

Newsletter



7th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very wet week! Staff thought all they had to worry about was how they would get to school amidst a petrol shortage...then the rain came! Various points around the school and school grounds were impacted by flooding and it was all mops to decks to ensure everything was ready for our children's arrival.

The Nursery was hit the most, with the entrance lobby, toilets and Red Acorns' room all flooded! Such a shame after the team had literally reorganised all of the resources and created new learning zones for the children. Mrs Clark has been in touch with Surrey and they have said they will find a solution as a matter of urgency.

The governors and I are aware that the pandemic has had an impact on all of us. We are therefore delighted to be able to retain Mr Hales as Sycamore Class Teacher this year. I am sure you would agree that he adds a huge amount of value to our school and this will provide consistency to this cohort.

We are incredibly grateful for all of the work the PA does to raise funds and we would not function as well without the much needed financial support our Friends Charity is able to provide. We thank everyone who supports us through their Friends' donations and of course Gift Aid adds a lot to this fund too!

Thank you for your continued support and let's hope the rain stays away until Surrey finds a solution for our drainage issues!

Reminder for Year 6 parents: October 31 2021 is the deadline for secondary school applications.

The Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has established a new £500 million Household Support Fund to help the hardest-hit families and individuals with daily needs such as food, clothing and utilities.

The fund is being run by Local Authorities in England, who are best placed to identify and help those children and families most in need. You can find more information on [support for vulnerable families](#) over the winter. Further details on the Household Support Fund will be available on DWP's website in due course.

School Lunches – Special Dietary Requests

A reminder that our caterers, Twelve15, are introducing a new way to register your child's special dietary requirements. Please [visit their website](#) for more info and to complete the form online.

Please complete it by **Friday, 15th October**, even if you have done so in the past or 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.

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Claygate Community Golf Day

The Claygate Community Golf Day last Friday was a great success! We raised a grand total of £4,769 for the community pool, including £3,269 from the golf and auction, and £1500 from the tile project.



Dominic Raab
@DominicRaab
United Kingdom government official

Huge thanks to Katie Holmes, Andreas Schoeler and the @ClaygatePrimary team for organising a fund-raising golf day to raise £ for the new community swimming pool. Great crowd @hareclaygate in support of a terrific local cause.

We were privileged to have the support of Dominic Raab on the day.



CONGRATULATIONS to Marc Tallentire who won the golf tournament, taking home the coveted Hare & Hounds Golf Day trophy!



Thank you to the CPSPA and the Hare & Hounds team for all their hard work.

A message from the CPSPA

5 easy ways to support your school! Funds are used for worthy causes such as the Zen Zone, the link corridor, taking care of school pets and classroom resources.

1. Choose 'Claygate County Schools Parents Association' as your chosen charity on Amazon Smile
2. Donate second hand uniform (and Halloween costumes this week) in the red bins outside school gates!)
3. Buy a sweet treat at our Friday cake sales. Half of funds go direct to the class!
4. Tell us your fundraising ideas and volunteer to help out: claygateprimaryPA@gmail.com
5. Play the Elmbridge Community Lottery to raise money for the pool:
<https://www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk/support/the-claygate-community-pool>