



CVPS NEWS

Autumn 1 2023

Head's Welcome!

As we near the end of the first half of the autumn term, I'm delighted to share with you the many exciting developments and accomplishments we have had over the past few weeks. The beginning of term saw the arrival of new faces and I am pleased to say that our nursery and reception children are settling in wonderfully. It has been heart-warming to witness older pupils as excellent role-models, supporting our younger children and welcoming them into our school community. This sense of belonging and inclusion is at the core of our values.

Our commitment to outdoor learning continues to flourish, with students exploring the wonders of nature, developing essential life skills, and fostering a deep appreciation for the environment through all areas of the curriculum. The enthusiasm of both pupils and staff for outdoor learning has been a joy to observe, and we look forward to more adventures in the great outdoors.

Our recent Parent Open Morning was a resounding success. It was a pleasure to welcome prospective families and showcase our vibrant learning environment. The Macmillan's Coffee Morning and uniform drive were moments of generosity and unity within our school community. The funds raised for Macmillan Cancer Support and the donated uniforms will undoubtedly make a positive impact on everyone who attended. Thank you so much for your support with both of these events.

On the sports front, our school football team has been performing exceptionally well, displaying not only great teamwork but also excellent sportsmanship. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, which you can read about in more detail, later in our newsletter.

As we step into the next half of the term, I look forward to seeing you all at our popular festive events. Wishing you a wonderful half term.

Fundraising – Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity

We would like to wish our wonderful Miss Kelly, our ELP Lead and SENDCO, the best of luck as she takes part in a 10km run in Battersea Park on Saturday 21st October 2023 in support of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. This charity provides specialist nurses and support for seriously ill children.

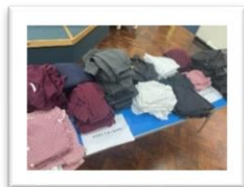
If you would like to, and are able to, support Miss Kelly, please visit her JustGiving page to donate now!

[Miss Kelly - JustGiving](#)

If you would like to find out more about Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, please take a look at their website <https://www.roalddahlcharity.org/>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

To raise money for Macmillan, we hosted our own coffee morning. It was fantastic so many of our school community attending this and enjoying a slice of cake. We are very grateful for your delicious donations and for those that attended to help raise money for this very important cause.



Uniform Exchange

We hosted another free uniform exchange, which was extremely successful. Thank you for all the donations we received!

Harvest Festival

This week, the children across the school have taken part in Harvest festival celebrations. They have been learning songs with Mr Vinten during singing practice and some children also performed poems as well. Mrs Rogers' gardening club helped to grow some fresh produce to display as part of our festival- have a look in the photo! Our donations this year will go to Purley Food Hub, which has helped many families within our school community. We are so grateful for all of your donations and we know Purley Food Hub will be too!



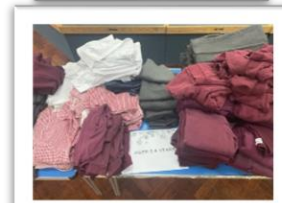
CVPS Eco Committee

After over 150 applications, we finally have our CVPS Eco Committee for this academic year! A huge well done to Teddie, Nathan, Precious, Sebastian, Ostyn, Lauren, Lillian and Rumaysa. I loved reading the extensive list of brilliant ideas from the children and felt the immense enthusiasm behind each application. It is brilliant to witness so many children curious about the environment and how we can help at a local level to combat world issues.

This year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, you can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>. With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home. The Eco-Schools programme does this through providing a simple seven-step framework that has been designed to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community. As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We also wanted to let you know what to expect over the coming months: regular updates in our school newsletter and other channels; invitations to participate in environmental events and projects; and increasingly conscientious young people.

The Eco Committee are looking forward to the year ahead and are excited to champion a range of whole school initiatives. We hope that Chipstead Valley will receive it's Eco Schools Green Flag Award by the end of the academic year. Keep an eye out for regular eco updates on our meetings and projects!

