

Newsletter



24th January 2020

CPS love the new House days and this week our team captains worked together to organise Arbrook House Day. The children in Arbrook were delighted to spot their fellow team mates looking smart in their house colour and the comradery was clear! I naturally seized the opportunity to wear my flashing green shoes. Equally the obstacle course, cake sale and raffle (all organised by our captains) made the day special for all; although we were a little short on cakes. Well done Team Arbrook. We all felt that a week day worked well as there was no clash with Friday's class cake sale, so we have changed our remaining dates with this in mind:

- Ruxley House Day: 23 April
- Blakedon House Day: 6 May

Our new House Point tokens are now an established way to recognise our efforts and values and our House Point tubes show which team is collecting most tokens. The totals are celebrated on Thursdays Celebration Assemblies; much to the excitement of all.

This week's training for staff focussed on English and we learned about a range of evidence based interventions, strategies to raise self-esteem and motivation as well as excellent recommendations proven to support the development of skills in reading and writing. Coincidentally we also had Handwriting Day this week and the children enjoyed the opportunity to explore fonts and focus on their handwriting.

The children are already looking forward to Chinese New Year lunch and activities on Friday 31st; they will also have the opportunity to try chopsticks! If your child has their own chopsticks or 'trainer chopsticks' they are welcome to bring them in if they are named.

Raffle Winners!

The lucky raffles winners from our Arbrook House Day were:

£10 smiggle voucher	-	Amelia (Cedar)
One week Pet Pass	-	Freya (Rowan)
Two week Lunch Pass	-	Freddie (Elm)



Diary Reminders

Online Safety Workshop

29th January – 9-10am. Please sign up with the office if you are attending. We need a few more parents to make it viable to run the workshop.

Parent Pop-Ins

29th January - 3.15-3.45.

Forgotten Items Box

We are introducing a large box that will sit in the reception area of the school office. If your child has forgotten something – water bottle, lunch box, coat etc please put it into the box.

The items will then be distributed to the classrooms during the day.

Please make sure your child's item is **clearly marked with their name and class** so that it reaches them successfully.

Also, If your child knows they have forgotten something and you have agreed to drop it off they can ask their class teacher if they can check the box themselves and collect it.

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Netball

It was a tricky match against St. Lawrence's netball team as they had many great players. Although we won 14-0 they were still great opponents as they had excellent marking skills and were great sports people.

Sorcha, Hawthorn



On Tuesday 21st January the A netball team played a league match at St Lawrence Primary. It ended with an amazing win! The score was 7-4 to Claygate. Well done to everyone and especially to the goal scorers.

Emilia and Emma Cedar

Rabbits & Guinea Pigs



Don't forget to contact the office if you would like to look after our lovely rabbits or guinea pigs.

In particular we need a home for the rabbits for February half term if you are able to help.

Thank you!

Head Lice

There have recently been a few cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

There are many different treatments available from the pharmacist but we appreciate this can prove costly, especially if you have multiple children.

In our experience, a thorough going over with a nit comb and lashings of conditioner work a treat!



Whichever way you decide to tackle them; you must repeat the process until the eggs/bugs are gone.

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Dates and Reminders:

January

29/01/2020	Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 9-10am
29/01/2020	Parent Pop-Ins 3.15-3.45
31/01/2020	Chestnut Class Assembly – 9.15am

February

07/02/2020	Parents' Forum 9.10am
07/02/2020	Oak Class Assembly – 9.15am
11/02/2020	Internet Safety Day
11/02/2020	Y2 Parents meeting about SATs – 2.30pm
11/02/2020	Sycamore Enrichment Performance – 2.50pm
12/02/2020	Y6 Parents meeting about SATs – 2.30pm
12/02/2020	Governor Body Meeting
14/02/2020	INSET DAY

HALF TERM

24/02/2020	Return to School Thinking Day (scouts etc may wear uniform to school)
24/02/2020	Musical performance for ELT then AGM
28/02/2020	Alder Class Assembly 9.15am

Please Note : these dates are subject to change