

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year began with great plans to continue with the developments which have seen our school grow from strength to strength. Coronavirus of course has continued to have a significant impact; yet we have not deviated from our journey of improvement.



Governmental decisions meant staff were asked to adapt, with very little notice, to remote learning. As you can imagine, attempting to shift weeks of carefully coordinated lesson planning, content and skills progression into remote learning was difficult, but Team CPS rose to the challenge. Team CPS have worked tirelessly to provide a consistent education for our children and to provide a degree of normality. Equally, I congratulate you, recognising how you rose to the considerable challenge of home schooling to ensure your children continued to make progress (some of you with more than one child and working from home too!!!). I have been pleased to see how this crisis has brought many of us closer together. We would like to thank you for your continued support and flexibility throughout this very difficult period.

As we come to the end of this academic year, our staff are more tired than I have ever seen them. You have seen the evidence of their hard work and dedication in everything they do and have done, in your children's learning achievements and successes, in the external reports we have received and now in the school's results (see Year 6 Results). The children have worked incredibly hard too and many of you have already expressed how proud you are of the quality and quantity of work produced across the curriculum. The Governors and our Senior Leadership Team felt our annual Strategy Day was very successful. We reflected on our vision, our Strategic Development Plan to date, school results and external reports before beginning to look at our targets for next year and for the long term.

This is the year that our Year 6 children come to the end of their time at Claygate; leaving primary school behind to embark on a new journey, closing one chapter and beginning another. Year 6 is a memorable year for all children and we are aware that this year has been more so, for many reasons, most of which we could not have possibly anticipated! The staff at Claygate Primary feel incredibly privileged to have worked with such wonderful group and know they will continue to flourish. I know our pupils will take their many talents and continue their learning journey with our values in their hearts and a drive to learn more! (see letter to Year 6). I know many of you were thrilled with the Y6 leavers' video – please could we ask that this is not share more widely on social media.

I would also like to extend our thanks to Year 6 parents and carers who are also leaving us - thank you all for your considerable support. Many of you have supported us in so many ways: including donations to Friends, and if you wish to continue to do so, we would be grateful, however we would like to remind you to cancel your direct debit

We are thrilled to have trained, supported and inspired three of our support team to go on to train to be teachers, Mrs Lancaster, Miss Fernando and Mrs Critch - what great additions they will be! I would also like to take this opportunity to mention Mrs Rashbrook and all of our outgoing staff; Good luck and farewell to you all! From September, Mrs Cooper will be reassigned to support year 2 and year 6 pupils and Mrs Weekes will remain in Year 1 where she is both experienced and has expertise. We are thrilled to welcome an additional experienced teacher to work with The EYFS team, welcome to Mrs Gardener!

Although we have had to make difficult decisions to keep our school community and beyond safe, I am hoping September will see a fresh 'beginning' at Claygate following these unprecedented times of lockdown and quarantine. We will be returning to a much more 'normal' CPS; we have always endeavoured to ensure CPS is a safe place for our children as best as we possibly could, and this commitment will not waiver as we head into a new school year.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm wishes, cards and gifts from myself and all of Team CPS. Thank you also to those of you who organised a delicious 'thankyou lunch' - all have been very much appreciated by the Team!

The governors, Team CPS and I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday! We hope that you and your families are all well and we send you all our best wishes for the summer months.

Year 6 Leavers Class of 2021

Dear Year 6,

Hopefully you can look back with fondness on your time at CPS whilst also recognising all you have overcome as the Class of 2021. I am proud of each and every one of you; you truly are a super cohort and we will miss you all! I will never forget our trip to Stone Farm and getting to know you!

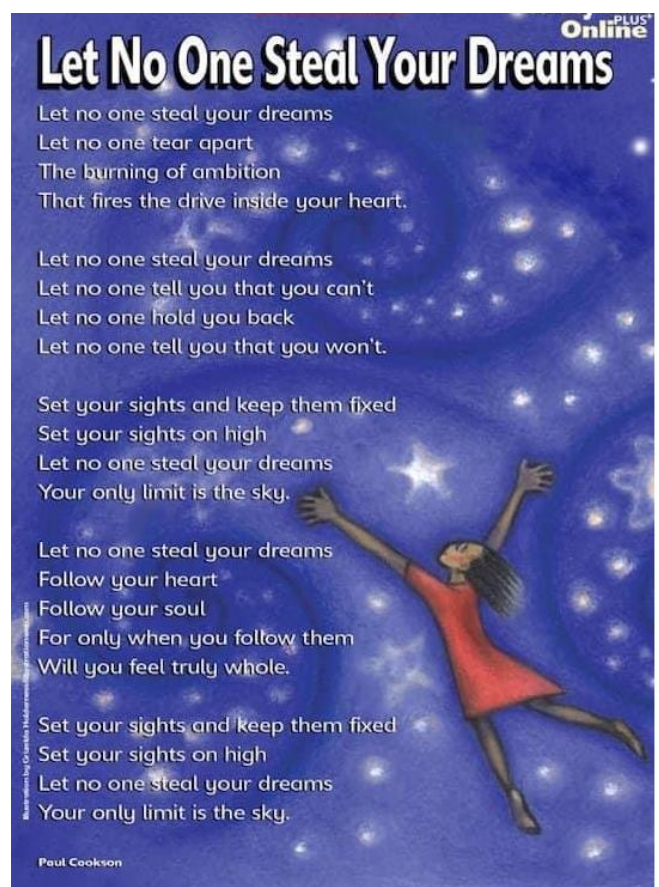
We hope that you all have many memories to treasure for years to come and every time you see a jammie dodger, hopefully you will remember us all at CPS! Secondary School will be full of new challenges and exciting opportunities – the world really is your oyster.

