

# Newsletter



20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

*'In the eyes of children we find the joy of Christmas. In their hearts we find its meaning.'* Leland Thomas

I came across this quote and felt it totally summed up our children at Claygate!

It certainly has been an uplifting end to the term with 'the best ever' Christmas performances where acting, singing and musicians shone. A huge thank you to the staff team and of course the marvellous maestro herself; Mrs Lasebikan. We have also had four fabulous performances to share our Enrichment learning in music (with a bit of Japanese thrown in). The children played and sang with enthusiasm and progression across the groups was evident. I was impressed with the children's ability to play collaboratively and in time, reading musical notation too! Japanese was equally impressive and you could again see the children's enthusiasm and engagement with this learning. Our new Claygate Charter enrichment programme facilitates lifelong learning skills and provides quality learning experiences - all linked to well-being.

CPS talent is far reaching ... our children have also shone in numerous matches and tournaments this term; well done and thank you to the staff team who make this possible, particularly the enthusiastic Mrs Gee who leads and coordinates our many competitions and tournaments and motivates and supports our children.

I am sure Father Christmas will be as generous as ever and many children will receive a range of new and exciting electronic gadgets. Please don't forget to look at parental settings in advance so your children can interact with their devices safely from switch-on!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in our staff appreciation lunch; it was very much received with gratitude, particularly our new staff who were touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity!

We return in January with a performance of Wind and the Willows; another dazzle day which is linked to our school priorities to improve our children's engagement with reading as well as to raise standards in writing. Children across the school will come together to enjoy this story brought to life. They will then be challenged to write some amazing work linked to this. If you are able to lend or donate a copy of this story, they would be most welcome!

On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas season.

A very Merry Christmas & a  
Happy New Year from us all at



Best wishes from  
Sandra Cunningham  
Head Teacher

## CPS Dates and Reminders:

### January

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| 6.1.2020 | INSET Day   |
| 7.1.2020 | Spring Term begins and children return to school<br>Hobgoblin Theatre performance |

## Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

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

Thank you!

## Primary School Applications

A reminder for all parents with pre-school children/siblings, that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2020 entry is **15 January 2020**.

Please ensure that your applications are made via the Surrey County Council website <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Parents can also request a paper application form, or seek impartial help in completing an application, via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004).

Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

## School Hall Hire

The school hall is available for hire outside of school hours so if you run a regular activity and need a space please get in touch with our School Business Manager, Ros Clark on [ros.clark@claygate.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ros.clark@claygate.surrey.sch.uk)

## Keeping Children Safe Online over the holidays

With many children likely to be receiving new tech at Christmas it's worth giving some thought to their online safety. You can find lots of info here [here](#) on how you can make sure that young people are safer online, over the Christmas period and beyond.

Further information can be found here:

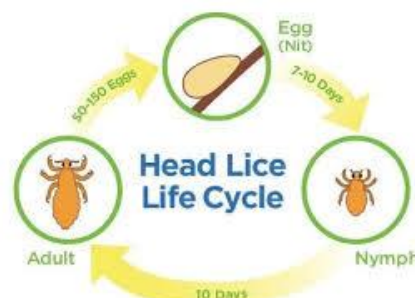
- [The Internet of Things: 9 ways of making your connected home more secure](#)
- [Seasonal Netiquette: 5 new parenting rules for screen time and tech when families](#)

## Head Lice

We have had some cases of Head Lice reported so please do take some time over the Christmas holidays to check your child's head and treat them if necessary.

You can find lots of information here

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



## Sports Round-Up

We've had another busy week of Sport at CPS. Below are some reports and pictures:



### Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday morning, 18 year 6 pupils went on a minibus to Excel. The minibus journey was really fun as we were singing and chatting. When we got there each school was told to wear different coloured bibs, Claygate was blue. At roughly 11 o'clock we started. Each person did two relays and two field activities, like javelin, speed bounce and long jump. In total we came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 12 which is good.

Report by Ocean (Hawthorn)

### Boys Football

On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 we went to play a football match against St. Andrews. Despite both our teams losing we enjoyed it and are looking forward to playing again soon!

Oliver & Connor  
(Cedar)



On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December Claygate Primary had a football match against St. Andrews, the B and C teams played. Unfortunately both teams lost. The B team lost 2-1 but Alfie (Beech) scored for Claygate. The C team lost 5-3 and Connor, Oliver and Harry scored. Both teams played really well and both matches were really close.

Alfie (Beech)

### Table Tennis Tournament

On Thursday 4 children from year 4 took part in a table tennis tournament at Long Ditton St Mary's. This was the first time Claygate has attended this event and they really enjoyed it.