Mr Chapman
Eco and Sustainability Lead



Eco-Schools



CVPS Football

Our football team has had a fantastic start to the season winning all of their matches so far without conceding a goal. So far our results have been:

Chipstead 3- 0 Smitham
Chipstead 3-0 Woodcote
Oasis Byron 0-5 Chipstead

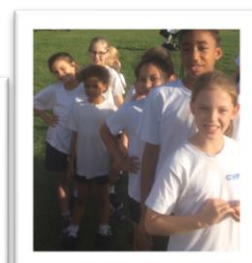
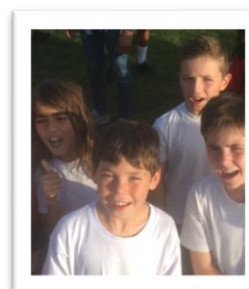


We have also won our first cup game 2-0 against Norbury Primary school and our B team also won their first fixture against Smitham 6-0! A huge well done to all the boys that have represented the school so far this year.

Mr Black & Mr Thompson

Year 5 & 6 Cross Country

At the beginning of October, children from Year 5 and 6 represented the school at Croydon SSP Cross Country competition. They really did us proud and many came in the top 20 in their age range. We hope to see many more of our pupils competing at all our upcoming events!



Attendance

As you know, it is a legal requirement for all children to be in school. This is more important than ever in order to minimise, as far as possible, any longer-term impact of the pandemic on our children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Please can we take this time to remind all parents to arrange appointments out of school hours and ensure your children are at school on time.

Every week during our celebration assemblies, we share class attendance with the children. Each week, the winners with the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 are rewarded with extra play. Here is a list of the class attendance winners for this month. We will share the class attendance winners in every monthly newsletter. At the end of the term, the class with the highest attendance receive our impressive attendance trophy!

*Should your child be absent from school, it is important that this is reported to the school office **before 9am** (absence line opens at 8am). If the office staff are unable to receive a response concerning absence this may be referred to our Attendance Officer and Safeguarding Lead.*

	4/9 – 8/9	11/9 – 15/9	18/9 – 22/9	25/9 – 29/9	2/10 – 6/10	9/10 – 13/10
KS1						
1st	99.4% (1F)	99.3% (1F)	100% (2L)	98.6% (RAB & FOX)	99.7% (1Y)	100% (1F)
2nd	98.9% (1Y & 2L)	98% (1Y)	99% (1F & 2B)		99% (2L)	99% (1Y)
3rd		97.7% (2B)		98.3 % (HH & 1F)	98% (HH)	98.7% (2B)
KS2						
1st	100% (5A & 4N)	99.7% (4N)	99.3% (6J)	99.3% (4N)	100% (4M)	100% (5A)
2nd		99% (3C)	98.7% (6F)	97.8% (5A)	99.3% (6F)	99% (4M)
3rd		97.8% (4G)	98.1% (5J)	98.2% (3S)	97.4% (5J)	98.5% (5J)

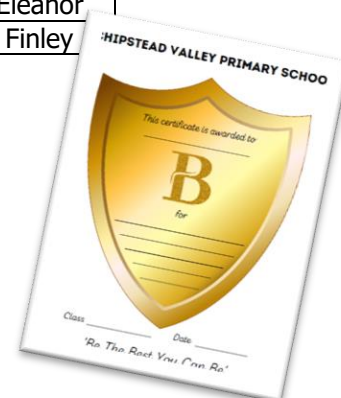
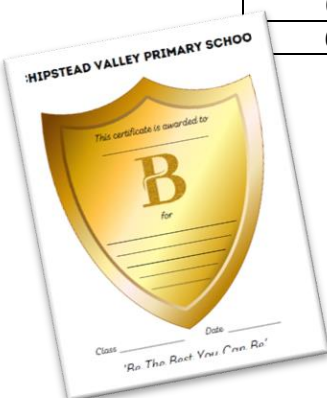


Badge Awards in Autumn 1



Class	15.09.2023		22.09.2023		29.09.2023	
Rabbits					Violet	Jacob
Hedgehogs					Jacob	Willow
Foxes					Owen	Evie
1F	Summer	Alfie	Henry	Evelyn	Zain	Aria
1C	Sydney	Rebecca	Annabelle	Leo	Ada	Connie
1Y	Callum	Summer	Rudy	Halle	Daisy	Nzinga
2B	Alexis	Xueping	Izzy	Ellia	Charlie S	Kiara
2S	Dylan	Ryan	Anaysh	Joshua	Anthony	Emily
2L	Billie	Finn	Muawwaz	Isla	Anaya	Mason
3C	Mia	Kareem	Luisa	Alishba	Ryley	Lily
3S	Noah	Daniel	Jake	Jocelyn	Ariana	Eli
3M	Chloe	Bella	Jessica	Layla	Ella	Rosie
4G	Francis	Sara	Antonella	Ted	Talia	Aria
4M	Seanna	Jamie	Jacob	Jenson	Hela	Sebastian
4N	Avianna	Selena	Joshua	Amber	Anehan	JJ
5A	Mikey	Aeryn	Tegan	George	Matteo	George
5J	Ostyn	Darcie	Jason	Algirdas	Maimie	Ben
5M	George	Clara	Joshua	Callum	Florence	Ella
6J	Harrison	Shaye	Zachery	Sammy	Zion	Mollie
6F	Sienna	Luke	Cinar	Grace	Ayden	Kye
6S	Adam	Mary	Rumaysa	Olek	Gem	Sofia
					Julius	