Although you did not have external SATs this year, your results show that you were indeed ready and prepped for them! Don't forget that SATs only ever show us a snapshot of what you are capable of (on the day of the test and in a small area of the curriculum). You have achieved so much, this year and in your time at CPS. You have persevered, achieved and progressed and shone in so many ways; as artists, footballers, as mathematicians and historians- showing your resilience in a strange and challenging time!

Continue to dream big and reach for the stars. I cannot take credit for this poem...but I think you will like it

*We wish you well for the next stage of your journey and for the future! We will miss you all!
Warm wishes from Mrs Cunningham and all of the staff and children at Claygate Primary School.*

Mrs Cunningham
Head Teacher
Claygate Primary School



Doodle Maths



This week we are celebrating children who have achieved over 100 streaks!

Well done to all of you – amazing work!!

To register children for the Summer Challenge log onto parents.doodlemaths.com. It's easy!



Pencil Case Reminder

In September **KS2 only** will be required to bring their own named pencil cases with all the stationery they need:

named pencil sharpener preferably which collects any shavings, HB pencil, colouring pencils, glue stick, 30cm clear ruler,

Optional: purple biro, scissors and a school handwriting pen if they have achieved their pen licence - these are available for 50p from the Office.

Football Crazy

I am sure many of you watched the football with apprehension and anticipation - we were so close! Many of us sang Southgate's praises and for his young team who played so well together. Such resilience and determination in the years leading up to this point; so many hours of practice and hard work! Many of us were disappointed (to say the least) by the result, yet still applauded them and their achievements.




Our Year 5's were so incensed by the negative response of some individuals, that they have shared their feelings, creating a video message for the team. I have to say it moved me to tears! I am impressed with their strong values and willingness to speak up...showing Racism the Red Card. Please do have look; [click here](#) or view via our website (under PSHE)!

Year 6 Results





Children across the country who would have faced exams have been teacher assessed - this includes Year 6. Our Year 6 children rose to the occasion in their day to day work and assessments and also sat previously set SATs papers. We were also moderated by the local authority so we are confident our judgements are accurate.

KS2 Final Data 2021

% pupils meeting the expected standard

Subject	CPS 2019	CPS 2021	National 2019
Reading	67%	 95%	73%
Maths	83%	77%	79%
Writing	62%	 78%	78%
RWM Combined	50%	 73%	65%

% pupils achieving the higher standard

Subject	CPS 2019	CPS 2021	National 2019
Reading	27%	 44%	25%
Maths	25%	 44%	18%
Writing	7%	 25%	18%
RWM Combined	4%	 25%	11%

Summertime Art Competition Winners!



We are sure you will agree all these pictures are beautiful! Congratulations to the winners!

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

Details of all the exciting extra curricular clubs we will be offering in September can be found on the school website – under the 'Information' tab. All the clubs flyers and sign up details are also there. Most clubs have limited spaces so do sign up quickly if your child would like to attend.

Eid-UI-Adha

On Monday evening the Islamic festival of **Eid-UI-Adha** began and commemorates Ibrahim's sacrifice of everything for God.

Happy Eid-UI-Adha!



Millionaire's Club

We were delighted to award 12 more Millionaire's Reading Club badges on Friday to children who have read over one million words on Accelerated Reader. Huge congratulations to Dougie in Year 2 who is our youngest pupil to be awarded a badge and to Max Rayner in Year 6 who has read a whopping 5,118,104 words this year. Beech class have worked incredibly hard and have read the most words this year: 31,843,818! All children should feel very proud of their reading achievements this year.



We look forward to awarded many more well-deserved badges next year.

Arbrook House

On Monday, Arbrook had an additional Mufti to celebrate winning the House Team Cup! Well done Arbrook!



Scout Band



Last weekend Leo (Hazel) played in the Scout and Guide band publicly for the first time. He was the youngest member there, playing his cornet. He concentrated superbly for the whole time.

The mayor even gave him a 'High 5' afterwards.

Well done Leo!!