

Newsletter

15 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe that one third of the year has already passed us by and this is the final update of this term! The lovely Christmassy feel continues across CPS with more performances and of course our Christmas disco! Thank you to the team who organised this special event for our children. The discos were incredibly popular and the children clearly had fun; these events would not happen without parents stepping up to help.

Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunches are always a favourite of mine: thank you to Nicky and our amazing catering team.



Year 5 wanted to share the Christingles they made in RE to link to learning about how light is an important symbol at Christmas.

The children learnt what each part of the Christingle symbolises and why it is important to Christians.

Thank you too, to Mr Davies and staff for supporting the children in their performances: it certainly has been busy! Nursery, Reception, 2 x KS1 and 2 x KS2 performances plus our end of block Enrichment performances: enjoyed by the children and respective audiences alike! Performing provides opportunities for our children to shine, individually and as a group. It encourages them to recognise their own qualities and interests and develop their character traits, particularly resilience and confidence. We are passionate about providing a well-rounded, broad and balanced curriculum to all of our children at CPS and your lovely comments and messages are very much appreciated!

Year 1 'Drop in and Read'

Year 1 were thrilled to have their first ever 'Drop in and read' session. In this session the children had the opportunity to showcase their fabulous phonic knowledge whilst giving their parents/carers an insight to how the children are taught. The children certainly did not disappoint, as they engaged enthusiastically throughout the session, impressing both their grown-ups and their teachers. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who attended this event and we look forward to hosting our 2nd session on Friday 3rd February 2023.

Makaton Sign of the week

Our Makaton finale for this half term is the sign for *friends* - the children are encouraged to use this in a range of contexts, including as part of an apology alongside 'sorry' as appropriate.

Staffing Update

Mrs Holland, who had just returned from Maternity Leave, will not return for term absence, as she is relocating to Devon. Although Mrs Bekri has not been here she had been working here on a long term agency TA contract and has now joined them both well in ventures new.



Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thank you so much; staff were thrilled with the lovely lunch on Wednesday! Such a thoughtful gesture and very much appreciated! Thank you too for Christmas cards, messages and gifts; from Mrs Ali, myself and the staff team. We wish you all a healthy and happy holiday!

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Our theme for the week

This week's theme takes us to Florida and...the moon!



**UN Rights
of a Child**



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different so our thoughts, feelings and opinions about visiting the Moon will be different too. We can show respect for and understanding of our differences.



We can choose our own thoughts and opinions about anything, including visiting the Moon, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Nasa officials have recently announced that humans could live on the Moon during this decade. They wouldn't be living there permanently, but could stay for long periods to carry out scientific research. Howard Hu, who leads the Orion lunar spacecraft programme for Nasa, said they would need to create homes on the lunar surface to support scientific expeditions. Nasa's plan is that the next mission would have a crew onboard, followed by a third, where astronauts would land on the Moon. This would be the first manned Moon trip for Nasa since Apollo 17, 50 years ago, in December 1972.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what you know about the Moon and the history of Moon landings. Do you know anyone who remembers that time in history?
- Share your thoughts on a possible base on the Moon. Do you think it is a good idea?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Frost and Snow

The children were thrilled that snow had fallen and we heard many stories of snowmen creations! They are less experienced when it is icy so good wellies / boots and reminders of slippery conditions are always a good idea. Our caretaker will always clear and salt our paths, but it is still a slope so please do be careful. Please do ensure children are wrapped up warm when it is chilly!

Further snow

This is not expected at the moment, however should the school have to close, a parentmail would be sent to you. Our website would also share updates with our community. Work would be set via Google Classroom.

Season's Greetings

Mrs C, the Governors and all the staff at CPS!



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PA Christmas Discos

The Christmas Disco's were a huge dose of festive fun and disco dancing. 281 children attended over the three discos and £1216.00 was raised, after expenses, for the School PA. The tuck shop was a complete sell out! A huge thank you to Disco Diva, Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Ali for supporting on the night, all the parent helpers and to the children for bringing their energy and enthusiasm. We hope everyone had a brilliant time! The Christmas Disco Team: Catherine, Laura and Ellie.



Doodle

We are in the Green Zone!

Aine, Daniel, George, Emily, Cillian
Benjamin, Cora, Max, Cameron,
Lucy, Miles, Amelie, Sophia, Nourain,
Ella, Lucy W, Charlie W, Emily S, Alfie
Dougie, Felix, Alec, Kate, Isabelle S.
Evalyn, Luca, Eulalia, Theo, Evie,
Lara, Jakob, Mei, Lola, Phoenix
Harrison, Nansumay, Daniel, Eddie
Carmel, Olive, Theo, Isebelle,
Imogen, Lisa-Marie, Ben, Freddie,
Huxley, Lana Rose, Maria, Annabelle,
Bruce, Euan, Jessica N., Jack B
Isobel H., Kate, Anya, Oscar, Marc,
Henry, Isabella, Molly, Dayna, Evie,
Beatrice, Zac B., Maximus, Evie, Mia
Albie, Isabelle P. Sol, Albert, Elliot,
Lyra, Kai, Holly, Sophie, Harry P.

WOW

As we continue our progress to become a more eco-friendly friendly at CPS, we will be restarting the WOW – The walk to school challenge, when we return to school in January. WOW is a pupil-led initiative, where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle, scoot or 'park and stride') at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

Clothes Donations

Reception are looking for some clothes for the children to use during role play. If you have any spare children's clothes, aged 6, they would be really grateful to receive them.

Extra Curricular Clubs

All clubs for the Spring Term are now available for sign-up. For school run clubs you can sign up via parentmail and for external clubs you must contact the club provider. More details can be found [on the school website](#).

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service advice : Safety around Water in Winter

Please do read the information attached to this newsletter about safety around water in winter.

Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
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
3.2.2023	Year 1 'Drop in and Read' Session – 2.40pm
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.