Class	06.10.2023		13.10.2023		19.10.2023	
Rabbits	Zachary	Poppy	Samuel	Pramit	Ariana	Teddy
Hedgehogs	Vinnie	Sophie	Arthur	Abigail	Serena	Archie
Foxes	Edie	Sharni	Archie	Awara	Ina	Alyssa
1F	Bebe	Teddie	Lilly	An	Molly	Haris
1C	Joshua	Hallie	Shivaansh	Archie	Amin	Joni
1Y	Oscar	Millie	Willow	Joshua	Frankie	Esme
2B	Charlie G	Phoebe	Nila	Amber	Henry	Abrish
2S	Arman	Daria	Eila	Abdullah	Abigail	Florence
2L	Vivienne	Lia	Thomas	Shalini	Yasmin	Vivienne
3C	Aleeza	George	Ellis	Katherine	Archie	Michael
3S	Harry	Knox	Poppy	Oscar	Eden	Isla
3M	Ethan	Jayden			Sienna	Layla
4G	Benjamin	Neve	Jamil	Elsie H	Finley	Xanthe
4M	Chloe	Oliver	Raaina	Ozzy	Ishtah	Kayen
4N	Leon	Neve	Aaheli	Darcie	Isla	Cole
5A	Bella	Emily	Jotham	Kaeden	Katherine	Daniel
5J	Brandon	Owen	Elsie	Eleanor	Katie	Jude
5M	Sophie	Oliver	Rae	Theo P	Hendrix	Archie
6J	Caitlin	Lainey	Ophra	Harry		
6F	Mia	Dylan	Stanley	Isla	Jack	Eleanor
6S	Tegan	Connor	Caleb	Daniel	Florence	Finley



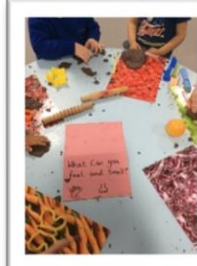
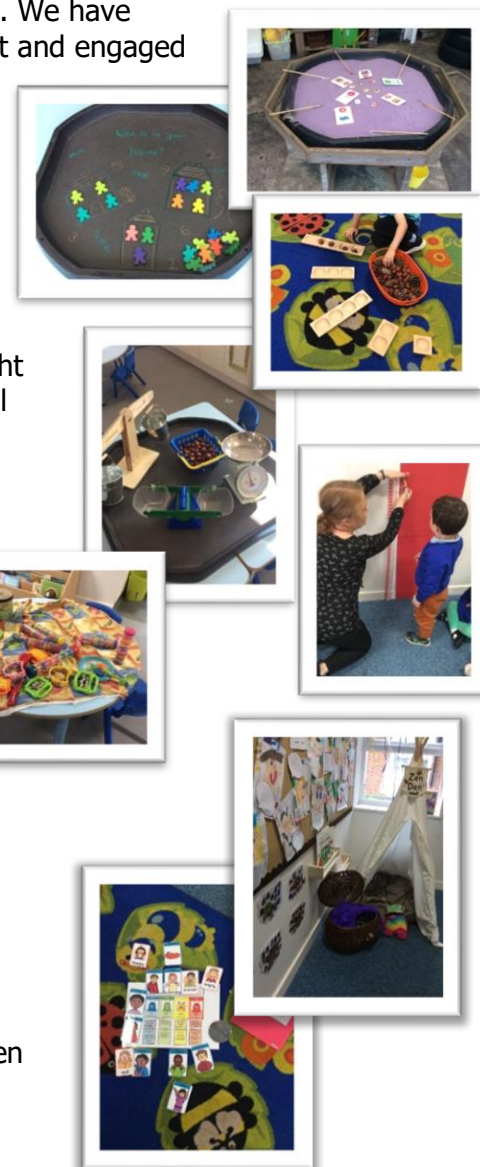
EYFS Update

Nursery

Nursery have had a very enjoyable first half term. The children have all settled wonderfully well and have loved exploring the indoor and outdoor environment and making new friends. We have started following the routines of the day and learning to become independent and engaged students. Well done to all the children beginning their educational journey.

