

Newsletter



8th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hurray! I am back at school; how I have missed everyone! Although not quite 'back to normal', I am delighted to be at CPS again.

What a tournament! The Cunningham Clan have watched a LOT of football as we isolated. We are delighted that we are through to the final of the Euros and are aware that many of you will also be watching on Sunday. We are aware that such a late night may well result in tired children. We are therefore offering an amnesty and children may either come to school at their usual drop off time OR be dropped off at 10.15am without penalty (pardon the pun!). If you choose the later start, and I suspect there may be a few, simply send your children down to the office at 10.15am and they will enter via the office doors. Please do not come in between the 2 slots as the gates will be reopened ready for the later arrivals!

I am sure you are aware that the Prime Minister set out details of the final roadmap step (Step 4) as we transition out of lockdown. Subject to a final review of the data next week, legal restrictions will end on Monday, 19th July. As there will only be a couple of days before the end of term, we do not plan to change all of our systems, timetables etc. until we return in September, so we will keep our bubble playtime routines etc. It is likely to be announced that no bubble will be required to isolate from 19th July; good news for anyone due to go on holiday! Please may I ask that until then we all do our part to continue with social distancing, wearing masks and regular testing; this week two members of staff have had to isolate due to close contacts in our community testing positive. I am also aware that Banstead, Tadworth and Walton on the Hill have had surge testing for several weeks due to concerns re COVID.

Miss Hoy has also been isolating but with the wonders of technology, has continued to teach her class from home! Well done to the children of Chestnut Class who have been incredible! Well done to everyone at Team CPS for making this possible!

This term we have had 2 validation visits for Surrey's National Leader of Education for Early Years and I am thrilled to be able to share our most recent report highlights:

'The quality of the sessions were excellent. The consistency across the two classes is very detailed and it is clear both groups of children are getting the same offer regardless of whose class they are in.'

Both teachers have a wonderful relationship with their class. They have set and taught clear expectations and boundaries and as a result, behaviour was outstanding, as was the engagement and participation of the children.

Both teachers captivate their children when teaching. They use their classrooms well to engage the children, making the most of all opportunities to use display and other resources during their input.

Learning opportunities are maximised. Even the daily routine of the counting the number of children present was utilised to discussed tens frames, tens and ones, representation of the number 27.

There is a weekly number that is a focus, this is displayed in a variety of ways, such as coins, fingers, tens frames, a number line, tally chart, etc to consistently teach subitising.

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The literacy input was linked to the theme. There was clear modelling of how to write a sentence by the teachers. Again, learning opportunities were maximised by constantly discussing the tricky words, digraphs, trigraphs, modelling sound buttons, how to structure a sentence, etc.

All the children were expected to write a sentence linked to the input – this they did confidently. The teachers moved intuitively to support and challenge individuals.

The expectations were high for the children and it was clear they are very ready for Year 1.'

** Subitising is the ability to instantly recall the number of objects or images without needing to count them individually and it is an important skill for young children to practise and develop.*

Such great news and well done to the team, led by Miss Dias. As a consequence we have been asked to support some other Surrey schools in their journeys to improve EYFS provision. We are also delighted to welcome our Reception bubble back to continue with their learning on site. It was so lovely to see them return, ready and eager to see their friends and to resume their learning activities on site.

Mrs Ali has been busy with CPS in my absence and has also presented to Surrey Schools on our assessment journey as well as moderating KS2 judgements in her role as a qualified LA moderator. Mrs Minter was asked to share our approach to phonics and early reading here at CPS and Miss Cannons has happily shared her approach to writing with other Surrey Schools...nice to have our achievements recognised more widely!

Suitcase Libraries

KS1 love their new suitcase library and we plan to extend this as they have been such a success.

Thank you for the additional welcome donations of trunkies and suitcases. We plan to introduce a 'calm case' too which will contain mindful colouring, reflective notelets etc.

We welcome any further trunkies as these are perfectly suited to our suitcase army! Any donations of picnic rugs for the children to sit on are also welcome!



Claygate Flower Show this Sunday



Do pop down to the CPS drive where there will be a stall providing information and fun fundraising activities for our pool!

Also, we have 16 super year 4 girls performing as part of the Claygate Flower Show at 1pm outside Claygate Village Hall (weather depending). It would be lovely if you could pop to see them as part of the day's events to recognise their efforts. They are amazing!

New Date for Community Golf Day - Friday 1st October

Join us for a day of fun, raising money for Claygate community pool!

We have sole use of Leatherhead golf club - 9am meet for coffee and bacon rolls. 18 holes, 2 tee start. Followed by a free pint and 3-course dinner at the Hare and Hounds pub. Prize giving and auction fun!

£70 pp, or £30 if golf isn't your thing and you would just like to attend the pub for the afternoon and evening fun!

Full details can be found on the attached flyer. Sign up quickly as tickets are selling fast!

Jammie & Dodger



Our lovely school guinea pigs – Jammie & Dodger – are still looking for somewhere to spend the summer holidays.

If you are able to look after them – either for the whole holiday or on a rota with some other families, please do let us know as soon as possible.

Please email gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk.

Thank you!

Pool update

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

We have just a few hours 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 to be awarded the available funding which will enable us to complete 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=4138f37ffcc1944e2196529cd11522d8>

Thank you

The Pool Team

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Sports Day Fun!



Doodle Maths

This week the top Doodlers are:

Class : Oak



Top Doodler in the school – 859!
Ezra (Oak)

KS2 – Lisandra (Pine)



Well Done! Congratulations to all of you!