

Newsletter



16 December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn Term comes to a close I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you for the very thoughtful 'staff appreciation lunch' - this meant so much to us all! I had hoped to take a photo...but by the time I got there...! Thank you too for the good wishes, cards and thoughtful gifts.

We recognise that school communities across the land had hoped for a return to normality this academic year so I very much would like to thank our dedicated staff; the Office team, support staff, kitchen team and of course the teachers: Team CPS have continued to work amidst the uncertain backdrop of the pandemic, providing pastoral support and an amazing curricular offer for our children whether at home or at school. Most teachers have been providing both face-to-face learning alongside Google Classroom throughout this very busy term.

I would like to thank the Governors who work so hard behind the scenes and in particular our co-Chairs Rachael de Vizio and Brian Howells. We thank those governors leaving us and welcome new governors; Meryl White, Pete Adams, Charlotte Peet, John Thompson and Mrs Moorhouse.

Our Pool Team should be proud of achievements to date as we see our new pool building begin to grow! Equally our PA has been busy ensuring enrichment activities and social events happened for children, families and grown-ups when possible and so have continued to raise much needed funds for the school.

Mostly I would like to thank the children! They have been an inspiration and the source of much joy! They are the heart of our school and the reason we are here. They have kept us going with their enthusiastic passion for learning; they deserve a safe, healthy and happy Christmas.

Thank you all!

I do hope you enjoy our Christmas performances and join me in wishing Miss Knuckey success in her new career and Mrs Gardner well in her new school.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support; it means so much to us all.

We wish you your families a peaceful Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy 2022.

'Wild World Heroes'. I wanted to take the opportunity to share Surrey Libraries' Winter Reading Challenge with you. Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple; your child needs to read at least three books between 1 December and 16 January and add them to their profile on the [Reading Agency's website](https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up) to earn fun digital rewards, including games, book reviews, reading activities and content from famous writers. I encourage you to join in! https://api.readingagency.org.uk/users/sign_up

Surrey has asked us to share this with our school community:

The DadPad app; giving new and soon-to-be-dads the confidence to care for their baby

The DadPad app is the essential guide for new and soon-to-be dads.

The DadPad was created because babies don't come with a set of instructions, and dads need important information on what to expect and how to care for their baby.

The benefits for a new or soon-to-be dad:

- Reduce their anxiety by getting involved and gaining in confidence
- Learn how to create a strong bond and healthy attachment with their baby
- Build stronger family relationships by sharing the load and learning how to parent together
- Recognise the signs of postnatal depression in both themselves and their partner, and learn how to get help early

The DadPad is best utilised as early as possible during pregnancy, around birth and beyond, and provides guidance for babies and children up to the age of two. It's particularly useful to have during paternity leave. For more details, visit [the DadPad app download page](https://www.thedadpad.co.uk/app).



CPSPA Winter RUNderland!

Don't forget to sign up for the CPSPA Winter RUNderland via Parentmail (£5 per adult, £3 per child). You can run anytime from Saturday 18th December 2021 to Saturday 1st Jan 2022, inclusive.

There are two routes which can be viewed here - [2K Fun Run Route](#) and [5K Fun Run Route](#) (the 5K route is currently a big boggy!). Routes will be sign-posted around the Claygate area. They both start and finish from the CPS drive.

