

21 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful, sunny, safe and healthy holiday. It was lovely to see everyone back and to hear about so many egg-citing adventures! (Apologies, I couldn't resist).

Many of the children have taken advantage of their 'warmer weather' uniform - please be aware that we will continue to keep classrooms well ventilated so we would still recommend jumpers and cardigans. Fleece will no longer need to be worn as an extra layer in class but of course are perfect for outside use. We do not allow sunglasses for health and safety reasons but would encourage all children to have a named cap. We would also encourage you to be mindful of the sun and apply 24 hour sun cream before school.

Several of us have been busy over the holidays, updating our paediatric first aid training. One message that I felt I would share is that the most common choking hazards are grapes, un-pitted olives and small tomatoes. At breaks and lunch we do see cherry toms and grapes and would encourage you to cut these in half to reduce choking risks.

Sadly, despite recent improvements in our drainage systems, we returned this week to yet another Nursery flood. We have had the carpet cleaned and sanitised and Surrey are now looking at further ways to mitigate future flooding. Thanks to Team CPS we were able to get everything ready to open yesterday but we have lost some soft furnishings; rugs, bean bags and teds and some furniture, puzzles and dressing up clothes have had to be disposed of. The children however returned to exciting learning opportunities linked to their new topic on 'Growing'.

As you are already aware the agency we use to provide our caretaking services have been unable to provide us with a long term caretaker. The most recent caretaker left mid-March. We still have no caretaker but they hope to find a replacement soon.

During the holidays, we also saw further pool works and brickwork began inside the pool building, as the materials for the roof were delayed. This is a huge project and we are excited to see it progress further.

Ruxley House Day

The children looked great in **BLUE** today and there was definitely a sense of community in the air.

Next Thursday we will have our Ruxley House Day, where children in Ruxley may again wear blue (please don't pay Mufti twice). Apologies for any confusion.



What are British Values?

The government expects all children to know our British Values and we share these with the children alongside our CPS Values. These values are **Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty**. We are delighted with our new British Values designs in the playground showing the map of Britain and the British Values. Our value for this month is Tolerance.

Update on COVID-19

The government advice is that children and adults should now try to isolate if they are unwell or have a temperature. There is no longer the need to test so children should be in school unless they are ill.

Vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds

Parents can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) without needing an appointment. Bookings opened up for 5 to 11 year olds from the beginning of April. You will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

Specsavers Surrey Youth Games

Active Surrey have asked us to remind parents about the free sporting opportunities available to young people this term at the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games. The Games are aimed at 6 -16 year olds who aren't members of any sports club and those who would like to get more active. Borough and district councils across Surrey offer 6-8 weeks of free, inclusive training at local venues, with sessions typically starting after Easter.

A celebratory event is then held at the Surrey Sports Park in June at which young people get to show off their new-found skills in front of their families. As it's a beginners' event the emphasis is on learning and participating rather than competition.

Depending on age, you can sign your children up for girls football, street basketball, inclusive dance, judo, tennis and GoTri. Please do visit the [Active Surrey website](#) where you can find out more about the Games and age ranges for the activities on offer.

CLAYGATE COMMUNITY DAY, SATURDAY 23RD APRIL - CLAYGATE VILLAGE HALL 10.30AM - 3 PM

Wanting to find out what you can do in Claygate? The Claygate Community Day this Saturday, 23rd April offers the ideal opportunity. Over 40 organisations and groups will be participating with activities for all the family including fencing, rugby, football, craft, sumo wrestling, Martial Arts, Pilates and Claygate Heritage walks.

To discover how well you know the village pick up a copy of the Claygate family prize quiz. The event is organised by the Claygate Village Association and entrance is free.

Book Club for Super Spies - Esher Library

There will be an event at Esher Library on Saturday 7th May at 10.30am called Book Club for Super Spies. There will be a short performance and then a 'Spy Trail' for the children to follow around Esher, starting and finishing in the Library.

[Book Club for Super-Spies](#)

Book Club for Super-Spies is full of music, mystery, mindfulness and mayhem. Find clues and solve riddles in this interactive show for 5 – 11 year olds and their adults. Touring to Surrey libraries in May, August and September. Includes a community trail. Here is an Eventbrite link for you book places for your children (it's a free event, although donations would be welcome).

[Book Club for Super-Spies - Esher Library Tickets, Sat 7 May 2022 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Top of the Form

Just before the Easter holidays, the Year 6 Top of the Form quiz team (Edward, Corbijn, Donnie and Carys) went up against Cleves School. We gained an early lead after we accumulated 7 points during the second round : Geography. It was a tight match with a small difference in each round. We finished off the game with 61 points against 53. The rules of this tournament are that a question answered by the player without talking to teammates would earn 2 points. However, 1 point is awarded if you confer. In the situation that you get it wrong, the other team are given a chance to get a point for themselves, with the exception of the spelling round.

The next school we will be facing is St. George's Junior School in the semi-finals!

Report by Corbijn and Edward

Diary Dates

SUMMER TERM 2022	
28.4.2022	Blue House Day
2.5.2022	May Day Bank Holiday
9.5.2022	Y6 SATS WEEK (9.5.22 to 13.5.2022)
13.5.2022	End of SATs Celebration
19.5.2022	Yellow House Day
27.5.2022	Last Day of Half Term
HALF TERM	
6.6.2022	Y1 Phonics Screening (6.6.2022 to 10.6.2022)
20.6.2022	AM – LKS2 Sports Day PM – EYFS Sports Day
21.6.2022	AM - KS1 Sports Day
22.6.2022	AM – UKS2 Sports Day
27.6.2022	Y6 Residential (27.6.2022 – 29.6.2022)
28.6.2022	Meet the Teacher
29.6.2022	Celebration Evening
30.6.2022	Elmbridge School Choirs Festival (30.6.2022 – 1.7.2022)
14.7.2022	Y6 Leavers Performance
16.7.2022	CPSPA Summer Fair
22.7.2022	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm Finish
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
AUTUMN TERM 2022	
1.9.2022	INSET Day
2.9.2022	INSET Day
5.9.2022	Children Return to School

Please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#) as dates are added regularly and occasionally dates may change.