

Newsletter



10 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who have already joined us this week for Parent Consultations. As ever it was great to talk to you and share how well your children are doing with us. We have had so many exciting learning opportunities since September to celebrate with you. We have received numerous positive comments regarding the option to select face to face or virtual sessions, so we do plan to keep this format moving forward (which came from parent feedback).

We also put our usual feedback opportunity via a Post-Its board inviting your comments about communication:

'At CPS we strive to communicate in many ways; Pop-Ins, SLT on gate, newsletters, social media, questionnaires, parent forums, parentmail - what do you value and is there anything missing?'

Thank you for your comments. I personally welcomed positive feedback regarding SLT presence every day on the gate and our approachability. If you opted for a virtual consultation and would like to contribute, please send an email to office@claygate.surrey.sch.uk marked Post-Its with your comments.

Many of you have also attended the four Parent Pop-Ins we have offered to date, including last week. Parents have shared how much these less formal opportunities to celebrate children's work and see progress is valued. This is exactly why they were introduced, in response to your desire to be more involved with your children's learning. So it is lovely to resume these sessions throughout the year now Covid restrictions have reduced.

We are delighted to have had so many responses to our parent questionnaire; over 100 so far. In partnership with you, our aim is to be the best school we can be, so please do fill it in if you haven't already. The questionnaire will close on Monday at 12 noon and only takes minutes to complete. We will share responses in our next newsletter.

Please note we have bouts of upset tummies across CPS. Our rule is 2 full school days after the last episode to try to curb the spread of this. We have also had reports of head lice, so please do be vigilant and treat the whole family should you spot any signs!

As you know, sadly, Nibbles our beautiful Guinea Pig is all alone and needs a friend. We have tried to find a male guinea pig or 2 to join CPS but have been unsuccessful to date so I thought I would ask for your help. Do please let us know if you have any contacts! Also, if you are able to look after Nibbles one weekend please do contact Mrs Kosbab in the school office – gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk. We currently have lots of spaces in the rota.

Next week is **Friendship Week**.

Monday is **Odd Socks Day**, introduced by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This is to celebrate Diversity; we are all special and unique individuals and this is something to celebrate! EYFS have PJ day, but are also invited to wear odd socks!

Monday and Tuesday: our new photographer is in. Please do make sure your children have their full school uniform on and are looking smart for their Individual and Sibling photographs.



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Tuesday - all parents are warmly invited to attend the 'Meet the PA Wine and Cheese get together' and AGM in the school hall from 7.30pm.

Thursday - Year 6 are visiting The Imperial War Museum as part of their History topic.

Friday - There is an Anti-bullying / Friendship Show for Years 1-4 followed by workshops for Years 5 and 6. This is currently funded by our school charity, Friends of Claygate.

Friday - Mufti Day in exchange for bottle donations for the Christmas Bazaar

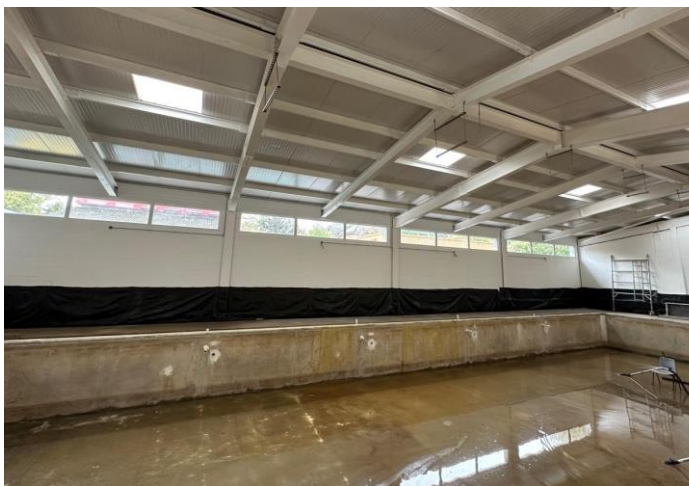
Sunday - Remembrance Day Parade

Swimming Pool Update

Dear Parents

Work on our new community pool is continuing, including the laying of an access path through the school grounds and tiling of the changing rooms and pool hall. The community room is also now nearing completion. We are pleased so many of you are planning to visit during the pool open morning on 19th November. Please do pop along to see the progress that has been made. All are welcome anytime between 9.30am and 11am.

