

24 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a buzz there was across CPS during Saturday's Christmas Bazaar! The school community thoroughly enjoyed everything on offer and the choir were super! It certainly brought a festive feel to Claygate. Thank you for the donations and the fabulous hampers and to everyone who came to support the event.

A huge, huge, huge thank you to the organising team and to all of their helpers!



Last week was Friendship week

Friendship is one of our CPS Values and although this was a focus, this value is woven into everything we do. The children involved in the Anti-bullying and Friendship roadshow and participated in the workshops were very positive and clearly enjoyed the finale to the week!

Makaton Sign this Week



This flows perfectly from 'please' to 'thank you' (this action is shorter than 'please'). In class and around school adults often use 'Thank you' to acknowledge good choices, eg how children sit in assembly as well as in response to questions posed. The staff have reported children enjoying seeing us use the Makaton sign in this way!

Assembly Focus this week

We use Picture News to guide many of our weekly Values Assemblies. There is a focus which includes a cultural / diversity element, geographical information about the place / country the theme is linked to, a British Values link (and a link to CPS Values) and a 'Rights of the Child' element. There is also a home learning section which can support families in further discussion about the theme.

In response to your Parent Questionnaires, where a small percentage of you felt that CPS could focus more on British Values, Diversity or the Rights of the Child (or feel their children cannot articulate this) we will address this by sharing assembly themes with you when appropriate. This week, we have been considering the World Cup.



UN Rights of a Child



Each country taking part in the men's FIFA World Cup has its own laws. If these laws protect our rights better than this Convention, then they should be used.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

World sports events provide an opportunity to learn about other countries and their cultures. Life is not the same for everyone and we can respect our differences.



TAKEHOME



What can football teach us about the wider world?

In the news this week

The men's FIFA World Cup 2022 has started in Qatar and will run until 18th December. It is the 22nd edition of the competition, and the first played in the Arab world. The 64 matches of the tournament will take place across eight venues in the country. Usually, the event takes place in summer but because of the extreme heat at that time of year, it has been moved to a November-December winter slot, though temperatures will still reach about 25°C. The decision to stage the tournament in Qatar has been criticised because of concerns over the country's poor treatment of the large number of workers from other countries, employed to help them prepare for the tournament.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you been watching the World Cup so far? Share your thoughts on the tournament.
- > As the World Cup is held in different countries, do you think it provides an opportunity for people to learn about life in other parts of the world?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Cookie

Welcome to our new Guinea Pig, Cookie (decided upon by the children). He is a 'rescued' G-P and is 2 years old!

Nibbles and Cookie are getting on well and it is so lovely to see Nibbles happy again; he had clearly been lonely! They are already firm friends.

If you would like to have Nibbles and Cookie come and stay for the weekend, please contact the school office.



Extra Curricular Clubs

We are delighted to announce that our popular **Cheerleading Club** will be starting up again in January. **French Club** are starting new clubs; one for Reception on Monday lunchtimes and one for KS2 after school on Wednesdays. There will also be a new **Spanish club** for KS1.

Details of all clubs can be found [on the school website](#).

Author Visit – Year 6

“Year 6 enjoyed a visit from author, Simon Cherry. He helped us generate ideas for our own stories and gave us all a signed bookmark!”



Anti-Bullying / Friendship Workshops



Christmas Holiday Crafts - Make your own Christmas wrapping paper - Tuesday 20th December

Make your presents extra special this year by personalising your own wrapping paper. Ages 4-12. (4 and 5 year olds must be accompanied by an adult)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL Online: <https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/> by phone or in person during museum opening times. 01932 565764.

Workshops: 10am, 11:30, 1pm, 2:30 up to 45 minutes Cost: £2 per child

Doodle

Top Doodlers this week:

Maths:

Top Doodler in School : Freddie (Elm)

Top EYFS : Aine (Holly)

Top KS2 : Alec C (Beech)

English:

Top KS1 : Maria (Elm)

Top KS2 : Isabelle W (Hawthorn)



Congratulations to all of you!

Ruxley

On Sunday, the school adopted a rescue chicken. On her leg was a blue tag, so now her name is Ruxley, and guess what Ruxley laid an egg on her first day!

Daniel (Hawthorn)



PA Christmas Discos – 8th December

Don't forget to buy tickets for the Christmas Discos via ParentMail.

Girls Football

Congratulations to the girl's A football team who played a friendly match against Claremont Fan Court School on Tuesday.

They won 8-1; great play girls.



Imperial War Museum – Year 6

“When we went to the Imperial War Museum, I loved going into the trenches and reading stories from people from the war.” Olivia

“This half term Y6 have been learning about WW1 and WW2. My favourite part would be the dolls house because it had lots of mini figures and looked incredibly realistic. I also really enjoyed going into the trenches. It was a great day out and made me feel even more upset for the soldiers.” Ella

“On Thursday, 17 November, Hawthorn and Cedar went to the Imperial War Museum. My favourite part was going to the trenches.” Cody



Celebrating Success

A bit of belated good news. Harry (Alder) won 1st prize at the Claygate Flower Show (in July) – in the children's garden competition.

He submitted the garden creation that he made in reception and he came first across the whole of Claygate.

Well done Harry!



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
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 Discos
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 (children arrive at 6pm for 6.15pm start)
13.12.2022	KS2 (Y3,4, 5 & 6) Christmas Performance at Holy Trinity Church (children 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 – School Closed to Children
4.1.2023	Children return to school
12.1.2023	Online Safety Workshops for KS2
17.1.2023	EYFS 'Winter Day'
19.1.2023	Green House Day
20.1.2023	Chinese New Year Mix Up Day & Lunch
6.2.2023 – 10.2.2023	Internet Safety Week
8.2.2023	Parent Pop-Ins
HALF TERM	
20.2.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
27.2.2023	Childnet Online Safety Workshop for Parents (7pm-8pm)

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