So far this half term we have talked about ourselves and our families and what makes us special and unique. We first looked at some famous portrait art and talked about what we had seen. We then looked at our reflections and painted our own self portrait pictures, which we have proudly displayed in our classroom.

We talked about how many people lived in our home and measured our height to see how much we will grow during our time in nursery. This mathematical language has also flowed into our free play and we had a go at counting out and also weighing conkers and fir cones. We also practiced mark making in sand, working on number formation to 5.



We have also learnt about Senses this half term and had lots of fun experimenting with scented play dough, making our own telephones out of string and paper cups and listening to the different sounds that musical instruments make.

We have created a new calm area in the nursery classroom called the Zen Den that the children can use when they need to. We have been talking at group time about the Zones of Regulation and what we can do when we feel sad, excited or upset.

The nursery staff wish you a restful half term.

Reception

Reception have settled into school really well and have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term! The children have adapted well to the new routines and are now coming into school independently, knowing confidently as to where to hang their coat and place their water bottle. The children have enjoyed learning Phonics and have learnt the 'Alphabet Chant' so quickly, along with the actions! They've learnt 16 new sounds so far and we are beginning to read these in words! We are focusing on learning to 'oral blending' and have been playing lots of games of 'I Spy' to help us orally blend. Lots of us are new to mark making and are writing letter sounds for the first time. They have all tried so hard to form the letters correctly.

In Math's, we have been exploring numbers 1,2,3 and 4 in depth. The children have been learning to subitise and they are really picking this concept up! We have been exploring how numbers 2,3 and 4 are made and we have been watching 'Numberblocks' to support our learning. We have also been learning to compare amounts of objects. The children loved using the sharing circles to create amounts which show 'more' and 'fewer' or 'less'. Alongside our Maths carpet sessions, the children also practise writing their numbers as early morning carpet learning as they arrive into school too!



Our 'All About Me' topic has been a blast! The children have loved showing their family photos for 'Show and Tell', as well as listening to all the fantastic stories linked with our topic! We read the story 'Owl Babies' and discussed how it was similar to the children leaving their adults for the first time at school. This is where we introduced our 'Feelings Chart' and we discussed how we can use this to express how we are feeling at school. Alongside 'Owl Babies', we loved reading the story 'Funny Bones'. We have done a range of activities linked with our topic and stories within the topic. The children created owls out of cardboard tubes and also painted the 'Owl Babies' family. The children loved painting their own portrait too! Muddy Monday's have been amazing, the children have loved running up and down the mud banks and exploring the woods with their friends too. We look forward to another half term together at school. We hope it is as fantastic as this half term has been!



Treehouse

In Treehouse this half term the children have been focusing on different stories: 'The Tiger Who came to Tea' and 'Owl Babies'. The children have been retelling the stories, joining in with role play activities and discussing the characters. We have also been practicing our number recognition and matching quantities to numerals using different manipulatives. In Art, we have been recreating the art work of Sonia Boyce using bold colours and different shapes as well as learning about the artist herself. In Science we have been learning about life cycles and how people grow from babies to adults and what we need to survive. In Geography we have been creating maps and trying to locate different places around the school. We have been very busy this half term in Treehouse!

Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

It's been a busy half term and huge change for the Year 1 children. They have coped extremely well and we couldn't be prouder! Our topic this term has been 'All About Me'. This has been a great opportunity for us teachers to get to know the children. Our focus in science has been the human body and our English lessons have been focussed on the 5 senses. The children wrote all of the things they could see, smell, hear, taste and touch around CVPS! There was some great work produced!

