

Newsletter

3rd February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodness it was windy at the beginning of the week but thankfully the end of the week saw happy children enjoying outdoor learning, sports and play in much milder weather. Long may it continue!

I was delighted to share our school, our ethos and our journey with one of our new governors, John Peet. He was incredibly impressed with the children's learning behaviours and the calm yet busy atmosphere across the school. We look forward to welcoming you, parents and carers, to our next Parent Pop-Ins on Tuesday 8 February 3.15-3.40pm. Remember this is a great opportunity for the children to share their learning this half term with you and to celebrate all they have achieved!

As usual, Golden Tea is one of my favourite times – 'always' children and lots of lovely treats! Our chatter also gave me a great insight into what the children have been learning and it is lovely to hear about their viewpoints on the school!



Foley House Day

Foley House Day was another success, led by our House Captains.

They raised almost £200 and are excited to replenish playtime resources. Thank you everyone who supported this event. Ruxley House Day (Blue team) is 21 April and Blakeden House Day (Yellow team) is 19 May.

These days are organised by all House Captains collaboratively, valued by the teams and really do create a sense of community and raise the profile of each house.

CPSPA

Thank you to everyone who joined our PA meeting on Tuesday evening - so much goes on in the background at all times! If you would like to get involved, do get in touch:

claygateprimaryschoolpa@gmail.com

Eco Warrior Launch

With the New Year comes new opportunity. Through a tough selection process and many applicants, I am delighted to inform you we have finally formed an Eco council here at CPS. Our Eco team includes; Alder – Solly, Oak - Albert, Chestnut - Dana, Elm – Jess, Sycamore – Riley, Hazel – Hollie, Pine – Lily, Aspen – Albie, Rowan – Evie, Beech – Abbie, Hawthorn – Harris, Cedar – Milo.

It is my hope that in the next 2 academic years we can Turn CPS into a recognised ECO-School. This will involve a number of different targets that we would aim to achieve by May 2023 such as, raising awareness of climate change, reducing waste, encouraging wildlife and many more. The Eco committee are very excited to make a difference and we hope you are too.

Visit <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/> for more information.

Mr Hales

Junior Bake Off – Series 8

Junior Bake Off are looking for budding young bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming will take place from July 2022, but **applications close on Sunday 13 March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



Children's Mental Health Week



Next week, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week. Across school we will be running M-Fit workshops at lunchtimes, where we will be doing some activities linked to this year's theme of 'Growing Together'. We will be exploring how we support each other to grow together. It's an opportunity for the children to have a moment of calm to think about mental health and things we can do to help our wellbeing.

If you would like further information on Children's Mental Health week, there are some tips and activities for parents on the Place2Be's website.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents>



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Parents & Carers. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.

Doodle

This week's winners on Doodle are:



Maths KS1 : Anoushka
(Elm)



Maths KS2 : Matthew
(Cedar)



English KS1 : Theodora
(Elm)



English KS2 : George
(Beech)

Congratulations to all of you!

Join the parent Doodle webinars:

Power Up: The Parent Dashboard from a parent's perspective on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 @ 8pm

Getting started: supporting your child with using Doodle on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 @ 8pm

<https://www.doodlelearning.com/parent-webinars>

Jammie Dodger Fundraiser



Do you have a lot of jam in your heart?



Next week your child will be coming home with a box filled with a jammie dodger treat! Please enjoy and return the box to school with a few coins to help give our school some love!

Funds will be added toward takings from the fabulous Christmas stalls to buy an **OUTDOOR WOODEN GAZEBO** with seating, to be placed in the top playground.

It will 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.



Thank you!
CPSPA

Chinese New Year

Did you know that about a quarter of the world, including much of East Asia, will be celebrating Lunar New Year from 1st February. This lunar year is the Year of the Tiger. Each Chinese zodiac year is represented by one of 12 animals. Those born in the Year of the Tiger (2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950 and 1938) are associated with the animal's attributes of bravery, confidence and strong will.



This year we marked the new year with a 'mix up' afternoon of activities across the school and of course a fabulously festive lunch! Yummy!



KS1 had a go at a selection of activities across the afternoon including learning a Chinese dance, creating Chinese lanterns, creating their own bookmarks using Chinese symbols and writing numbers to 10!