

Newsletter



22nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long half term for our children. Some children have adapted to larger classes of children after working within a bubble of 15 whilst others have had to adapt to school life after a long lockdown; all children have experienced new systems and routines regarding bubbles, the timings of the day and of course handwashing! I have to say that our children have demonstrated their adaptability and resilience, being supported by our dedicated staff team. There has been a lot of change for our staff too! I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their support and for putting so much effort in making our return so successful. Each year group and subject leaders reflected upon missed learning during the lockdown and have adapted provision for this year to ensure our children have the skills and essential knowledge they will need by the end of this year and beyond. We have taken the bold decision not to narrow the curriculum at CPS: the children are still learning all subjects and our emphasis on physical and mental well being has not faltered. The children have 2 sessions of outdoor PE as well as engaging with our Enrichment Programme and the Claygate Charter.

Our Reception children have settled into our school incredibly well. This week, as usual, they had a great time in our 'Mini Woodies' doing Forest School activities. I think their favourite session was creating artworks from natural materials in the rain! Their joyful laughter filled the air alongside the pitter patter of raindrops! As you know, all children have playtime activities outside unless the weather is unsafe for them to do so. Please ensure that they have a hooded raincoat.

This week, we were able to introduce our new drop off and collection procedures and timings. Thank you to everyone for your support in making this a success. After half term our aim is to embed this properly.

We have had our half termly meeting with our attached Inclusion Officer (formerly known as education Welfare Officer / EWO) who has advised us to reinstate the Late code after the break. Please ensure your children are on time for their slot. To ensure the children are handed over to the correct parents, please come forward so you can be clearly seen.

Very well done to Chestnut Class! They are the first to have been awarded a Jammie Dodger assembly! They have demonstrated our values and tried hard to show them consistently. They have also worked incredibly hard and I am particularly impressed with their progress. You should see their spelling scores! I wonder whether another class will achieve a special JD assembly this year?



I wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to seeing the children on 2nd November, refreshed after a well-deserved break! There will be a lovely start to our next half term as it is Friendship Week!

Pobble

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Elm	-	Alfie & Pim
Hazel	-	Charlie & Isabelle S.
Sycamore	-	Lily & Dhillon
Aspen	-	Molly
Pine	-	Jojo, Isabelle & Joe
Rowan	-	William & Megan
Beech	-	Katy, Eva & Carys



Parent Consultations – w/c 9th November 2020

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we plan to hold our parent's evening consultations remotely this year.

As you know, we used Google Classroom successfully during Lockdown. We intend to run these meetings using Google Meet, which can be accessed using your child's emoji password which is used for Google Classroom. Once you have logged in, you will be able to join the meeting using a code, which will be communicated with you in advance.

We intend to hold our consultations during the week beginning Monday 9th November. You will be able to sign up for an appointment slot using the usual online system. Appointment slots will go live at 7pm on Wednesday 4th November. Following this we will send out a detailed guide on how to access Google Meet and protocol for the meetings. Please note that parents of pupils with SEND are entitled to a longer consultation slot of 20 - 30 minutes. Your child's class teacher will be in touch to arrange a suitable time to meet. If your child has SEND, please do not sign up for a 10-minute slot unless you are happy with a shorter meeting.

We look forward to a successful week of parent teacher consultations. Please do get in touch if you require any further support.

Harvest Songs

We are delighted to share the children's performances of the harvest songs they have been learning over this half term. They have been uploaded to YouTube and can be viewed by following these links:

It's a bright and breezy day – EYFS & KS1

<https://youtu.be/80HuoRkvt3c>

What'll the weather be? – KS1

<https://youtu.be/rg8Gs0QMBvo>

Harvest Song – KS2

<https://youtu.be/fpqnNoBjfCY>

We hope you enjoy watching them as much as the children clearly did performing them!

Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2022

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for the majority of community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2022
- Surrey's relevant area – this is the geographical area within which schools must consult on their admission arrangements.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at www.surreysays.co.uk.

Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **The majority of community and voluntary controlled schools** - Removal of use of 'nearest school' as a criterion within the admission arrangements
2. **Beauclerc Infant School** – introduction of a sibling link with Chennestone Primary School
3. **Horley Infant School** – introduction of a reciprocal sibling link with Yattendon School
4. **Onslow Infant School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60

How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run until Tuesday 1 December 2020. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/copy-of-copy-of-consultation-on-proposed-changes-t/ (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively, if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision-making Cabinet on 26 January 2021. It will decide whether to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 9 February 2021. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021 will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

Reminder – MUFTI

Don't forget tomorrow is MUFTI day! There will be PA collection buckets by the school gates to drop off £1.

There is no theme to this MUFTI (just comfy, practical clothes for the time of year) and if Friday is your child's PE day, they can wear PE MUFTI (including football strip or similar).

Reminder – Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Friendship Week Workshop

Please don't forget to make payment via parentmail for the Friendship Week Workshop taking place after half term. A voluntary contribution of £3 would be appreciated to ensure we are able to run the workshop.