

# Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year began with great plans to continue with the developments which have seen our school grow from strength to strength. We hoped Coronavirus would be behind us, yet like many other schools, we had further disruption and absence particularly in the Spring Term. Despite this, Team CPS rose to the challenge to ensure minimal impact to learning.



Throughout the pandemic, although our plans may have slowed, they did not halt and we are looking forward to having an amazing on-site heated swimming pool, which will benefit both our pupils and the wider community for years to come. Thank you to everyone involved in painting the building. I cannot express our gratitude enough to the pool team who have made this project a reality, alongside all of the financial support we have received.

There have been so many improvements big and small including carpeting and redecoration across the site, new furniture and resources purchased and of course, our continued focus on curriculum development! Both the efforts of the PA and Friends have played their part in this and we are ever grateful for them. Not to mention the amazing events enjoyed by children, families and parents and carers over the year which make our school such a community. The year ended on a high with a fabulous Summer Festival - an incredible 'Well done' to the PA team and everyone who supported the day.

Thank you also to those of you who organised a delicious 'staff thankyou lunch' - a selection of lovely treats, all of which were very much appreciated by the Team!

As we come to the end of this academic year, our staff are more tired than I have ever seen them; last year I would not have thought that possible! The heat this week has not helped of course. You have seen the evidence of their hard work and dedication in everything they do and have done; in your children's learning achievements and successes, in the external reports we have received and the outreach work we have been commissioned to do particularly in phonics and EYFS ... and now in the school's SATs results. The Governors and our Senior Leadership Team felt our annual Strategy Day was very successful. We reflected on our vision, our Strategic Development Plan to date, school results and external reports before beginning to look at our targets for next year and for the long term. Our school community benefits hugely from our strong Governing Body who bring so much to our school and contribute significantly to CPS.

This year saw the opening of our new Nursery for 2-5 year olds. We initially found it difficult to find so many Nursery Assistants locally, who were both qualified and experienced, who also reflected the ethos of our school; thankfully, we are now fully staffed with a strong team and look forward to new *Acorns* joining us next year. This week we celebrated Blue Acorns Graduation from Nursery. I have to admit that this was incredibly moving and a proud moment for everyone who had been involved in the process of opening the Nursery.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention Mrs Tamimi, Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Traylen; Good luck and farewell to you all! You have brought so much to our team, to our school and of course to our children. You will be missed!

Our additional temporary teacher, Miss T is ready to continue with her travels. We thank her for facilitating class teacher release for tutoring and a whole host of things.



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Congratulations to our kitchen team...they do a great job and didn't pause over the heatwave! They bake fresh bread daily and ensure our children are well fed, always with a consideration for our children's health and nutrition.

Today, after an unannounced Food Hygiene inspection, they were, unsurprisingly awarded a 5 star rating.

Thank you and congratulations!

Our governors, Team CPS and I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday! We hope that you and your families are all well and we send you all our best wishes for the summer months. We look forward to our return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## Celebrating Success

### Music

Congratulations to Emily (Sycamore) as she received a distinction in her piano pre-grade higher exam!  
Fantastic Emily, well done!



### 1<sup>st</sup> Claygate Scouts

The Scouts had their annual awards on Sunday afternoon and team CPS did brilliantly. The awards are given to the scouts, cubs & beavers who have been superstars and reflected the scouting values, got stuck in and have done their best all year!

Freya (Elm), Luca (Rowan), Charlotte (Hawthorn), Emily (Hawthorn) and Bertie (Sycamore) all won awards. Congratulations to all of you!



## Doodle Summer Champions



**Congratulations to all of you!**