

Newsletter



28th February 2020

This seems to have been a busy week as children are back into their learning flow after the holidays!

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent meetings this week; I both recognise and appreciate how much you support both myself, the team and our school! We also had a very successful PA meeting on Tuesday evening and it was decided that £1000 would be pledged along with £2000 from Friends to revamp the library; particularly the non-fiction stock; so any books gratefully received! On Thursday both our Chair of Governors and I attended the ELT AGM, hosted by Thames Ditton Juniors; many of the benefits of our cooperative partnership were shared; the opportunities for children, staff and our communities were discussed and celebrated.

Today the installation of our new hall projector, funded by the Friends of CPS was completed; not only is the screen larger with greater definition, we know we will be able to rely on it for future events; amazing! These donations are so important to the school; without which, such upgrades would not be possible and we would have soon been without a hall projector system at all!

We have worked with an English Consultant and now have a clear and progressive system and strategies for the explicit teaching of Spelling patterns, rules etc. This week's training session was used for moderation across our ELT schools. Our colleagues came to CPS to moderate writing; validating writing judgements and also another great networking opportunity to share ideas, strategies and expertise! A document entitled Spelling Expectations at CPS is attached to this newsletter with more information.

Thank you too for your positivity about 'pyjamarama' dressing up and teddies for World Book Day on Thursday 5 March; this day has certainly been seized by shops which are full to bursting with costumes which are often worn only once. This has been agreed by several of our ELT schools. It would also be lovely to have parents popping in to listen to children read or to read stories to the children. Either contact your class rep or teacher to organise this if you want to join us (PJs optional!)

Sustainability is something we are looking at within school and the PA now also has someone on their team to focus on this. As you know we already recycle our lunchtime yogurt pots; a further positive change is that our kitchen now serves from large yoghurt pots which are then recycled rather than individual pots! Also School Council decided that our next Red Nose Day would not involve plastic red noses!

Please see the information from the DfE and Public Health England regarding the Novel coronavirus (2019-nCov) which was sent out separately by Parentmail this morning. We are encouraging the use of tissues and thorough handwashing and have sanitizers around school too.

We are appreciative of the partnership working we do with you – thank you again for your support. Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Pobble

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Chestnut	-	Laura-Jayne and Tyler
Elm	-	Amor and Giana
Hazel	-	Tess and Luca
Sycamore	-	Effie and Joe
Rowan	-	Freya and James
Lime	-	Harry and Sophia
Aspen	-	Jack and Hannah
Pine	-	Maya
Cedar	-	Rachel and Harry
Beech	-	Elloura



We have had 2358 views on our writing!

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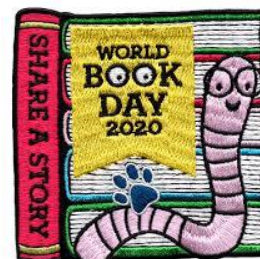
ELT Safety Event

E-safety is an area we know you are keen to engage with and sharpen knowledge and awareness of what the risks are and how best we can all manage them so that children continue to use the internet safely to enhance their learning experiences. To that end we have got a date for your diary. Please keep Wednesday 25th March free – Thames Ditton Junior School is hosting an eSafety event for parents from all across the Ember Learning Trust; timings and agenda to follow.

World Book Day – 5th March

Don't forget your pyjamas and your favourite book for World book day next Thursday.

Children are also welcome to bring any books which they no longer want so that they can participate in a book swap during the day. We would appreciate a mufti donation of £1 to contribute towards this.



Launch Car Challenge

On the Thursday before half term (13th Feb) Aspen went o Reeds School to complete the Launch Car Challenge. They built cars from scratch and then tested them to see which could travel the furthest (and in the straightest line). They created some amazing designs and had a fantastic time.



Rabbits & Guinea Pigs



The rotas for the rabbits and guinea pigs up until Easter (and beyond) are now open – please do get in touch if you would like to have them for a weekend or for the holidays.

Netball

On Wednesday 26th February Claygate won against Hinchley Wood – 10-1. Well done to all the children who participated in the match. This was the B Team's last match and it was a good end to the season. We done, again, for this amazing win.

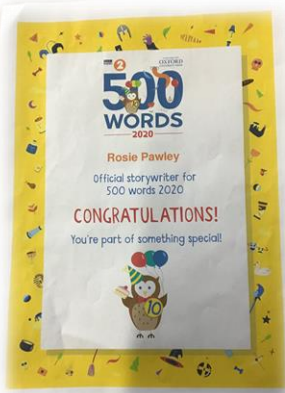
Catrina (Cedar) and Megan (Hawthorn)



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BBC Radio 2 - 500 Words Competition



Rosie in Chestnut class (Year 2) entered the BBC Radio 2, 500 word writing competition over the half term holidays. Her story is called 'A school secret' and is all about an exciting teacher called 'Mr Sunshine' who comes into school for the day, and causes mischief. On Wednesday, Rosie shared her story with the rest of her class who were extremely proud and supportive of her and her work. Rosie has worked exceptionally hard, and we wish her the best of luck with her short story'.

Dates and Reminders:

March	
5.3.20	World Book Day (Pyjamarama)
9.3.20	Pupil Records of Achievement
10.2.20	Parent Consultation Meetings : 3.40-6.00pm
12.3.20	Parent Consultation Meetings : 5.00-7.30pm
13.3.20	Red Nose Day
13.3.20	Willow Class Assembly – 9.15am
14.3.20	Cross Country
18.3.20	Choir at Wembly
19.3.20	House Poetry Competition (own choice)
20.3.20	Parents' Forum – 9.10am
20.3.30	Y6 Pop-Up Museum
27.3.20	Aspen Class Assembly – 9.15am
31.3.20	Hazel Enrichment Performance : 2.50pm
31.3.20	Y4 to Stone Farm (until 3.4.20)
1.4.20	Sycamore Enrichment Performance : 2.50pm
3.4.20	TERM ENDS – 2.00PM AND MUFTI
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
20.4.20	Return to School
24.4.20	Blue House Day
29.4.20	World Dance Day : House Dance Off
29.4.20	Governor Body

Please Note : These dates are provision and subject to change