## Newsletter



#### 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Already we seem to be in the full flow of Claygate life and it feels great!

I have been pleasantly surprised at how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines. There are a lot of exciting events, trips and learning opportunities planned this year and it was so good to see so many parents at our Parent Pop-Ins on the first two Fridays, as well as at our Meet the Teacher Curriculum sessions. Year Group presentations are all on the website in case you missed them!

Next year we are thinking of running every consultation one night per year group at 3.30pm with a crèche, as these sessions seemed to work best. Feel free to share thoughts with your reps for our next Parents' Forum on 25th October.

Our enrichment programme is refreshed and the children have enjoyed Woodland Explorers as well as M-Fit and of course all of the enrichment activities we offer. The children really impressed me in music this week, singing Harvest songs with gusto! We have also learned Earthsong 2019 which raises awareness of climate change; many schools have joined to sing this song this week; bringing a sense of community to our school as well as highlighting our collective responsibility towards our planet!

On this note, remember, at CPS we recycle as much as we can including our lunchtime yoghurt pots and we have a battery collection point. Every little helps!

Our wonderful Mrs Green leaves us today to go on maternity leave; we wish her well and are excited at the prospect of meeting Baby Green in November. In her absence, we have the lovely Mrs Kosbab to join our team and take over her many roles.

Although it is chilly in the mornings, it is lovely in the afternoon sun; let's hope this continues!

Have a lovely weekend.

### **Battery recycling**

Don't forget that we have a battery recycling bin in the reception area in front of the office!

### **Play Equipment – Reception Playground**

A gentle reminder not to let your children play on the play equipment before or after school. It's not supervised and we would hate for anyone to have an accident!

### Atishoo!

As we start heading into the 'runny nose/sneezy season' please can we ask for donations of boxes of tissues. The school goes through a huge amount of facial tissues, so it would be a great help if you can donate a box!



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## Barclays Volunteers – Citizenship Team Day

Just to follow up after last weeks' mention, here are some pictures of the team from Barclays who came and painted around the playground in August. We think you'll agree the outside area looks fantastic as a result.

Thank you Barclays!



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### Save our Planet!

On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 we are joining the "Save our Planet" initiative for school lunches. The initiative promotes not only healthy eating but also eating food that is more sustainable to help the planet. This is a whole school activity and all children will be allocated a meal. If you do not wish your child to have a school meal please inform Mrs Kosbab (gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk) by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the latest so we know how many children to cater for.

As well as a delicious lunch the children can also take part in a competition and win some lovely prizes. The pictures below give more information about the lunch (including the menu) and the competition.



### **Congratulations!**

If you would like to share any of your children's out of school achievements with us please let us know via email to <u>gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk</u>. We would love to hear all about them and share them with our lovely school community.

