

# Newsletter



16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now settling into a new school year, the leaves are beginning to turn and nights are already drawing in! We have had lots of rain too. Please ensure your child has appropriate outer wear as we do go out for rainy breaktimes too if it is safe to do so.

Unfortunately, Covid is still amongst us. Staff test twice weekly, handwashing and temperature checks etc are still in place and the level of cleaning continues as before. If a child is showing Covid symptoms, our Risk Assessment has not changed and the child would be sent home and advised to take a Lateral Flow, and if needed, a PCR Test. It is therefore important that we are all vigilant, aware of symptoms and test as appropriate. Please do inform the Office team should your child test positive. We have had one positive case reported today. CPS has a clear plan in place should there be an outbreak, where we would return swiftly to Remote Learning via Google Classroom. We would of course follow guidance given by PHE.

We are in the process of updating our website with new dates etc reflecting another academic year at Claygate, please do use this as a key source of information for parents and the community. Drop off is at 8.45-8.55am.

The Reception children continue to adjust to school life, build independence and resilience and we are so proud of them. From Monday please can all Reception children form one line on the path and the Reception Team will walk them into school in groups when the gate opens. To help this next stage please can we ask parents to stand to one side where children are happy and confident. We will of course continue to support any children who are less confident.

Please can all Reception children form one line on the path ready to walk down with the Reception Team when the gate opens. If parents could please stand to one side that would be helpful.

Nursery drop off times differ slightly so please let them through as they need to sign their children into Acorns. Equally, at the end of the day there are 2 collection times, so nursery parents will enter earlier (just before 3.00pm). The green gates will then be opened again just before 3.15pm for school parents. Thank you for your patience.

Mr Howells and Mrs de Vizio, our Chairs of Governors, spent their morning with me and did their first Learning Walk around the school this year. They were incredibly impressed with Team CPS and noted how well our children have transitioned into their new year groups, ready for the next stage of their learning journey.

*'I was so impressed by the children's ability to tell me the skills they had been focussing on in their learning.'* Rachael de Vizio

*'It was nice to see the children in class learning in so many ways, using chrome books, videos, visualisers etc to guide them as well as whole class, learning partners and individual learning opportunities across the school. They were calm in the lunch hall and clearly enjoyed their lunch!'*  
Brian Howells

They also saw the children at play, with lots of resources outside and the success of our new suitcase libraries, first hand.

## **CLAYGATE RECREATION GROUND TRUST**

*are seeking a new*

### **CLAYGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEE**

*to represent the school and help manage and run the new Claygate Pavilion and recreation ground.*

*They are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer who has good admin skills. The Trust require individuals with a range of skill sets so if you have any of the following skills:*

*Event management, horticulture, graphic design, bookkeeping, building maintenance, fundraising, ground maintenance, charity governance, general management, business skills or other relevant skills,*

*Please email the CRGT at [admin@claygaterecreationgroundtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@claygaterecreationgroundtrust.org.uk)*

## **Year 6 Open Events**

Our local secondary schools now have details of their Open Evenings on their websites so please do check them for information and restrictions for attending.

- Hinchley Wood School - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021
- Chessington School - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021
- Esher High School – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## **School Lunches – Special Dietary Requests**

Our caterers, Twelve15, are introducing a new way to register your child's special dietary requirements. A leaflet explaining the new procedure is attached, or you can [visit their website](#) and fill in the form online.

Please complete the new form by **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**, even if you have done so in the past and registered your child's needs with the school office. This is really important as Twelve15 are taking over the maintenance of the special dietary needs register for the school.

Please note, that from 1st November 2021 they will be only able to serve special diet meals to those pupils whose application for a special diet has been processed fully and accepted.

## **Job Vacancies**

Twelve15, have lots of vacancies for jobs in the local area. You can find out more, and apply if interested, by clicking [this link](#).

## **Reading Dog**

We are so excited to welcome our reading dog to CPS. He will start tomorrow. Initially he will 'read' with a group of children each Friday afternoon - currently this will be for Years 3 & 4.

The dog is trained (PAT) and will be with its owner. The dog will be in the library and this room will be cleaned Friday evening.

We look forward to sharing some pictures with you soon.

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## Meet the Class

### Oak



### Alder



### Aspen





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## Pine



## Rowan



## Beech



**Final classes next week .....**

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