

# Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see the children return to school, in their smart 'winter' uniforms. Key Stage 2 pupils looked particularly grown up and smart now we have reintroduced ties. Many were keen to show me how well they can tie a tie ... some even had speed tie fastening competitions!

Ties will be available on a daily loan basis from the Office. We recognise that some Year 6 may prefer to opt for this loan system, rather than purchasing a tie for their final year at CPS. We will also have some ties available to loan for anyone who forgets their tie. For your convenience, ties are available for £4.50 to purchase from the Office - please send your child in with the money in a clearly labelled envelope.



Team CPS returned to school on Monday's INSET and enjoyed a day of high quality training and professional development. The 'new' 2019 Ofsted inspection framework introduced three key areas; Intent, Implementation and Impact (the 3 I's) in education. Schools need to consider these 3 I's to ensure a strong curriculum. Our subject leads had a further block of training linked to 'Intent'. We also had phonics training and our teachers took part in a training session with a French specialist from Chessington School. French is one of our focus subjects this academic year and we have been working hard to ensure there is clear progression from one year group to the next.

During the session we looked at effective ways to build our children's knowledge of grammar and vocabulary and explored techniques for building more of the target language into lessons. We now have a consistent approach to the way we teach French and a clear structure to every lesson which will support all learners. It was a very busy day! I was therefore delighted to visit French lessons this week following our training. Pictured are some Year 6 learning our new battleships style game to facilitate French speaking and listening!



We also look forward to a busy half term. Mrs Kosbab has now uploaded this half term's topic webs onto our website.

This week, I visited Acorns Nursery for our very first Celebration Assembly. It was lovely to award certificates and stickers to our youngest children for showing our values!

## Exciting News!



We have a new baby guinea pig! He is adorable, but still very young and nervous. Jammie was notably saddened and seemed lonely all alone, so I began the hunt for a suitable friend for him as a matter of urgency. During the holidays, we introduced Jammie to his new friend, a chocolate brown, smooth furred guinea pig. They have now successfully bonded and both are happy together, snuggling up at nap times!



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Our Pet Prefects will be asking for name suggestions, so start thinking of good ideas for him! This week they have been kept inside and were based in Year 2's art area to introduce our newbie gradually to CPS.



I had Jammie at home with me over the holidays, ready to be gradually introduced to the baby piggy.

Pascal and Purdey, my new kittens loved getting to know Jammie over half term! Pascal and Jammie even shared lettuce together!

This links nicely with our theme for November...Friendship and Respect. Jammie was clearly lonely without a friend and found new friendships in an unlikely place...my kittens! We can be friends with anyone and everyone, we are all unique and even though we may look different (in this case VERY different) we can still be respectful and friendly! We have Anti Bullying workshops for some year groups, our PSE curriculum and of course our assemblies will reinforce these themes.

Odd Socks Day is November 15th and all ELT schools will join together and wear odd socks on this day for a donation. Donations will go towards a buddy bench for our playground which is achievable if everyone donates £1.

Unfortunately, Children In Need is just after - on Friday 19 November. I am sure you will agree that this is a worthwhile cause so we will wear something SPOTTY. This could be spotty socks, spotty accessories, spotty face paints etc to accessorise their uniforms. This links with our Friendly theme as this charity supports many projects to improve children's lives.

Poppies are also on sale daily for a donation, led by our Year 6 prefects.

## Dates Summary

- **Friday 5 November until Friday 12 November poppies on sale for a donation. The suggested donations range from 50 pence to £1.50.**
- **Monday 15 November Odd Socks Day - accessorise with brightly coloured, mis-matched socks - £1 donation for a buddy bench**
- **Friday 19 November - accessorise your uniform with something spotty for a £1 donation for Children in Need**

I am sorry that these events are so close together. We would like to encourage ALL children to participate by wearing odd socks on 15<sup>th</sup> and to wear something spotty on 19<sup>th</sup>. We do not expect everyone to be able to contribute to all events and we completely understand that you may wish to choose which to contribute to.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE

This year the Christmas Raffle will be **ONLINE** and goes live TODAY!!!

