

Newsletter

9th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Our penultimate week of autumn Term has flown by, busy of course, but incredibly rewarding!

One highlight has to have been our redesigned Christmas Fairs! Our children thoroughly enjoyed their 'Mini Christmas Bazaar' and the range of fun activities on offer. Christmas tunes filled the air...soon to be replaced by squeals of glee as the children won jam jars and chocolate; heart-warming! The children loved the opportunity to spend their money and choose what they spent it on. One child, literally bouncing in front of me with excitement said, 'This is the best day ever!'



Thank you to everyone who made this happen, including our Year 6 helpers who seemed just as excited to be on the other side of the stalls!

Thanks to the amazing PA Bazaar Team who pulled it out of the bag - or maybe the sack?

The children have been rehearsing with gusto despite Miss Knuckey's absence and are keen to share their festive videos with you all. We are delighted that Miss Knuckey hopes to be well enough to support some of the final performance recordings next week.



It was lovely to visit Church on Thursday for an evening with our friends, Patrick and Alison Bateman for 'Comedy and Carols'. It was heart-warming to see the children's decorated trees! Mr C was also very impressed!

Thank you and well done to Miss Spalton-Woods and our EYFS children who created some very angelic angels for our tree.

If you get a chance, do pop in to HTC to have a look.



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Several staff are, or have been absent and Team CPS have been brilliant 'stepping up', teaching and managing Google Classroom for those children not at school. (Please try not to fill their in-boxes; all staff are reporting incredibly high volumes of emails. They are so very busy). Team CPS decided that to do everything we could to protect face-to face teaching until the end of term we should cancel our staff Christmas do. As we had already collected deposits, we decided to donate this to Shelter. Such a good cause!



As you are aware our aim is to have reading at the centre of learning at CPS. Whilst we actively teach and encourage phonics and decoding, fluency and prosody (reading with expression) as well as the importance of understanding what we have read, a big emphasis is to 'grow' lifelong readers who seize the opportunity to enjoy a book. It is always good to see OTTER in action! Mr Godfrey couldn't resist sharing this snap of his class totally immersed in their books!

Cheerleading: Our new cheerleading club has certainly been a success....



It was great to see your routines on Monday! Thank you for the invitation.

Covid

Please see the attached updated guidelines from Surrey.

Please inform the School Office if a child tests positive or is ill. Timely communications to the school save us time as the office team have to follow up any unreported absence.

Jammie & Nibbles

Please do contact the office (gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk) if you would like to look after our lovely guinea pigs one weekend or in any of the school the holidays.



Computer Science Week 2021

During Computer Science Week, Mr Godfrey couldn't believe how enthusiastic the children were to attend his workshops, activities included:

- Programming bee-bots around a maze
- Coding Lego race cars to go at different speeds - who can win the race?
- Green Screen station
- Movie making station
- Scratch coding station
- Makey Makey - banana piano
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Year 1 and Year 2 children were buzzing and especially enjoyed the Makey Makey banana piano, Bee-Bot maze and the Groove Pad music making. This helped to build their knowledge regarding: building algorithms and debugging any problems, using loops to create musical melodies and very basic knowledge of creating a circuit in order to 'speak' with the computer (telling it that a banana was a computer key).



Extra Curricular Clubs

We have an exciting range of extra curricular clubs running again in the Spring Term 2022. All the club flyers can be found on the school website and will also be sent out via parentmail next week. Do sign up early to avoid missing out on a place!

Football Tournament

On Friday, 3rd December a Year 5 team went to play a football tournament in Chessington. We played 10 games in a league and we came top of it with 26 points. That promoted us to the final. The final was intense as we went 1-0 down in the opening minutes but we kept our heads high and scored a goal. We went to a penalty shoot out which we won 2-0. We all celebrated and were very happy.

Henry (Rowan)



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Doodle Maths and English

This week's top doodlers are:



Maths KS2 –
Connie (Rowan)

Maths KS1 – Huxley
(Alder)



English – Chloe
(Elm)

Congratulations to all of you!

Reception Applications

Surrey have asked us to remind you that the national closing date for Reception applications for September 2022 entry is **15 January 2022**. They strongly encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. However, if you are unable to apply online, you can request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions by 15 January, so you must allow time for the post and they recommend sending applications by recorded post.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application. Applications received after the closing date, without an exceptional reason, will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of your child being offered one of your preferred schools.

Greenredeem

Please help our school receive funding for eco projects.

We've recently joined the Greenredeem School Donations Scheme. A new initiative with Elmbridge Borough Council that helps schools receive funding for projects which work towards educating for a sustainable future. We are hoping to get some Cycle Storage.

In order to receive funding we need your help! Please visit www.greenredeem.co.uk/schoolfunding and register today. Once signed up you'll be able to take activities (such as videos, quizzes and pledges) to earn points. You can then donate your points to our school. The more points we receive, the more funding we will be allocated. Please share this information with friends and family.