

Newsletter



27th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The deadline for Reception September 2022 applications closed last week. We are delighted that we have 55 first choices. This is in the climate of a low birth-rate which has been identified by the Local Authority. Other local schools have reported equivalent uptakes. Some parents indicated that CPS was their first choice because of Acorns Nursery and others because of the high quality curriculum offer, school ethos and reputation. Thank you all for supporting the school in so many ways and in promoting it to others.

This week, all staff across the ELT schools attended online safety training delivered by UK Safer Internet Centre. At CPS, we actively teach online safety as part of our Computing Scheme and through our Jigsaw PSE curriculum. In addition to this, we remind the children of key rules every time we use our Chromebooks, laptops and IPADs in school, eg what to do if an image appears which makes them feel uncomfortable (close the advice or turn it face down and seek help). We also are responsive to any issues we may be made aware of from the children themselves.

We are incredibly proud of The Claygate Charter and our enrichment offer. Each block is carefully planned by the Enrichment Leads alongside the subject leader and overseen by Mrs Moorhouse, our Curriculum Lead. Although every block has an element of 'well-being' at its heart, each also allows the children to 'dive deeper' into a particular subject. Woodland Explorers takes place in our Woodland Learning Zone; we are so lucky to have such an amazing resource on our doorstep. Since 2018 this area has been developed, the pond cleared, pathways cut and dead foliage etc removed. The cleared pond now attracts a greater variety of wildlife and we now have ducks aplenty visiting us! We have had a pontoon added to make the pond accessible and the children have been able to observe, do pond dipping activities and take samples safely as a result. We have a duck house, recently set afloat to further encourage the ducks to roost. This was funded by the Co-op. Our children can also undertake bird watching from our bird hide, particularly valuable as we participate in The Big Bird Watch each January. Alongside all of this the children are actively involved in geography including orienteering, science activities and a large focus on PSE, collaboration and problem solving. We have a lovely firepit and purpose built log store (thank you Mr Copeland-Cale), but our most recent addition is the PA funded 'outdoor classroom' or shelter, as the children utilise this area in all weathers.

Team CPS are looking ahead to Internet Safety Day, which falls on Tuesday 8th February. The theme this year is 'Exploring Respect and Relationships Online' - as part of this we will be opening discussions with our children on gaming and social media. In the lead up to this, we will send weekly useful parent guides on a number of different topics, starting this week with 'Top Tips for Staying Safe on the Xbox'. We will also add these to our website for future reference. There is an Online Safety tab under Safeguarding in the Information section.

Nature Connection Club

We are excited to announce that after February half term a new extra-curricular club will be starting. It's called 'Nature Connection Club' and will take place on Tuesdays in the Woodland Learning Zone. A flyer is attached and has also been uploaded to the school website.

Mrs Almond says:

"I'm very excited to be running the nature connection club after half term in the beautiful woodland learning area. To ensure the most enjoyable experience for the children it would be wonderful to have a couple of parent helpers. A discounted rate will be offered for any children of parent helpers. Please contact me for more information."

Stop Abuse Together

We would like to share with you the Government's new [Stop Abuse Together](https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk) campaign that aims to empower parents and carers to take steps to help keep their children safe from sexual abuse.

It's estimated that one in ten children in England and Wales will experience sexual abuse before they turn sixteen. Many children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse. That's why it's important to know how to spot the signs and where you can go for support if you're concerned. You can learn more by visiting: [Stop Abuse Together](https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk) (stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk).

The [Stop Abuse Together](https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk) website enables parents and carers to:

- Learn about the potential signs of abuse
- Build trust by speaking to your children regularly, which can help prevent abuse
- Find further support, including through the [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) helpline (0808 800 5000).

Please do have a look at the website. All children have a right to be safe from sexual abuse, and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe.

Winter RUNderland

Thank you to those who took part in this year's Winter RUNderland Fun Run. Congratulations to all the winners!

2km results

Early Years

Gold - Anya (Holly)

Silver - Sienna (Holly)

KS1

Gold - Albert (Oak)

Silver - Theo (Oak)

Bronze - Cara (Oak)

KS2

Gold – Millie (Beech)

Silver - Max (Sycamore)

5km results

Gold - Ben (Rowan)

Silver – Henry (Beech)

Bronze – Effie (Beech)



Best outfit - Esme (Alder)

All participants – your medals will come to you shortly!

Want to Make a Difference? Teach

Would you like to train to teach in a local Primary School?

Please see the attached leaflet about an information event to be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School (KT3 3JU) on Wednesday 2nd February at 5pm.

Shout! Half Term Activities

Shout! activities will be running during half term on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February at Cecil Hepworth Playhouse, Hurst Grove, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 1AU from 10am to 3pm.

There will be **Shout! Free Stay and Play drop-in sessions from 10am to 3pm** with a wide choice of arts and crafts and games. The activities are suitable for all ages from pre-schoolers to 11 years. For more information, please see the attached flyer or the [Shout! web page](#). No booking is required and families can just turn up.

Elmbridge Museum activities are also available. The theme is 'storytelling through history' with fun learning and themed arts and crafts. The sessions are £5 per child per session and are bookable in advance. They are for 1 hour and run from 11am to 12pm and 1pm to 2pm on both days. For more information, please see the attached flyer or visit [Elmbridge Museum](#).

Children must be accompanied by an adult for both of the Shout! activities.

Doodle



Best Class Doodle English: Sycamore



Best Class Doodle Maths: Willow



Best Overall Doodle Maths
Alec (Aspen)

Best Overall Doodle English
Theodora (Elm)



The following children have earned over 400 streaks !

Annabelle (Alder), Harry P (Oak), Freddie (Elm), Alfie D. (Hazel), Jack B, Charlie & Emily S (Sycamore), Isabelle P & Albie (Aspen), Maximus (Pine), Ben S. (Rowan), Carys (Cedar), Emily B & Jack D (Hawthorn)