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15th November 2019



Armistice Day provided a poignant start to the week with 1 minute silence in assemblies; the children were both reflective and respectful contemplating Peace. This month's value is COURAGEOUS with a focus on having the courage to stand up for what is right and to make the right choices. Although Friendship Week (or Anti-Bullying Week) is important, of course, our CPS values have a focus on 'Anti-Bullying' and it is covered throughout the year in many forms; 'Safe and Healthy', 'Friendship' as well as our 'Respectful' and 'Responsible' values which also focus on choices and actions. Our new House token system has a strong emphasis on recognising our values (as does the Jammie Dodger!).

Throughout the year our PSHE Curriculum covers such areas of focus and we of course respond proactively to any incident. We also have a progressive on-line safety scheme of learning. Our ELSA hub, mindful colouring station and Worry Monsters are all ways we support the children. The theme this year is:

Change starts here. Change starts now. Change starts with us.

...and the children certainly enjoyed Odd Socks Day which was an opportunity to encourage us to express ourselves and celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique (hence why I wore odd shoes!). It seems a fitting to end the week extending our friendship beyond our gates to think of children in Need.

We have met several times with the House Captains. They have decided what will happen on our first House Days at CPS. The House Captains will sell raffle tickets leading up to their House Day (1st Prize= £10 Smiggle token, 2nd Prize= 2 weeks lunch pass with a friend, 3rd Prize=1 week lunch pass with a friend.) Also, on the day, the children belonging to the House of the day will wear their house colour (this could be as simple as jeans and their Sports PE shirt). All other children will wear their uniform as usual. The House Captains would also like contributions of cakes (plus fruit etc for healthy options) again preferably with a link to the House colour to sell at break time. Apologies that this also clashes with our Friday cake sale for our first House Day. On the day, the House Captains will run an obstacle course with a point system and will record the highest scoring participant for each house in the MUGA for a cost of 50p. They wish to raise money for playground improvements so would like all children to bring in some money.

- Foley House Day 29 November - Red Theme
- Arbrook House Day 22 Jan - Green Theme
- Ruxley House Day 24 April - Blue Theme
- Blakedon House Day 6 May - Yellow Theme

Christmas is coming (although not quite yet!) Children are welcome to bring in cards from the beginning of December and are encouraged to write class names on. Our performances are well attended and we plan to reinstate ticketing which we omitted to do last year this year. Tickets will be limited initially to 2 tickets per child with 150 tickets for school hall events. Performances are:

- EYFS Monday 9 December at 9:15am at school
- KS1 Tuesday 10 December at 9:15 am at school
- KS1 Tuesday 10 December at 2:15 pm at school
- KS2 Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 December at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30pm.

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There are also Music and Japanese Enrichment performances:

- Elm Class Tuesday 17 December at 2.50pm at school
- Pine Class Wednesday 18 December at 2.50pm at school

Parent Consultation Evenings were very well attended and I appreciated the time so many of you took to give positive feedback to staff and the Senior Leadership Team ... a super week with a lot to look forward to as we head towards Christmas.

Football Focus!



The Year 6 Girls Football Team played their second league match against St Mary's Long Ditton on Friday 8th November. The following is the match report from Emilia (Cedar)

"On Friday afternoon the girl's football team played against Long Ditton St. Mary's. Everyone worked well together as a team and played an exciting game which ended in a 1-1 draw. Well done to Catriona (Cedar) for getting 'Girl Of The Game'."

The Year 6 Boys Football Team played their 3rd league match on Tuesday 12th away against Hurst Park. Here is the match report written by Neev (Hawthorn).

"Well done Claygate. The Boys team drew against Hurst Park 3-3. An extra well done to Jack for scoring 2 and Haywood for the late equaliser in the last 30 seconds."



CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls Football Team on their amazing win at the Esher District Girls Football Tournament on Wednesday 13th.

Here's Megan's match report:
Well done Claygate! On Wednesday Claygate Primary Girls football team played in a football tournament. First we played the group matches and won the group! Then we went into the semi finals against Hinchley Wood and won. Then we went into the final against St. Laurence. They scored straight away, but we got a goal back to get a draw. So it went to penalties. Catriona took the penalty and scored. Then St Laurence took a penalty and scored. Amelie took our second penalty and scored. The other team took another penalty and sadly for them but good news for us they missed. We won the whole tournament!

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House Teams

With our house logos now finalised and our new token tubes in place we have launched our new 'House Token' system.

Our focus is of course to celebrate and recognise both our values and achievements as well as good learning behaviours eg being resilient and having a growth mindset so all children have the opportunity to contribute something to their house by earning tokens - the idea is that this is a team reward, further raising the profile of our house system. The tokens will be collected, counted and celebrated weekly.

We think you'll agree that the wall display looks amazing and certainly encourages the children to earn as many tokens as possible for their house.



Children in Need – Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who donated at the gates for our Children in Need mufti.

We raised £278.13 so thank you so much for your generosity.

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CPS Dates and Reminders:

November	
20.11.2019	Yr1 Phonics Meeting for parents – 3.30pm (crèche)
22.11.2019	Sycamore Class Assembly
22.11.2019	PA Event : Wine Tasting Evening
25.11.2019	Y5 Dazzle Day : Viking Workshop
28.11.2019	Dazzle Day Friendship Finale : The Power of Change Show
29.11.2019	Red House Day : Red House Events & Red House Mufti
30.11.2019	Christmas Lights at Claygate 4pm-6pm
December	
4.12.2019	Parent Pop-Ins 3.30-4pm
5.12.2019	Y1 Dazzle Day : Toy Workshop
6.12.2019	Parents' Forum
7.12.2019	PA Event : Christmas Bazaar 11am – 2pm
9.12.2019	YR Christmas Performance 9.15am
10.12.2019	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.15am
11.12.2019	Governor Body Meeting
13.12.2019	School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.2019	KS2 Christmas Performance at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30pm
17.12.2019	KS2 Christmas Performance at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30pm
17.12.2019	Elm Class Music and Japanese Enrichment Performance to Parents 2.50pm
18.12.2019	Pine Class Music and Japanese Enrichment Performance to Parents 2.50pm
20.12.2019	Term Ends 2pm
Christmas Holidays	
January	
6.1.2020	INSET Day
7.1.2020	Spring Term begins and children return to school Hobgoblin Theatre performance

These dates are provisional and are subject to change!

Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

We're still looking for homes for our lovely Rabbits & Guinea Pigs for next terms' rota (as well as the Guinea Pigs for the Christmas holidays). Please do let the office know if you would like to go on the rota.

Thank you!

Once a Week, Take a Peek

Why not join the crusade against head lice by finding out more about the Once a Week, Take a Peek campaign.

Simply visit the campaign website at www.onceaweektakeapeek.ie and download one of their guides for lots of information on how to treat and even prevent headlice.

