

Newsletter



3 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you had a lovely half term.

As you are aware, the children have now transitioned into their 'cold weather' uniforms. For KS2, this includes a tie. I have been thrilled to see so many children looking smart with many keen to demonstrate their newly mastered tie fastening skills!

Ties are available to buy from the school office for £5.

If your child forgets their tie, they can pop to the School Office to borrow one for the day. Please make sure they return it at the end of the day.

Visitors to CPS often comment on how smart the children look in their uniform. Please may I remind you that:

- Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back with a simple band or clips.
- KS2 children may wear a simple watch or a slimline fitbit. We would ask that you do not allow your child to wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC, on the school site.
- Earrings should be simple studs and your child should be able to remove them independently for PE.
- No other jewellery should be worn in school.
- Children should not wear makeup or nail varnish to school.

Please note that the school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of any personal/expensive items that the children bring in to school.

Further information regarding permitted uniform is available [on the school website](#).

Thank you for your support in keeping the children looking smart and staying safe.

We are also delighted to share that our official data has now been confirmed and published! Although, I have shared this with you each time data has been made available; here is a summary:

	KS1 Attainment	KS2 Attainment	KS2 Progress
Reading	Significantly above national: top 20% of schools Nationally	Significantly above national: top 20% of schools Nationally	Significantly above national: top 20% of schools Nationally
Writing	In line with schools Nationally	In line with schools Nationally	Significantly above national: top 20% of schools Nationally
Mathematics	In line with schools Nationally	Significantly above national: top 20% of schools Nationally	Significantly above national: top 20% of schools Nationally

This is a huge improvement, highlighting our journey, as data was significantly below National in both *attainment* and *progress* across Reading, Writing and Mathematics in 2017 and 2018. Since then government expectations and standards, as you know, have also risen.

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The staff team have worked collaboratively to develop our progressive, well planned curriculum for all subjects. We have had many reviews since 2018 validating the impact of what has been improved or implemented. Our most recent external reviews covering Safeguarding, which included behaviour and 'bullying', and our Teaching and Learning Review which looked at all learning across the curriculum from Nursery to Year 6. Ofsted was due to come last January but Covid has created delays - such a shame when I am sure you would agree that CPS is a great school!

This is therefore a timely opportunity for me to thank Team CPS, governors and all parents for positivity and support, as well as the children themselves.

Attendance

Some parents and carers may receive a letter this week regarding attendance. Where a pupil's attendance falls below 90%, the government categorises them as a persistent absentee. This triggers a letter even though, as a school, we may be aware of the reasons for a pupil's absence, the DfE does not take these reasons into account. Your child may have been absent for reasons approved by the school such as ill health, however, once attendance falls below 90% they will still be categorised as Persistently Absent (PA).

Remembrance Sunday

In anticipation of Remembrance Sunday on November 13th, Year 6 pupils will be facilitating the sale of poppies next week during break times for a suggested donation of £1.

Odd Socks Day

Monday 14 November is Odd Socks Day to mark the beginning of our friendship week. We invite all children to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week. Although this is also Acorns' and Reception's PJ Day, please still feel free to wear odd socks!

Acorns Nursery – Vacancies

Would you like to work just a few hours a day, and term-time only?

Acorns Nursery are looking for part time staff for wrap around care. The hours are 7.15am - 9am and / or 3pm - 6pm.

More information can be found [on the school website](#).

Eco Team News

As part of the efforts from the Eco Team to promote textile recycling and reduce landfill waste, Astra Recycling has provided an onsite textiles bin at Claygate Primary School. This is a great opportunity to educate our community further on the positive impact reduce, reuse and recycle can have on our planet. We can accept the following – clothing, shoes (as a pair), bedding, towels, soft toys and curtains.

Thank you for your help and support!
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Red House Day – 20 October

Mei and Luca drew the raffle for Red House Day - the winners of a £10 book token were Freddie (Beech) and Bella (Elm).



Football Focus

On Monday our boys A team went to St Paul's to play a league football match.

They netted 9 great goals to win their match 9-0. Well done to the team

Report by Ben S and Henry C - Cedar Class



Acorns Nursery – Co-Op Local Community Fund



Local Community Fund



Acorns Nursery were recently chosen by Claygate Co-Op as a cause to benefit from the Co-Op Local Community Fund.

An amazing £2,089.23 was awarded to Acorns Nursery as a result of shoppers choosing them as their community cause. Some of the children and staff went down to accept the cheque on behalf of Acorns.

The money will be used to enhance to outside area.

Chatterbooks Reading Group

Chatterbooks are recruiting members for their children's reading group, Chatterbooks, at Esher Library.

The group is for children aged 8 - 11 years and runs every 4 to 6 weeks on a Thursday at 4pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Childnet

Please see the attached flyer from Childnet about Online Sexual Bullying. It is aimed at 9-12 year olds and contains some useful information.



Koala Bake Sale

Back in the summer, a group of our Year 6 girls arranged and got busy baking to raise money for the Australian Koala Foundation. The girls are thrilled to have made it into the Foundation's October Newsletter! Below is an extract from the newsletter.

A group of industrious young girls in the UK decided to raise awareness and funds for the Koala by setting up a stall at their local park. Amelia, Grace, Alice, Emily, Tess and Evie baked a range of delicious cakes and biscuits to sell to passers-by, fundraising a nice amount to help save Koalas.

The girls aged 9/10 years old organised the entire thing themselves, making, baking, setting up, selling, and sharing Koala information.

Thank you all for your fantastic efforts!



Well done girls!

Claygate Scout Band – Disneyland Paris

Over half term, Maximus (Rowan) took part in the Disneyland Paris parade as part of the Claygate Scout band, playing the cymbals.

Well done Maximus – what a lovely way to spend half term!



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
4.11.2022	Oak Class Cake Sale
4.11.2022	Parent Pop-Ins
8.11.2022	Parents Evening (Face to Face)
10.11.2022	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
10.11.2022	Reception - Post Office Walk PM
10.11.2022	Parents Evening (Online using Google Classroom)
11.11.2022	Willow Class Cake Sale
14.11.2022	Individual and Sibling Photographs
14.11.2022	Odd Socks Day launches Friendship Week
14.11.2022	EYFS Pyjama Day
15.11.2022	Individual and Sibling Photographs
15.11.2022	Meet the PA Event and AGM 7.30pm
17.11.2022	Year 6 – Imperial War Museum Visit
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.