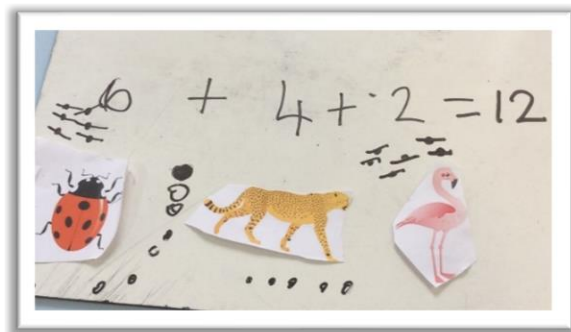


Wellbeing has been a huge priority during this transition. Our focus has been on recognising and managing our feelings and finding ways to change our mood and be more productive at school. We read *The Colour Monster* and made our own colour monsters based on our own feelings about how we are feeling during the transition to Year 1.

The children loved our first computing lesson where they got to use the brand new IT suite to develop their mouse skills and even did a task focussed on coding. Impressive! They have also used the creativity studio to experiment with primary and secondary colours as well as making colours lighter and darker without using black or white!



The children have been working hard in our maths lessons, completing mathematical investigations. Noah saw 12 legs walk on to his Arc but he didn't know which animals they were. We had to work out all of the different ways to make 12 to work out the different possibilities. We have also sorted mathematical resources into different groups (colour, shape, size).



We hope the children have a restful break and are looking forward to the next term where there will be lots more fun in store!

Year 2

Throughout this half term, Year 2 have settled into school life incredibly well and have made us all proud!



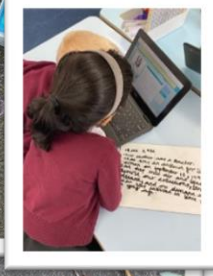
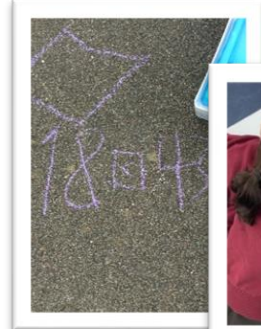
During the first few weeks, the children were focusing on an array of activities, based on an exciting interpretation of the traditional tale 'The Princess and the Pea'. The children used the outdoor stage when retelling the story by acting out scenes in small groups. This really helped them when they needed to retell the story in their own words. The children have also enjoyed writing their own postcards, after reading the book 'Meerkat Mail'. In recent weeks, Year 2 have been creating their own non-chronological reports about Mae Jemison. We started off by researching facts about her using the chrome books and learnt how to take accurate notes. The children created some fantastic non-chronological reports and we were amazed with how much they could remember!

We have introduced new daily interactive spelling lessons, which the children have enjoyed. We have been learning what happens to root words when we need to add suffixes such as 'ed', 'ing' and 's'.

In addition to this, the children have been recapping their place value skills. They have been understanding how many tens and ones in a two-digit number and how to represent this in different ways. They have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning to consolidate their understanding further! Over the last few weeks, we have been working really hard on counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, using lots of practical resources.

In our science lessons, we have looked at a variety of materials and learned about their properties. As part of our History topic 'Fighting the Flames,' we built Tudor houses using a range of different flammable materials. We then created our own miniature London and watched what must have happened in 1666!

The children have all worked so hard during their first half term in Year 2 and we look forward to seeing them back in November!



Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

To kick start this school year, the children took part in "Learning to Learn" week. We thought about what makes a good learner and reminded ourselves about school life. The children practised their presentation as well as handwriting, to ensure our work throughout the year is presented beautifully. During this week, we also completed a team building activity where we used newspaper to create clothing for a member of their team. We then celebrated our work with a parade around the canteen playground. We are so impressed with how the children have settled into Year 3!

In English, we looked at the book "Princess and the Pea", which was set in Africa. The children wrote a recount in the form of a letter, pretending to be the son telling his father about his journey of finding a Princess to marry. We have now moved on to looking at explanation texts and how the Romans built their magnificent, straight roads. The children were excited to become historians in the Digiverse and made notes on their findings!

Within our Maths, the children have been practising their place value skills. They have really enjoyed using practical resources, such as dienes and place value counters to secure their understanding of number. To



further enhance their understanding of number, we went outside and used natural resources such as leaves, sticks and woodchips to represent a range of three-digit numbers.

During our wellbeing sessions, we have explored what makes a good learner, friend and classmate. We went into the creativity suite to create some water coloured artwork on growth mindset, as we know that mistakes are important as they help us to learn. We considered the qualities that make a classmate polite and courteous and we discussed how these are similar to that of a friend. We made friendship potions to explain what it means to be a good friend!

