

Newsletter

29 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn is certainly drawing in, so please do ensure children have hooded coats as we do go outside at break times. After half term, we will be moving to our 'cold weather' uniform, which I know many children are already wearing but for Y3 -Y6 this also includes a tie. Please see [our website](#) for further details.



I have recently conducted tours for prospective parents and welcomed governors and visiting local head teachers to our school. Each time I have felt proud of our achievements to date. Pupil behaviour, learning and work produced as well as the learning environment have all been commented upon favourably, as well as the pool build and new Nursery provision.

We are delighted that progress data released this week places us in the top 25 percentile of schools nationally (many thanks for all of your support and congratulations to Team CPS) but this should also be seen in the context of our wider offer from clubs, workshops, trips, sports and of course the wider curriculum. Year 4 had a blast at Marchants Hill for their residential. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up time with their families to make wonderful memories with the children.

At CPS, we will continue to look beyond CPS to further improve in any way we can. Year 3 and Year 4 are focussing on a new local authority project linked to the teaching and learning of the Humanities (History, Geography and RE) with new topic books and a focus on vocabulary. Our Oracy Project is going full steam ahead and includes the discrete and progressive teaching of Oracy as well as our partnership with Surrey Maths Hub as we embed Maths Fit. Mrs Cunniffe is focussing on wellbeing as she trains to be the school's qualified mental health lead. Miss Hoy is aiming to achieve the anti-bullying alliance award and is working closely with our well-being ambassadors to complete this.

Mrs Brewer

Mrs Brewer has worked at CPS for many years and been an amazing member of our team, supporting so many children over this time. She was also instrumental in the development of Woodland Learning across the school and the introduction of Mini-Woodies. Mrs Brewer is keen to develop her own career, now her son has settled into secondary school, and we wish her well for the future....but we will of course miss her very much when she leaves us on 7 October.

Miss S, sometimes called Miss Alex, has been working with the children and the Reception Team for the last two weeks and has enjoyed getting to know everyone in Reception.

Our school priorities were considered carefully by staff and governors:

Area	Aim
Leadership & Management:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To deploy finances effectively to maximise impact (Resources Committee, SBM to share budget & implications with all staff)To identify training needs and provision to maximise impactTo devise a communication strategy with all stakeholdersTo create a strategy for sustainability across CPS
Quality of Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To challenge and support all children, including SEND and our most able, across every aspect of learningTo implement a broad, rigorous, sequenced and coherent curriculum, with particular emphasis on areas of focus: Reading (Phonics), Science, Oracy, Music and Humanities (History, Geography and RE) and Nursery provision
Behaviour & Attitudes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To create a positive environment in which bullying is not tolerated and expectations of behaviour are consistently high through a focus on BV and CPS values
Personal Development:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To prioritise the profile of mental health and the needs of pupils, families and staff
Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To deliver a curriculum that teaches children about the challenges and risks they may encounter in their everyday livesTo establish a range of reporting mechanisms with a focus on pupil voice.To ensure that all stakeholders recognise the importance of attendance and there are robust processes which identify and address potential barriers to attendance.

Champion Pro Soccer

Last Friday, the children in KS2 had an assembly with former Cambridge United football player, Tom Champion. He talked to the children about his journey to becoming a football player, including playing against Wayne Rooney! Tom is now a football coach, running sessions covering Esher, Cobham and Walton-on-Thames. If your child is interested, please see the attached flyer.

Kidslingo Spanish Club

We are excited to confirm that we have a new club starting for KS1. Spanish club will run after school on Thursdays. Please see the [school website](#) or the attached flyer for more information.

Jammie & Nibbles

We are still looking for volunteers to look after our lovely guinea pigs, Jammie & Nibbles, either at weekends or during school holidays. If you can help please contact gill.kosbab@claygate.surey.sch.uk and she will put you on the rota. Many thanks.

Spare Socks & Pants

If anyone has any spare socks and pants they are able to donate to reception they would be really grateful. Please drop them into the office. Many thanks.

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Marchants Hill

On Monday 26th September, Year 4 were lucky enough to spend 3 days at Marchants Hill.

It was the best trip ever because we did so many fun activities like the giant swing, trapeze, archery and climbing, to name a few. Our favourite by a mile was the giant swing!

Aspen Class



The Big Summer Survey

Over the past 6 months the Children's Commissioner has been talking to children and their families about family life, what family means, and who they consider part of their family. Importantly, she has found out just how much family means to children and young people and is looking at what can be done to enhance family life.

[The Big Summer Survey](#) forms part of an Independent Review into family life which will inform the Government about the best ways to support families across the country, including what role schools can play.

Over three thousand children in England have made their voices heard so far. The survey is accessible, takes less than 10 minutes and is a great activity for children aged 7-17 to do as part of wider discussions about time with family and the summer holidays. [The Big Summer Survey](#) will close on 21st October.

Flu Vaccinations

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting us on Thursday, 10 November to deliver the Flu Vaccines via nasal spray.

Please see the attached letter with further information and details about giving e-consent. **Please note that consent must be given by 4pm on Thursday, 3 November.**

Lost Property

Now that we are heading towards the colder weather when the children will be wearing coats, gloves, hats & scarves can we please remind you to **label everything** with your child's name.

Named items will find their way back to your child. However, unnamed items will end up in the lost property box.

Unclaimed lost property is donated to the PA for the second hand uniform sales at the end of each half term.



Reading Champions

Our Reading Lead, Mrs Minter, is excited to welcome this year's Reading Champions, Anna Jennings, Cody Cooper, Daniel Alam, Imogen Johansen, Nansumay Robinson and Olivia Charkin.

This team will take responsibility for ensuring all children at CPS have a wide range of, good quality reading materials, promoting a desire to read, both for enjoyment and learning.



Sports Round-Up



Year 5 Girls Football

On Monday, our Year 5 girls football team played their first match of the season. The girls looked very smart in our new kit. They all played incredibly well, showing great teamwork and were very sporting, showing our values. CPS won with a staggering score of 7- 1 against Claremont Fan Court School. Well done girls!

Many thanks to Newton Huxley who have generously donated new football and netball kits to our school.



Sports Crew

On Tuesday, 21 Year 6 students took part in Sports Crew training delivered by our Multi Sports coaches.

The training is to enable the students to deliver lunchtime sports clubs to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

We look forward to starting these clubs in the next couple of weeks.

