not long after Mrs Ali and I joined CPS when they looked at writing across the school and moderated our writing judgements. This session was undertaken virtually and offered our team excellent CPD through high level discussions, reflected on writing provision across the school and provided validation of our judgements. We were delighted with the report we received; here are some highlights:

- *The writing curriculum has been transformed. Writing opportunities are purposeful and the children have connected well with them. Rich, diverse opportunities to write; inspiring writers to write for different audiences and purposes. All writers, regardless of starting point or ability, can access these opportunities.*
- *Punctuation application has significantly improved since the last statutory moderation visit the school had.*
- *Recent narrative work has truly inspired writers. Many have demonstrated a real turning point in their writing since.*
- *Evidence demonstrates that the pupils considered as part of our discussions have made excellent progress. This is due to the rich curriculum provision and enthusiasm of the teachers.*

- *Assessment judgements are robust. Teachers are honest and ensure that where some children are demonstrating potential for a higher standard, they are not awarding that standard as they do not yet have a broad enough evidence base due to lost learning time because of the pandemic. They have the child's best interests at heart and we feel confident will make accurate judgements at the end of this year.*
- *Teachers work together as a team. Teachers have reflected fully on all input from recent CPD sessions attended. Teachers have read exemplification materials to further their understanding of the framework.*

The governors and I are delighted with this report and I wish to recognise Mrs Ali, as assessment lead alongside Miss Canons and Miss Thornton for their efforts in developing writing across the school.

Charity Challenge!

Mickey(Yr 6) and Caleb(Yr 3) are joining in a charity challenge to raise money and awareness for the Motor Neurone Disease Association in July. The challenge is to walk 5000 miles during July, to represent the 5000 people living with MND in the UK. The boys will be walking to and from school as well as extra walking at the weekends and evenings. Good luck from everyone at CPS!

Sports Report

Despite a rain postponement on Monday to the start of our sports days, we managed to complete 3 out of 4 this week in the dry. All the children who took part did so with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Broad smiles were seen and lots of laughter and cheering heard. The carousel of activities were completed with great effort and the races run as fast as the children could run. The traditional Year 6 inter-house tug-of-war was very competitive, with the children using grit and determination to pull the rope over the line. Well done to Foley House for winning that challenge. The House winners for each sports day were:

Key Stage 1: Arbrook

Lower Key Stage 2: Arbrook

Upper Key Stage 2: Ruxley

We look forward to having Reception sports day on their return next week.

Claygate Dance Club (year 4)

The club have been training hard this term and have created a dance performance piece, which will be shown at this year's Claygate Flower Show.

'Sunrise' will be performed outdoors on Sunday 11th July. We wish the dancers lots of luck with their performance! For more information about Claygate Dance Club from September, contact Ellie Dowling: edowling.dance@gmail.com

CPS Ball

Reminder that tickets for the CPS Ball are now on sale via Parentmail. Please book in your groups or tables if possible. Hope to see you there!

Pool update!

It's not too late to show your support for our pool!

We have **8** days left to ensure that our project gets the best possible chance of securing an additional £250k of funding from Surrey County Council.

It takes less than 2 minutes to show your support for The Claygate Community Pool!

Help us secure £250k funding from Surrey County Council:

- * Share your views & like the Claygate Community Pool project, it only takes 2 minutes
- * We need as much support as possible by 15 July to be awarded the available funding which will enable us to compete the build in full (Phase 2).

<https://yourfundsurreyproposals.commonplace.is/proposals/claygate-community-pool>

Our donation page is still open & any contributions are always very much appreciated:

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/claygate-community-swimming-pool?qid=4138f37fcc1944e2196529cd11522d8>

Thank you

The Pool Team

Second Hand Uniform Sale: 9th July

Have your children grown? Will they grow over the summer! Don't panic! The next sale is on Friday 9th July at pick up from 3pm

Please put all **good quality** donations in the red bin by the gate from Tuesday 5th. This bin is also being used for book donations but just use the same bin!

We will be selling all items but particularly need donations of the following :

- Jumpers
- Cardigans
- PE T-shirts & shorts

Please note the school uniform requirements will change from September. As a result we will no longer be accepting school sweatshirts or non regulation uniform.

At the sale:

- Please wear a mask
- Maintain social distancing
- Only touch items you intend to purchase
- All items will be arranged by age group with a happy team of helpers to find things for you!
- Bring correct change - no change is available
- items will be £1 or £2

Please wash all items before wearing them.

Many thanks for all your donations & support of this fabulous initiative! We are always looking for new helpers. Please let the office know if you can spare an hour once a month from September.

Thank you!

The Second Hand Uniform Team

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Find the Flower Show Favourites Children's trail!

As there is no marquee this year our cheekiest Claygate Flower Show favourite vegetables, fruits and flowers have hidden themselves all around Claygate.

To find them all simply to download a children's trail map and location clues from www.claygateflowershow.co.uk

The Children's trail will be at various locations around Claygate from Monday 5th July at 9am to Monday 12th July at 9am.

The trail is FREE to enter.

There will be a prize for the winner - all correct entries will be placed in a prize draw and the winner picked at random.

Prize kindly donated by [Garsons](#)

Doodle News!

Take a look at Doodle upcoming webinars below, which are all free to join, including all about the Summer Challenge, which will be discussed on the 6th July.

<https://doodlelearning.com/live-webinars-for-parents/>

Our top Doodler class this week is Holly Class

The top Doodler in school is Bodie (Oak Class) with 584 stars this week.



Our top Doodler Early Years is Hari.



KS2's top Doodler is Rihanna from Hazel Class.

Some amazing streaks as well. Well done!



Please note that the school photographer is coming in on Friday 2 July (tomorrow) and Thursday 8 July to take the class photos. If your child has a club before school on their day, they will need to have their school uniform to change in to.

Friday 2 July - Year 6, Year 1 and Hazel

Thursday 8 July - Reception, Year 2, Sycamore, Year 4 and Year 5