

### Votes for Schools

You may be aware that we have recently begun a programme called 'Votes for Schools'. This is where all classes from Year 1 through to Year 6 consider a particular topic as part of their PSHE work, and at the end of the week they have a chance to vote on a particular question. Last week's question was **'Should we give half of Earth to wildlife?'** 79% of the children voted YES. This week's question is not so straightforward. **Is it important to know about Brexit?**

### Reception Curriculum Meeting

Thank you for those of you that attended last week's curriculum evening. We hope that you found the evening useful.



### Orienteering

Eight pupils from year 5 and 6 took part in an orienteering festival at Lloyd Park on the 25th September. The children took part in a variety of activities to hone their skills at map reading and symbol recognition. After this, the children were split into two teams. Chipstead Valley then competed against five other primary schools following an orienteering course set around the park. Our children demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication skills and were the first to discover the secret message by successfully finding the symbols hidden on the course. Congratulations to the team on their success.

### Tag Rugby

On the afternoon of Friday 21st September, seven pupils from year 5 participated in a Tag-Rugby tournament at Whitgift Sports Club. The afternoon was split into two halves. The children took part in four coaching sessions before competing against 4 other schools in matches. Chipstead Valley finished third in their pool so unfortunately did not make it to the semi-final. Mrs Bennett was very proud of the improvements shown by each child in just one afternoon of coaching, with children making more successful passes to each other and not being scared to run forwards. We also scored several brilliant tries. Well done to all who took part.

### Attendance

The attendance percentages for each class are shown below for the week beginning **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. Overall Attendance for this week was **97.0%**. Well done to our winners **2M and 3M** again this week. Thank You for your support.

#### Key Stage 1 & Reception

1	2M	99.4
2	1T	98.7
3	1W	98.3
4	Hedgehogs	98.1
5	2D	97.7
6	Rabbits	95.8
7	Squirrels	94.9
8	2B	94.1
9	1L	93

#### Key Stage 2

1	3M	99.4
2	5B	99.4
3=	4C	98.7
3=	4F	98.7
5	6G	96.8
6	3C	96.5
7	5C	96.1
8	6H	95.9
9	3G	95.3
10	4H	95.3

*Please remember that anything over 96% is considered to be good attendance, whilst anything below 92% is a cause for concern.*

### Fireworks

Just a reminder that this year's Bonfire and Fireworks display will take place on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Next Week

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Nasal Flu Vaccinations for children in Reception to Y5.

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

PTFA Disco

### Tennis Festival

On Wednesday, Chipstead Valley welcomed 40 children from other local primary schools to a tennis festival. Under glorious sunshine, our Year 3 and 4 children learnt co-ordination skills, forehands, backhands, volleys and serves before ending with an extremely entertaining 'catching lives' game. Our children (Oliver 3C, Holly 3M, Felix 3G, Emily 4C, George 4H and Amelia 4F) represented our school brilliantly - well done!

### Harvest Festival

This year's harvest festival will be on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. We will be celebrating this in a different way this year. The food gifts that you donate will, as last year, be donated to Croydon Salvation Army. We are delighted that this year the leader of the Croydon Salvation Army, Major Mike Lloyd Jones has agreed to come to speak to the children about how the food is used and distributed to help families that find themselves in need of food. As a result, we will be organising this in a different way and the children will not be presenting a special assembly as in previous years. The hall for the two assemblies will be filled with the children, therefore I am sorry to say that we will not be able invite parents this year.

### Byron Children's Centre

During the Summer break, Byron Children's Centre held a fun day. The event included a football match between CVPS staff & dads and Byron dads. I'm sure you'll recognise some of the faces below. For the record, CVPS won!



### Car Parking

We appreciate that Car parking is quite difficult at present, particularly with Rectory Lane being closed now for a few weeks, and the top part of the Midday Sun car park being unavailable. If at all possible, we would ask that you and your children walk to school if you are close enough. If you are driving to school, please do not park or stop on double yellow lines. This is both illegal and unsafe.