

Newsletter



13th September 2019

Oh what a first full week we have had!

Firstly, thank you for your support re phone lines; which I am delighted are now repaired and of course your patience regarding our temporary staffing issues in the office. It is lovely that we are all working together to get on top of things: so much needs to be setup and organised at the beginning of the year and I think we're just about there.

How lovely to see our first reception children start their journey with us this week; how grown up and smart they all were! It makes the school feel complete when we have our Reception children with us.

School Council is always a great way for children to share their views and elections are imminent!

Harvest is approaching fast. Our staff discussed the benefits of settling children into the routines and expectations of high quality learning. Last year, hours of learning time was lost through multiple Harvest rehearsals which many children found unsettling. On reflection the team have opted to follow KS2 example and have an internal harvest celebration. So they will still be singing and performing to each other and they will still enjoy a range of harvest songs. I am sure they will enjoy Christmas production preparations even more as a consequence. Thursday we had our first 'new and improved' celebration Assembly where Mrs Ali and I presented children Head Teacher Awards for great learning, learning behaviours and attitudes as well as new Head Teacher Values Awards to those who have demonstrated our values consistently. We were very impressed with the whole school and their efforts this first full week back.

Equally exciting is starting the new school year with a refreshed Senior Leadership Team! I suddenly thought that I should share them with you! Of course you already know Mrs Davies who leads Key Stage 1. We welcome Miss Moorhouse who is our leader of Curriculum Design and Innovation as well as leading KS2 and Mrs Cuncliffe, taking the role of Inclusion Leader and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will continue to work closely with our Governors and the Local Authority to continue Claygate's journey of improvement. Please can I remind you that emails are best directed to the office or pop a note in reading journals for early attention; teachers will endeavour to look at and respond to emails within 24 hours. If you have a concern, please do talk to us! Any worry or issue firstly discuss with the class teacher. Hopefully a quick resolution can be found, however if you have a further concern, please contact and arrange a meeting with the Key Stage Leader.

We do have an enriched curriculum where we encourage pupil choice and of course their creativity using felt tips and of course a range of paints. We also plan quick fire, engaging sessions where children use whiteboard pens. It is a good idea for your child to have an oversized shirt to wear for these activities – named of course stored in their bag or PE bag. All products are educationally approved and pen and paint washing instructions tend to be to rinse and soak in cold water before the wash. Of course there are products on the market for ink stains etc. Dry wipe marker tips: place paper towels on a table and then the stain on top of them. Apply rubbing alcohol dabbing with a sponge. The paper towels will absorb the stain. Rinse, then wash. Please feel free to share any other useful tips.

Safeguarding

Huge thanks to all that attended our Safeguarding briefings this week.

With so many volunteers we are hosting two more briefing sessions next week so do please sign up in the office if you are planning to volunteer with us this academic year. A reminder also that you will need to attend a safeguarding briefing even if you attended last year and have volunteered with us before. Briefings next week are on the following days:

- Tuesday 17th September at 9.00am
- Friday 20th September at 9.00am and again at 2.45pm

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School Library

Thanks to an incredible team of parent volunteers, we are now in a position to get our fantastic library up and running again for the children. Each class will have a half hour slot once per week and we need volunteers to run these slots and support the children in returning and taking out books. If you are able to help out in one of the slots on the timetable attached do please get in touch with Mrs Ali. For those not familiar with the library systems, full training is planned for 1.30pm on Friday 20th with the aim of starting the sessions for children the following week.

We look forward to using our library again so thank you for all your support.

Woodland Learning

This week saw the inaugural sessions of Woodland Learning Enrichment. Sycamore and Lime Classes really enjoyed marking "wood cookie" name tags, a collage in Land Art (creating art from Natural materials) and beginning to clear the Woodland Learning Zone using tools. Everyone really enjoyed themselves, including the adults!

Woodland Learning Team



Pupil Leadership Team

As part of our journey of improvement, we have increased our Pupil Leadership Team. We are delighted to have had a special inauguration assembly today for our new prefects, House Captains and ambassadors. We even have a digileader.



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Eddie – Elm Class

Eddie was selected to be in the Guard of Honour at the opening day of the 5th England/Australia Test Match at the Oval. He had a great time and also took part in practice and games on the outfield. Well done Eddie!



Celebrating Success

If you or your child has achieved something noteworthy outside school – why not let the office know and we can include it in our newsletter for everyone to celebrate? Email a photo / blurb and we will share it!

Claygate Primary School



Sunday 6th October @ 9am

5km and 2km courses

Adults £5, Children £2.50

(1 Adult required per 2 children)

How to enter:

Race entries can be purchased outside the school office at pick up time on Friday 20th & 27th Sept and Friday 4th October.

Alternatively you can enter online by emailing the entry form distributed on parent mail to cpspa.funrun@gmail.com and paying the correct entry fee online to A/c: 23112158 SC: 60-14-10 REF CPSFR and your name. For online entry race Nos can be collected on the above dates at pick-up time.