There are over 30 fantastic prizes to be won, so make sure you don't miss out. In the past we have always sent home raffle tickets but this year we are doing our little bit for the environment by doing it online. Click on the link below to register and purchase your tickets. Make sure to check your junk mail. The Draw closes on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will be drawn the same day. Take a look at the attached flyer for the full list of prizes.

[Enter Raffle to Win CPS Christmas Bazaar Raffle Hosted By Helen Hatton](#)



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## As always, our aim is to improve all aspects of CPS!

We have now completed our project to separate the Year 1 and the Year 2 classrooms (one of our actions post Ofsted). New walls and doorways have created flexibility across these learning spaces. Open doors on one side can enlarge one classroom or on both sides to increase space and collaborative activities across the year group. The doors can be closed to create calm, quiet classrooms without distraction from the parallel class. Closed doors serve to create what feels like a new a large room which can be used for so many things; noisier art or design activities without distracting the main class or to host interventions in a quiet space without distraction. This has already had a huge impact on the quality of teaching and learning across KS2.

Beech Class green chairs which had perished have been replaced with smart blue chairs. The few remaining chairs have been relocated into the 'Art Club' space which is also used by Year 4 and 5. This in turn looks smarter with one colour / style of chair in this area! The wooden cladding in the Year 3 corridor has been painted, creating a clean and bright feel to this narrow corridor. The Woodland Learning Zone Gazebo construction is underway!

## CPS Swimming Pool Update:



To date, pool building work has included all demolitions, diversion of existing services and utilities to the pool site, excavation and concreting of all foundations. We are delighted that work on our pool continues - this holiday, work was underway on the construction of the external walls. Although these have been built in fair face concrete blocks, the first courses (potentially subject to dampness) are being constructed in engineering bricks.

Throughout, we have had site visits and work is progressing well! Thank you to everyone on the pool team for facilitating this fantastic project!

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## Parent Pop-Ins - Friday 5 November

Parent Pop-Ins are an opportunity for children to share their learning journey to date and celebrate achievements with their parents. We will maintain ventilation, require parents to wear masks and to be mindful of social distancing. Teachers will not be present as this is a child led visit. These Pop-ins are scheduled for a Friday which means our cleaners will carry out their deep clean afterwards.

## Acorns Nursery

If you shop at Co-op you can choose Acorns Nursery as your cause and support us.

<https://co-operate.coop.co.uk/groups/acorns-nursery-claygate-primary-school/>



### Co-operate

Find things to do and ways to volunteer – make good things happen in your area.

[co-operate.coop.co.uk](https://co-operate.coop.co.uk)

## Residential Trips

There has been recent coverage in the press regarding residential trip providers over the holidays. Ofsted undertook inspections of five PGL centres providing Ofsted-registered care and activities for unaccompanied children on half-term holidays. Having found serious safeguarding issues at four of these sites, Ofsted took the decision to immediately suspend each of the four registrations.

This year, we made a preliminary booking for a Year 6 residential only; we are aware that these are uncertain times and Covid is still very much around. We always recommend that you organise holiday insurance, particularly in the light of Covid and its impact on trips.

The trip has now been confirmed with Thames Young Mariners. This is run by Surrey Outdoor Learning; the team have already visited the site to undertake their Risk Assessment.

## Active Surrey Questionnaire (for parents and carers of young people with SEND)

My name is Farran Leach and I work for an organisation called Active Surrey as their Active Communities Officer. Active Surrey is an Active Partnership which works with several organisations and partners across Surrey to help get people moving more. As part of my work, I am extremely interested to hear about what physical activity opportunities your children/families would be interested in doing. But also any barriers that you feel prevent you from doing so and how you feel like these could be overcome.

I would be extremely grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey using the link below

- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RbVh2UwQ0E6Fgh9XDwWVzQukvS6cj9ILgf7xavghU7JURFpUTFVCSUhVTFNaNVZLWFpSSUFPUktHRS4u>

We really want to be able to help make a difference to young people's lives and I believe gaining a first-hand insight from you will help to facilitate this. I look forward to hearing from you with your responses.

Farran Leach