As part of our Roman work, the children have worked in groups to gather information about Roman clothes, entertainment, food and school. Each group then confidently presented their findings to teach the rest of the class about their topic. These have been proudly displayed in our classrooms! We then compared how Roman life is similar and different to the modern day.

In the middle of this half term, we had the pleasure of attending and celebrating an assembly based on the Harvest Festival. We had many brave readers who clearly explained the history behind the Harvest Festival and we sang songs to celebrate the occasion!

Year 4

Throughout Autumn 1, Year 4 have worked extremely hard. Not only have they settled in beautifully, they have really made the teachers proud for their continuous hard work and dedication to learning. In maths, we have recapped on place value and introduced the children to the challenging concept of Roman Numerals. The children loved learning a song to support them with this! In English, the children have written a letter to Henry VIII as if they were John Blanke demanding for a pay rise. In addition to this they have rewritten part of the story Quill Soup.

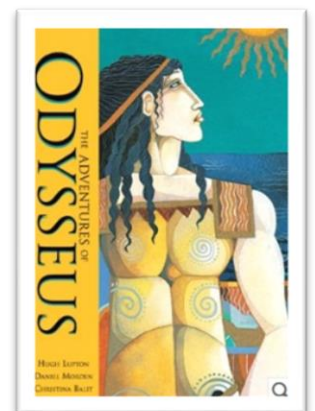
Learning all about the Tudors, has definitely been a highlight for the children. They have learnt about Henry VIII, Tudor punishments and schooling. This has prepared the children for our exciting trip after half term. We have also been exploring Buddhism and have learnt the story from where it originated.

Well done Year 4! We are very proud of you all!

Year 5

Since beginning the new school year, Year 5 made a fantastic start. They have settled back into school life and have made us incredibly proud.

Throughout the first few weeks, we have been basing our English learning around the book, "The adventures of Odysseus". The children have been writing setting descriptions and narratives based on the Land of the Dead. They also visited the digiverse to help them visualise this setting.



In addition to this, the children have been recapping their place value skills. They have been understanding the different value each digit has and writing numbers to one million. Year 5 have also started taking part in some exciting maths investigations as well as outdoor learning.

Also, in Science the children have been learning all about forces and the affects that they have. They have completed an investigation involving parachutes, to test whether bigger or small surfaces areas have the most air resistance.

The children in Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in Wellbeing sessions where we have though about "What makes a good learner?", "What makes a good classmate?" and "How our actions affect others?".

Well done Year 5 for all your hard work so far!

Year 6

Art

We have been looking at Islamic patterns in art and how to use rotational and reflective symmetry to create continuous designs. Soon the children will use poly-print tils and ink to print their designs and decorate the school! It has been interesting to see the influence of Islamic patterns on building and interior design in the UK.

RE

In RE this term the children have been looking at how Muslims show commitment to God. We have looked in detail at the Five Pillars of Islam and held in depth discussions about what commitment means. We had a visitor, Mr Sulieman, visit us to share his knowledge and experiences of fasting. The children asked him lots of excellent questions and he gave us lots of great information!

Science

We have looked into various parts of the circulatory system! The children have been fascinated by how the heart works and have been creative when showing their understanding by using ink blowing to represent the veins!



Communication

Alongside Scopay emails, text messaging, class emails and our monthly newsletter, we also have a school website and Twitter account:

Website

Our website www.chipsteadvalley.com is regularly updated. You can view past newsletters and keep up to date with clubs etc. by visiting the 'Parent Information' section.

X (Previously Twitter)

As always, you can follow us on X! @ChipsteadPri
We also have an account for our Connecting Classrooms project with Nepal: @WasteUnited

We know different families have been through a range of difficult circumstances. We are always here to help, so please do contact us if there is anything we can do to support you.

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BAGS2SCHOOL

DROP OFF POINT
Key stage 2 Hall
(via Gate 6)

**Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th
November**

WANTED

- Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing
- Soft toys
- Shoes (paired)
- Belts
- Handbags
- No other items, sorry!

Please remember all donated items must be clean and in good condition.

Thank you for donating and helping raise funds for the PTFA Charity which supports all the children at CVPS!



CHIPSTEAD VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**BONFIRE & FIREWORKS
EVENT**

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Gates Open @ 5pm

Torchlit Procession @ 6pm

Followed By Fireworks Display

Adults £4.50 in advance (via Scopay)
£5 on the door £3 Children over 3 years old
(Under 3's Free)

NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS, SPARKLERS OR ALCOHOL

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