

Newsletter



6 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The nights are drawing in, the leaves are falling and there is a crispness to the air, Autumn is here!

This week we began our Harvest reflections, kicked off by our celebration lunch. The children enjoyed their Harvest themed meals and so did many of the staff.

We are again supporting the East Elmbridge Food bank so please do send in Harvest donations or drop them straight to Holy Trinity Church between 10am-12pm on weekdays or 9.30am - 11.30am on Saturdays.

For more information about the East Elmbridge Food bank and the items they are currently most in need of please [visit their website](#). In particular they currently need:

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
JAM AND OTHER SPREADS
KETCHUP AND MAYONNAISE
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED MUSHROOMS
CUSTARD AND RICE PUDDING
UHT SEMI-SKIMMED MILK
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RAZORS AND SHAVING FOAM
MEN'S AEROSOL DEODORANT
WASHING UP LIQUID
SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER OR 2IN1!
LAUNDRY TABLETS/CAPSULES (NOT LIQUID OR POWDER PLEASE)
TOILET ROLL



The school was buzzing as children enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning to date during Pop-Ins this week. These are regular opportunities for parents to see their children's learning and it was lovely to see so many of you chatting and looking around the school. Parent Pop-Ins were introduced as a direct result of parental feedback as they give more opportunities for parents to pop into school informally and see their child's progress.

Colder Weather

As the weather is turning colder we would remind you all that all pupils may of course wear their Cold Weather Uniform now. After half-term this is the expectation. We encourage vests and base layers for those children that feel the cold more than others. This is also the time of year for coughs and sneezes!

Absences and Illnesses

Please telephone or email on the first day of your child's absence by 8.30am. It would also be helpful to advise us of any urgent medical or dental appointments. Unless parents confirm that their child will be absent for more than one day, we would expect to be notified of this on each day of pupil absence. This may be done by letter, phone, Parentmail or via email to the office - office@claygate.surrey.sch.uk.

Please make non-urgent appointments outside of school hours. As part of our Safeguarding Procedures, we will phone parents if we have not heard anything by 9.15am.

As the Winter season approaches may we also remind you of the following:

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* We are happy to administer medication to your child as long as it is prescribed and you have completed [this form](#) giving us permission to do so.

* Please wait 48 hours (2 full school days) after your child has been physically sick and/or had diarrhoea before returning them to school

* It is OK to send your child in with a minor cough or a common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

* We have several reported cases of Head Lice in the Nursery and in the school. Please check your child's hair urgently. If your child has head lice, the family should be treated as soon as possible, taking advice from the local pharmacy for the most effective treatment to avoid a wider outbreak. All shoulder length hair or longer should be tied up.

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

[Cold Sores](#)

[Head Lice and Nits](#)

Great Fire of London

On Monday, Year 2 had a Great Fire of London workshop. They took part in many activities, including; weaving, candle making, working in an apothecary and leather works. In the afternoon, they sorted through artefacts boxes to identify who the artefacts belonged to. The rat catcher came around collecting and the children used buckets of water from the Thames to put out the fire.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next sale will be on Friday 4th November@3pm - CHRISTMAS JUMPER & WINTER COAT SPECIAL!

It is never too early to talk about Christmas so this will be our Christmas jumper sale as well. So over half term please see if the old jumpers fit!

We will also be accepting COATS, WINTER UNIFORM BUT NO SUMMER UNIFORM PLEASE. As usual please put all donations in the red bin.

Urgent request - if any one has a good quality Size 28 Knitted Cardigan for a new starter at the school please can you drop this into Mrs Hampshire in the office this week. Many thanks

Faith in Action - Uniform donations

In recent years, CPS families have kindly donated uniform to a Claygate-based charity called Faith in Action Community Development (FIACD), whose focus is to offer quality nursery and primary education to all the children in the village of Katete in South West Uganda, and in doing so, to develop the community. The new term has started in Katete and, as you can see from the photo, lots of the children are without school uniform. The FIACD trustees are heading out to Katete at the end of October and would love to take more uniform with them, so would welcome donations of the following

- **small/medium summer dresses** for the nursery pupils (age 4-8)
- **larger size dresses** for the girls who have started school late and therefore much older and taller (10+)
- **black/dark grey shorts** for the older boys (age 9 upwards)
- If you have any of these specific items that you are willing to donate to the children in Uganda, please bring them to school in a bag marked Faith in Action and pop them in the second hand uniform red bin **by 13th October**



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Football Focus



Last Thursday the boys B football team travelled to St Albans for their first league match of the season.

It was a tough match and despite fighting to the end, St Albans were victors, winning 4-0.

Well played boys.

Congratulations to the boys B football team who won their second league match against Esher on Monday.

It was a close match with CPS winning 1-0.

Well done boys!



Celebrating Success!

Oscar and Joshua (both Oak class) achieved the next level in Kuk Sool (martial arts); they both got the first yellow stripe on their belts.

Last weekend they had a two hour session. The aim was to work hard, remain spirited and keep focussed for the duration. They also got to break wood!

Congratulations to both of you!



Marc (Oak) attained his Level 1 Gymnastics badge this weekend.

Well done Marc!

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Thorpe Park

On Tuesday, Year 5 embarked on an awe-inspiring trip to Thorpe Park to immerse ourselves in all things Science and Mathematics. We attended two fantastic shows about sound and how our brains can trick us using our senses as well as exploring the other activities around the park. Our highlights definitely included; getting hands on with programming robotic cars, meeting Titan the Robot who put on a show for us and ending our day by visiting the different animals.



Jammie & Nibbles

Please do contact gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk if you are able to look after the guinea pigs one weekend or during school holidays. Many thanks.