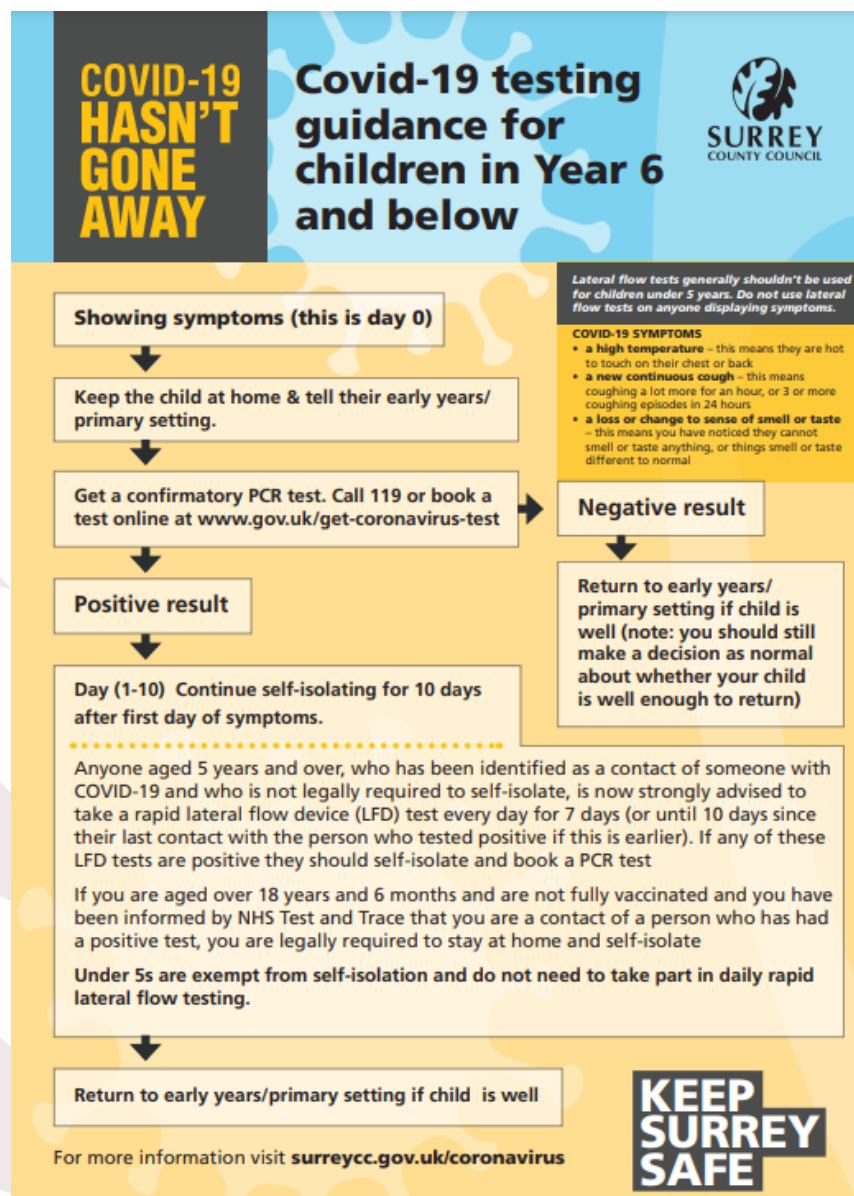
Once you've run, send your NAME, CLASS, and a picture of your RUN TIME and ROUTE recorded on Garmin/Strava or other recording device to claygateprimaryPA@gmail.com. Gold, silver and bronze medals for fastest 2K and 5K runners in Early Years, KS1 and KS2. And send us a picture of your fabulous fancy dress! Prize for the whackiest costume! **Children must be accompanied by an adult. Medals for all participating children!**

Covid Update

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Once notified by Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students are strongly recommended to take a LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [online reporting system](#) and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow [national guidance](#). This approach should also be adopted over the Christmas holiday and on return in January.



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Doodle Maths

This week's Top Doodlers are:

Maths KS1 – Freddie (Alder)



Maths KS2 – Zachary (Thacker)



Congratulations to these students for getting over 400 streaks

Carys (Cedar), Ben (Rowan), Emily (Hawthorn), Maximus (Pine), Jack (Sycamore) and Emily (Sycamore)

Doodle Streak Update

Carys, Jack and Emily (Hawthorn) now have over 500 streaks!

Congratulations to all of you!

Celebrating Success

Henry (Beech) sat his Grade 1 Piano exam last Friday.
He got a distinction!

Well done Henry!



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Claygate Pearmain Apple Trees

Last Tuesday after school, we were joined by Mrs Engelhardt and her husband who have generously donated two Claygate Pearmain apple trees.

Their children attended CPS 30 years ago and the trees were planted in our orchard area to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of this apple.



Claygate Pearmain facts by Freya & Eva, year 6

The Claygate Pearmain apple tree was discovered in 1822 by John Braddock, growing in a hedge in Claygate. The apples come in a variety of colours: red, pale green and yellow and have a nutty aromatic taste with juicy soft flesh.

You can see a picture of the tree on the village sign in Claygate Parade, outside Fruit World. There is also a house in Foley Road called 'Pearmain.'

We hope CPS will enjoy tasting these apples soon.

Pencil Case Replenishment

Can all KS2 pupils please check their pencil case over the Christmas and replenish as necessary. The following should be in pencil cases:

named pencil sharpener preferably which collects any shavings, HB pencil, colouring pencils, glue stick, 30cm clear ruler,

Optional: purple biro, scissors and a school handwriting pen if they have achieved their pen licence - these are available for 50p from the Office.

Thank you.

Job Opportunity

Thames Ditton Infant School have an exciting job opportunity for a School Business Manager. Please see their website or eteach.com should you be interested.

Claygate Courier

We are delighted to launch our first Claygate Courier, written and edited by our School Councillors and Year 6 news team. A copy is attached so please have a read!

StreetSafe

Surrey Police are promoting a service called StreetSafe. This provides an opportunity for anyone to anonymously tell police about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe. This may be due to environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of certain behaviours seen in others, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

To access the site please visit: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-safe/>