

Newsletter

24th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you had a lovely break, despite the stormy weather! Luckily for us, there was minimal superficial damage here at CPS.

During the holidays there was a bustle of activity across the site. New drainage channels were created in the Nursery playground - no more floods for Acorns...and this has already been thoroughly tested today! Year 4 classrooms had lovely new black carpeting laid; very smart indeed! Year 2 had further cupboards fitted in their art area making storage easier but also adding a smart finish to the newly created Year 2 room. Year 1 will soon have cupboards too and we hope to continue to fit these in all classes without storage under sinks. We are steadily redecorating the whole school and now the Year 3 corridor has also been painted.



.... BUT by far the most exciting development has to be the swimming pool! Despite the weather, the steels have all been delivered and their erection is now fully underway.



From exciting developments to exciting news...

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Mrs Pendry (Miss Thornton) is expecting a baby in the summer! Congratulations!

The staff started the term with a busy INSET. We updated our PREVENT training as part of our ongoing commitment to all aspects of safeguarding across the school. We were proud that everyone passed the final exam at the end of the 4 training modules. All subject leads completed their third training module linked to their curriculum specialisms. We also had a further session of MfL training; staff shared best practice and discussed successes since our last training session then built upon this, again with the MfL specialist from Chessington School.

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Covid-19

The government plans for Living with COVID-19 mean:

Pupils/Students and staff should attend if they are well

Pupils/Students and staff should stay at home if they are unwell – schools/settings should refuse entry to those that are symptomatic or unwell

As children will now be in school unless they are ill, teachers will no longer set remote learning, however Google Classroom will still be used for home learning.

Polite Reminder:

Children should not access any of the EYFS learning areas or resources in the EYFS playground or under their canopy before or after school, this includes their fort.

Many thanks.

Football Funday

On the 22nd February the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls played football at ACS, Cobham. The boys won a few of their matches, as did the girls. The boys ended up in fourth place and were given a certificate for being the 'best team to referee' and the girls won the certificate for being 'the friendliest team'. In total there were eight schools that attended the events. In conclusion, everyone enjoyed the event and had fun!



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March – Pyjama Mufti

To celebrate World Book Day the children are invited to get cosy with their books and come to school dressed in their PJs. Reading Ambassadors will be on the gate in the morning to collect your £1 voluntary contribution, which will go towards replenishing our stock of encyclopaedias suitable for each age band. We would also like your child to bring in a book of their choice to get cosy with and read to a friend.

Please ensure the PJs suitably cover your child and add layers underneath if needed to ensure your child remains warm and comfortable throughout the day, as well as wearing suitable footwear for the playground... please do not feel the need to buy any new PJs!

Walking Instructors Needed

The Safer Travel Team at Surrey County Council are **recruiting for Walking Instructors** to run their new **Feet First: Walking Training programme**.

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Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

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Doodle

This week's top Doodlers are:



Special mention also goes to:

Doodle Maths : Molly (Sycamore)



Doodle English : George (Beech)



Congratulations to all of you!

Free Courses

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget. The Aim Group have several **Free** online Level 2 CACHE/TQUK/NCFE Accredited Courses available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Below are some of the most popular courses they offer:

- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)

The qualifications are completed within a 6-week period, duration is completely dependent on each learner's ability as to how fast they complete and how many hours it takes. There are no exams, essays or end-point assessments however please be aware that these are NOT 'short courses' that will take just a few hours to complete. As these are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C, you are required to write comprehensive answers for some questions. You may do as many as you like, just one at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following..

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

The courses are completely free, but the Aim Group reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event that someone enrolls, but then makes **no attempt to complete the course without a valid reason**. That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a genuine reason as to why they feel they won't be able to complete it within the 6-weeks.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link this week. This will then allow you to complete a quick Registration on the website. You will then be contacted with further information about how Enrolment works and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000hjujX>

Surrey Arts - Easter Holiday Activities

Surrey Arts are once again offering Easter holiday activities, [please click here](#) for more information.