

6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a healthy and joyous festive time and a relaxing break. Team CPS would like to wish all of our community a Happy New Year! I cannot believe it is 2022! It was lovely seeing all of the children return, eager to share all of their Christmas news and holiday activities, looking smart and ready to learn.

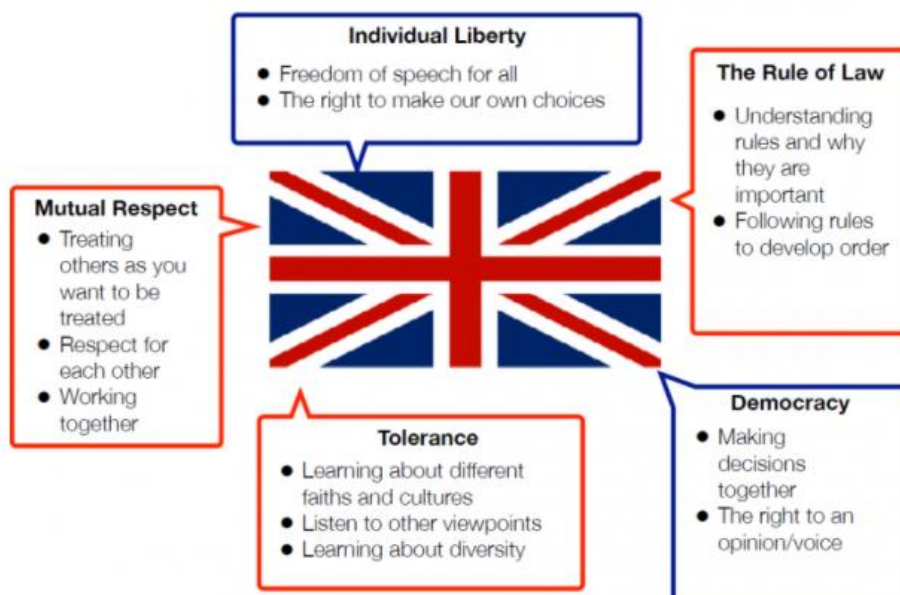
We welcome Ms Tamimi back to school after her maternity leave; she has had several 'Keeping in Touch' days and is excited to be leading the Nursery, working with Miss Dias and the whole Early Years Team. We also have several new support staff joining us this term to work across the school.

We are looking forward to a successful Spring Term. Cases of Covid continue within our community and we endeavour to mitigate the risk as far as we are able, following both local and national guidance. Cases at CPS are low amongst children, however we do have several staff absent.

Our year has begun with some valuable staff training. Teachers, led by Mr Godfrey our Computing Lead, reflected on our computing curriculum, our vision and the importance of assessment in this important subject. The EYFS team ensured all subject leads are aware of the new EYFS framework introduced in September and changes to assessment. We looked at Learning Journeys and watched videos sharing examples of high quality provision and learning taking place across this phase. SLT also met with teachers to discuss children and their progress.

Several staff had a busy day focussing on mental health training. Adam Morris, a qualified cognitive behavioural therapist led the morning session; his passion for inspiring, educating and helping others to overcome problems and develop positive mental health was practical and informative. He focused on reducing the stigma attached to mental health and building resilience and coping skills. The afternoon session, delivered by Natasha Devon MBE, shared her insights and research on mental health, body image, gender and equality. This training will be cascaded across the team.

## British Values



# Newsletter



## CPS Values

Safe and healthy

Courageous

Achievers

Respectful

Responsible

Friendly

Congratulations to all of our House Teams and in particular Arbrook who took the trophy for the Autumn Term.

Team Points are awarded when children display our school and British Values. January's British Value is '*Individual Liberty*'. Our school value of the month is '*Responsible*' with a focus on 'with freedom comes responsibility' and we are responsible for our choices and actions.

## Tissues

Now we're in the season of coughs and colds we would really appreciate any donations of tissue boxes. If you are able to please drop them into the school office. Thank you!

## Jammie and Nibbles

Our Guinea Pigs, Jammie and Nibbles had a great Christmas holiday staying with Freddie (Willow) and his family!

Freddie's mum said that the children enjoyed their company and had lots of cuddles. They learned so much too!

If you are interested in having the Guinea pigs for a weekend or school holiday please contact Gill Kosbab via [gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk).



## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2022

1st half of term:

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 11th February

Half-term break:

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

2nd half of term:

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

School closed for Staff Training Days (INSET days):

Tuesday 4th January and Monday 21st February

### Summer Term 2022

1st half of term:

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May

May Day Holiday:

Monday 2nd May

Half-term break:

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

2nd half of term:

Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

All extra-curricular activities are now open for bookings. Full details and booking forms can be found [on the school website](#).

Some have a few spaces left so do sign up as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

Information about Laila's Art Club can be found here: [www.lailasartclub.com](http://www.lailasartclub.com)

## **CPSPA Update**

### **CPSPA Winter RUNderland! Extended dates!**

The Winter RUNderland is now open until Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January so do sign up (via Parentmail) and run off those mince pies!

### **Christmas Bazaar, Raffle & Hampers – December 2021**

The Christmas Bazaar was a huge success, raising a grand total of **£5,314.13!** This includes profits from the raffle and hampers.

Thank you SO MUCH to the fabulous team who organised the event, particularly with the last minute changes due to COVID. An amazing amount raised!

These funds will go towards an outdoor wooden gazebo with seating, to be placed in the top playground.



They include internal benches and a blackboard and can be used for many purposes, e.g. a reading room, teaching facility, waiting area for parents, shelter from excessive hot/wet weather during break times.

### **Community Golf Day - October 2021**

The Claygate Community Golf Day 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. Thank you to the CPSPA and Hare & Hounds teams for all their hard work.

### **Quiz Night – November 2021**

A night to remember at the Hare & Hounds!

We raised **£445.95** and the winning team won a wonderful festive hamper from Fortnum & Masons, kindly donated by Newton Huxley estate agents.

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