

Newsletter



20th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The cold snap is upon us and may well remain for some time! Please ensure children have a warm hooded coat as they will continue to play outside. Equally, although the children may say that they are not cold, we would advise grey tracksuit bottoms for both PE days and for Indoor PE sessions wearing their shorts underneath so they can remove their tracksuit easily if they become warm when active. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We are delighted that almost all staff have returned to CPS post-Covid and very much hope this continues! Covid cases amongst children are currently stable and have not risen. Please note changes to Government Guidance from last week:

*Lateral flow tests should be taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. From 11 January, people with a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test should **not** take a PCR test and must self-isolate immediately. Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test should [report their result on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately.*

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home, self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

We have been busy recruiting and have some new staff this term; as you know, three of our lovely team left at the end of the summer term to train to be teachers, another relocated and Mrs Gardner left most recently to take up a teaching role. We welcome Miss Hill, Mrs Bekri, Miss Brown, Miss Jones, Miss Akin and Mrs Holland to various year groups; all qualified and experienced and will add value across our already strong team. Miss Mooney has quickly settled, joining the Office Team. We also have a new caretaker, Mr John.

This September, the government made changes to how all schools teach phonics and reading. We are successfully using 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' and Mrs Minter continues to support colleagues on their journeys to improve the teaching of reading and phonics in their schools. I enjoy reading with Year 1 children every day and I am delighted that our new approach is paying dividends!

This week, I also spent an afternoon in Reception to see continuous provision in action. It is so hard to capture and share all the learning taking place. I was incredibly impressed with the sense of calm across the provision, yet all children were busy and purposefully engaged. The children know where resources are, can self select and of course know how to engage well with each other. Children were playing board games, turn taking and having great fun, celebrating when someone won. Marble runs were created and adapted and some chose to share books in the reading corner. Some chose to write cvc and tricky words independently with colourful markers, or even tried their own sentences. Others played in the role play area or created villages with blocks for the toy animals. I most enjoyed working with one child which soon grew into a group of busy children creating the longest number line with the tens frames, counting in tens to 100 and beyond with incredible focus and enthusiasm! A similar picture could be seen in the Messy Play area, Holly Class and outside.

Today Foley House children came to school proud to stand out as a team. Well done to all House Captains and all of our pupil leadership team across the school.

Childnet Online Safety Virtual Workshop

Access to the recorded version of the workshop is available [here](#). Access Passcode: *zn91P#z. Please note that it will only be available until Tuesday, 25th January.

Donations

EYFS would be really grateful for some donations, they say

We are revamping our mud kitchens and we are looking for donations of:

- old pans (various sizes)
- old frying pans (various sizes)
- big metal spoons
- spatulas
- whisks
- old cake and cupcake tins
- potato mashers
- plastic jugs (various sizes)
- cutlery holder
- cutlery
- picnic plastic plates and cups (not disposable)
- salt and pepper shakers
- Large metal and plastic mixing bowls

In addition, if you have any 'mechanical toys' and toys to develop an understanding of science that you no longer have a use for we would welcome them in school.

- Pull back cars
- Torches
- Binoculars
- Magnifying glasses
- Wind up and pop up toys
- Toys or books with sliders / levers / pop-ups
- Robots

Job Opportunity

[Twelve15](#) are looking for someone to work in the kitchen here at school. The job is term time only and for 20 hours per week (9.30-1.30 every day).



Please contact Nicky (nicky.cook@claygate.surrey.sch.uk) for more information.

Chinese New Year Lunch – Thursday, 3 February 2022

Further to the ParentMail sent yesterday, please don't forget that if your child does not usually have a school lunch but would like to have this you must email the office by 4.00pm on Tuesday 25 January (office@claygate.surrey.sch.uk). Please also include any dietary requirements.

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Little Kickers

Please see the attached flyer with details about Little Kickers. They offer football classes for children aged 1 ½ to 5 years. Sessions take place in school on Saturday and Sunday mornings.



Doodle

This week's top Doodlers are:

Maths KS1 – Theodora (Elm)



Maths KS2 – Emily N
(Hawthorn)

English – George (Beech)



Congratulations to all of you!

RA Young Artists Summer Show (Reception-Year 6)

This year Claygate Primary School will be entering the [Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show](#) for the chance to win vouchers for art supplies or a free art workshop for the school.

To enter please create a piece of any artwork (drawing, painting, printing, 3D sculpture, collage etc.) and attach a short blurb about what has inspired you to create the artwork. There is no theme, so be as creative as you like!

Please hand your submission to your class teacher with a mini blurb attached by Wednesday 29th March.

For more information please contact Miss Spalton-Woods (daisy.spalton@claygate.surrey.sch.uk).