

# Newsletter

**1 December 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the beginning of December, I'm sure you'll agree that it feels like the winter months are well and truly upon us and I am sure many of you are starting to look forward to festive celebrations.

Thank you to those of you who have praised the children's tree decorating efforts at HTC - the Church looks amazing!



Mr C and I were so impressed with our Choir on Saturday as they participated in the Claygate Lights switch on celebrations; what a lovely evening!

Again, so many lovely comments about the children and of course our fab music teacher, Mr Davies.

## Junk Modelling

Our Eco Warriors have created a 'junk modelling' donation bin for any cardboard tubes, clean plastic bottle tops etc. We are grateful for any donations!



sorry

Today marks the start of 'Anger Week'. Our Makaton Sign this week fits well with this: *Sorry*; sometimes when emotions are high, a quick Makaton sign can ease tension and help towards resolving conflict. Here are some links which may be of interest:

[Navigating feelings of anger - for kids](#)

[Supporting children experiencing feelings of anger - for parents](#)

[Dealing with Stressful Moments: 5 De-Escalation Techniques for Avoiding the Meltdown](#)

[4. 5. 6 breathing technique for overcoming anger in the](#)

## This week's Values assembly focus



**UN Rights of a Child**



The Royal College of Nursing union is an organisation that nurses can join. We can join or set up groups or organisations as long as it does not harm other people.



**British Values**



### Democracy

We all have a voice and the right to use it. Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing union have voted to strike, which is one way people can share their voice.



## TAKEHOME



Are some jobs more important than others?

## In the news this week

Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) union have voted for the union's first UK-wide strike in its 106-year history. The action will involve RCN members in more than half of hospitals and community teams, but emergency care will not be affected. Pat Cullen, who is the General Secretary of the RCN, has said nurses are getting an unfair deal and that 'members are saying enough is enough'. She also reports that the strike is for patients as well as workers, because staffing shortages are impacting access to healthcare across the UK. Nursing vacancies are at a record high, meaning staff are stretched and regularly working beyond the end of their shifts.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you know anyone who works as a nurse or in another role within the NHS? What are some of the things they do as part of their work?
- > Can you think of a job you might enjoy doing when you're older? How does the job impact others and what impact does it have on society?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



## Every School Day Counts

At CPS we recognise the value of regular attendance at school. All children have the right to an education and we have appropriate procedures to support this. We believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is development of positive attitudes. The attendance pattern for all children is monitored weekly and we aim to work actively with parents to ensure a regular pattern is maintained. Good attendance promotes pupils well-being, maximises progress in learning and helps pupils reach their potential.

One of our basic principles is to celebrate success. Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience. It is our duty to promote 100% attendance for all children. For our children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered it is vital that our pupils are at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

By law, children of compulsory school age must receive a full time education. If a child misses one day of school each week (or the equivalent) every year, they will have lost an entire two years of schooling by the time they are 16.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## Scarlet Fever

We have a couple cases of Scarlet Fever in the school and are aware of more locally; we would urge you to be vigilant. Scarlet fever is a contagious infection that mostly affects young children. It's easily treated with antibiotics.

The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck). A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper. On white skin the rash looks pink or red. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin, but you can still feel it. A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called "strawberry tongue").

The rash does not appear on the face, but the cheeks can look red. The redness may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

See a GP if you or your child:

- have scarlet fever symptoms
- do not get better in a week (after seeing a GP)
- have scarlet fever and chickenpox at the same time
- are ill again, weeks after scarlet fever got better – this can be a sign of a complication, such as [rheumatic fever](#)
- are feeling unwell and have been in contact with someone who has scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is very easily spread. Check with a GP before you go in. They may suggest a phone consultation.

## Information from Surrey

We all know that occasional disagreements between parents are often a normal part of family life. However, if they happen often, are intense or not resolved properly, we know they can negatively affect children. To help support families, we would like to share our new parental conflict resources, [our Family Information Service](#).

### Ally and supporter group for parents & carers of LGBTQ+ young people

Surrey's 'Ally and supporter' sessions are predominately aimed at parents / carers of LGBTQ+ young people and young adults. We strive to provide a safe, welcoming and judgement-free space for them to explore their journey whilst providing them with the tools and knowledge to support an LGBTQ+ person. Whilst professionals guide the session, this is primarily a space for parents and carers to ask questions, share their experiences and meet other people navigating similar journeys. For more information contact Molly White, LGBT Youth worker and lead on the group at [molly.white@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:molly.white@surreycc.gov.uk).

## Football

A big thank you to Claremont Fan School for, yet again, inviting us to play some football matches.

Last Thursday it was a girls Year 3/4 team (many of whom had never played in a match).

It was an exciting game.

Well done to Claremont who were victors, 7-0.



On Tuesday, the boys A team had a great match, winning 7-1.

Well done to all those who played.

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## Doodle

Top Doodler in the Whole School :  
Freddie (Elm)

Top KS1 Maths : Freddie (Elm)



Top EYFS : Aine (Holly)

Top KS2 Maths : Ezra (Hazel)



Top KS2 English : Joint winners : Molly (Pine) and Dhillon (Beech)



## Rugby Taster Session for Girls – 11 December

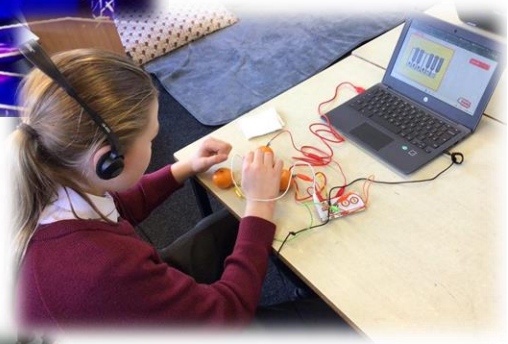
Old Cranleighan's Rugby Club would like to invite any girls interested in joining them on 11th December at 9.45 am for a tag rugby training taster. This event is open to all age group, experienced or first time players are all welcome to attend. See the attached flyer for more info.



## Computer Science Week

This week, CPS have been celebrating the upcoming Computer Science Week with another exciting Computer Science Fair. Throughout the week, children from across the whole school joined Mr Godfrey and a team of our Year 6 champions for inspiring activities to get them 'buzzing' about Computing. These activities included favourites such as: green screen, coding and programming using scratch, bee bots and Lego WeDo, creating music on sound boards as well as the much-loved banana piano. However, the greatest buzz was for our exciting new feature - VR kits! (which are loaned from our tech team at Eduthing). The children learned a little about circuits, algorithms and loops during their session. Here's what our Computing Champions had to say:

*Computer Science Week was really fun and I took pleasure in helping out. It was really enjoyable watching the younger children smile and have fun. My favourite part was the VR headsets because they were very immersive and we could explore a new world. I really enjoyed the Green Screen because we could really have fun acting and trying out new places. Overall, we loved helping out and it was a great experience. - Abbie and Jasper (Year 6).*



## Extra Curricular Clubs

Please do have a look at the school website for information about all the extra curricular clubs for next term, including the new Cheerleading, Spanish and French clubs.

## Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
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.