

## Nursery Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

This week we have been learning about our five senses. The children enjoyed listening to the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and exploring their five senses through different games and activities such as cutting spaghetti, mashing peas and printing with fruit and vegetables. During continuous provision, the children also tasted different fruits, made popcorn and played blind games.

In Mini-Woodies, the children went on a bear hunt! They used familiar language from the story to act it out and to look for bears in the mini-woodland area. Then the children decided to have a teddy bear's picnic. It was great fun!

### Red Acorns

During chatterbox time, the children learned about their five senses and developed language related to the topic such as rough, smooth, delicious, sour and aromatic.

During our Nursery Rhyme time the children enjoyed singing the 'We're going on a bear hunt' song.

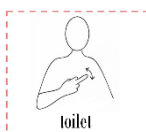
### Blue Acorns

During phonics we continued focusing on listening skills. We played 'Find the teddy', 'Describe and find it' and 'Noisy Neighbour'. The children had to listen carefully to instructions and to be able to follow directions and to name familiar sounds and objects.

In maths, the children have been learning about size. They listened to the story 'Dear Zoo' and played games to find objects that are small and big. They really enjoyed building towers with Duplo and comparing both sizes.

#### This week's Makaton sign is:

Toilet



#### This week's song:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt











## NOTICES:

**Next topic** – Next term Nursery and Reception will be learning about people who help us. We would like to invite parents who help in the community to come and talk about their job to the children. We will be learning about doctors, nurses, carers, dentists, police officers, waste collectors, post people, shop assistants and vets. Please contact us with your availability.

**Waterproofs and wellies** – Each child should have their own labelled waterproof overalls (all-in-one) and wellies, to access play outside in all weather conditions.

**Spare clothes** – Each child should have their own set of spare, labelled clothes (top, bottom, underwear and socks) in the nursery. Please label all clothes and shoes.

**Water bottles** – Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle every day in nursery.

**Packed Lunches** – Please be aware that we are a nut and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch. Just a reminder that we are a healthy school and chocolates are not allowed.

**Nursery WhatsApp group for parents** – If you are not on the parents group please ask a member of the nursery team to pass you the reps details.

**Instagram Account** – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.  
[@claygate\\_primary\\_school\\_eyfs](https://www.instagram.com/claygate_primary_school_eyfs)

**Illness** – If your child has any of the three Covid-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste) they need to self-isolate for 10 days or return to school with a negative test result (send a copy of the result to the office).

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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## CPS COVID Update from Mrs Cunningham

This week I have spoken to Public Health England. PHE advice continues to be that pupils should isolate if they have Covid symptoms. They should book a PCR test and isolate until a result is received. Siblings without symptoms do not need to isolate. Elmbridge infection rates are higher than the national average so it is important that we are vigilant.

PHE did suggest we remind you that all household members that are aged 11 and over should continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

*'Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result)*

*From 16 August, **you will not be required to self-isolate** if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and any of the following apply:*

- *you are fully vaccinated*
- ***you are below the age of 18 years 6 months***
- *you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- *you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons'*

Public Health England

PHE suggested we contact our school nurse and I met her this week. She, like PHE, commented that the number of cases at CPS is small in comparison to other settings. She agreed with our actions, which include staff distancing, minimising visitors and using virtual meetings where possible, as well as the in school measures I have previously shared with you. We were commended on how proactive we have been.

We appreciate that this is a worrying time for all and we ask all parents to continue to be proactive, both in testing and keeping the school informed.

Currently, we have a total of 16 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school.

Here's a reminder of when it is appropriate to take PCR and Lateral Flow tests.



The infographic is titled 'Covid-19 Testing' and is divided into two main sections: 'With symptoms' and 'Without symptoms'. It includes logos for HM Government and NHS Test and Trace. It also features illustrations of a PCR test tube and a lateral flow test device.

With symptoms	Without symptoms
<p><b>'PCR' tests</b></p> <p><b>When to take the test</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have Covid-19 symptoms</li> <li>• To confirm your positive lateral flow test result</li> </ul> <p><b>How long it takes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These tests are processed in labs</li> <li>• Up to 3 days, most results the next day</li> </ul> <p><b>Get a test</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At home</li> <li>• At a test site</li> </ul>	<p><b>'rapid lateral flow' tests</b></p> <p><b>When to take the test</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19</li> <li>• As part of routine testing twice a week</li> </ul> <p><b>How long it takes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Result processed by test device</li> <li>• Around 30 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>Get a test</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At home</li> <li>• At your secondary school</li> <li>• At a test site</li> <li>• At work</li> <li>• Collect from a pharmacy</li> <li>• At your nursery</li> <li>• Order online</li> </ul>

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