Unfortunately, despite the surveys undertaken and drainage pumps installed around the pool, ground water is proving to cause unforeseen delays to the installation of the fibreglass liner. A specialist contractor has now been appointed to investigate potential solutions in order that we can ensure that work can start on lining the pool as soon as possible. We will keep you updated as we have more news to share.



In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming you to the pool on 19th November.

The Claygate Community Pool Team

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Doodle

This week's Top Doodlers are:

Top Maths Doodler in the whole school : Freddie (Elm)

He had a huge number of stars – 634!



Top EYFS: Lila (Holly)

Top Maths Doodler KS2 : Elyse (Pine)



Top English Doodler KS2 : Liam (Pine)

Congratulations to all of you!

Parenting Puzzle Course

Please see the attached flyer with details about a 10-week Parenting Puzzle (The Nurturing Programme) for Parents & Carers living in Elmbridge.

Parent workshop; Helping your child be their best

Active Surrey will be running a free 'Help your child be their best' workshop in conjunction with YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team, giving tips on how parents can help their children reach their potential physically and mentally. Parents will learn about the Tree of Wellbeing and the links to activity, nutrition, hydration and sleep.

Dates of the workshops will be:

Thursday 24 November 2022 | 18:30-19:30

Thursday 19 January 2023 | 18:30-19:30

Thursday 9 February 2023 | 18:30-19:30

Find out more about the workshop and how to book on the website: [Parent Workshops - YMCA East Surrey](#)

Booking form: [Helping your child be their best Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite.](#)

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PA Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Disco

Please see the attached flyers with more information about important dates for the Christmas Bazaar, as well as timings for the Christmas Discos on 8th December.



Sport Round-Up

Football

Last Thursday the Boys B team took part in a football league match against St Paul's. They all played really well, winning 7-0.

Well done boys!



Swimming



On Tuesday, 13 students from years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala at Parkside School in Cobham.

"We all really enjoyed it. It was nice taking part in a different sport" Effie (Hawthorn)

Water Play / Paddling Pool Consultation

Elmbridge Council have asked us to spread the word to parents about their current water play / paddling pools consultation. They are asking residents to help them consider how local paddling pools, which are no longer environmentally sustainable, fit into Elmbridge's sustainable and thriving future. Parents are invited to give their views on sustainable water-based play facilities in Elmbridge for children and young people. More information can be found at elmbridge.gov.uk by [clicking this link](#).

Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
10.11.2022	Parents Evening (Online using Google Classroom)
11.11.2022	Willow Class Cake Sale
14.11.2022	Odd Socks Day launches Friendship Week
15.11.2022	Meet the PA Event and AGM 7.30pm
17.11.2022	Year 6 – Imperial War Museum Visit
18.11.2022	Mufti Day – Please bring chocolate / bottle donations for the Christmas Bazaar
18.11.2022	Years 1–4 – Anti Bullying Workshop
18.11.2022	Acorns Cake Sale
19.11.2022	Christmas Bazaar
24.11.2022	Acorns Nursery – Visit to the Parade
25.11.2022	Hawthorn Cake Sale
30.11.2022	Year 2 visit to Holy Trinity Church
1.12.2022	Acorns Christmas Performance 2.30pm
2.12.2022	Parent Forum on Maths (Online) 9.30am
2.12.2022	Beech Class Cake Sale
6.12.2022	Reception Christmas Performance 2.15pm
7.12.2022	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
8.12.2022	KS1 & EYFS Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
8.12.2022	PA Christmas Disco
9.12.2022	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.15am
9.12.2022	KS2 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
9.12.2022	Aspen Class Cake Sale
12.12.2022	KS2 (Y3,4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at Holy Trinity Church (chn arrive at 6pm for 6.15pm start)
13.12.2022	KS2 (Y3,4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at Holy Trinity Church (chn arrive at 6pm for 6.15pm start)
16.12.2022	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
SPRING TERM 2023	
3.1.2023	INSET Day
4.1.2023	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.