

Colgate School Newsletter

July 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a really busy and exciting term. The children have all worked really hard this year and we are all very proud of the progress they have made. Please see the school's Year 6 SATs results below. The children proved that they know their stuff!

End of year reports will be out at the end of next week, we will email you to let you know they're coming home. If you have any questions about the report, please speak to your child's class teacher or call the school office.

We have organised an Education City login for every child. This is an online learning platform which has some really good interactive games for the children to use. It also has a homework facility which we will investigate next term. For now, please just have a go with your child, they should be able to teach you as it is used in school by the teachers. Logins have come home today on a slip of paper. If it doesn't make it home, please come into the school office where we can provide you with a copy.

The collated results of our Parent/Carer questionnaire are below. Thank you to those of you who completed one - it helps us to plan our next steps as a school. We have now developed our new School Development Plan which starts in September. The school's five targets are as follows:

- Learning and therefore progress is maximised for all groups of learners
- Our language of learning promotes confident and independent learners across the school community
- The curriculum is driven by hooks for learning and embraces the school environment.
- Leadership, at all levels through the school, promotes the best outcomes for children.
- To work together as a school community to achieve the best outcomes; levels of communication, expectations and trust are high between all members of the school.

We are also pleased to share our new Vision statement of 'Working together to be our best'. This is underpinned by the existing six school values of Independence, Respect, Communication, Happiness, Responsibility and Creativity.

The children are aware of our vision and values. We use the words and meanings regularly in school. We also use our Working With Others skills to support our vision. Please see the new WWO slot later in the newsletter which explains the skill we are working on at the moment. You may also see your child bring home the WWO baton which is a family learning opportunity to share the skill we are looking at in school.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this year. The school has been so welcoming and I have had such a good year alongside you all.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer break,
Kind regards,
Mrs. Rebecca Winn

Year 6 SATs results 2017

ARE = Age Related Expectation

EXD = Exceeding Age Related Expectation

Reading 82% ARE 35% EXD National ARE: 71%

Maths 82% ARE 12% EXD National ARE: 75%

Writing 76% ARE 12% EXD National ARE: 76%

GPS 76% ARE National ARE: 77%



Parent/Carer Questionnaire results 2017

	(please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school	29	9	1	
2	The school keeps my child safe	33	6		
3	The school informs me about my child's progress	23	15	1	
4	My child is making enough progress at this school	22	16	1	
5	The teaching is good at this school	29	10		
6	The school helps me to support my child's learning	23	16	1	
7	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	18	21		
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (e.g. transition to secondary school)	18	21		
9	The school meets my child's particular needs	24	15		
10	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	22	16	1	
11	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	21	18		
12	The school is led and managed effectively	24	15		
13	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	31	8		

Thank you for all your comments and contributions towards the vision, values and wider school experience.

Dates for your diaries

July

14th: Apple Class assembly

20th: Cedar Class assembly PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

21st: Oak Class assembly

25th: Leavers Assembly @ 2pm

END OF TERM

INSET DAYS AND TERM DATES 2017—2018

Monday 4th September INSET

Tuesday 5th September INSET

Back to school Wednesday 6th September

Half term 23rd to 27th October

Monday 30th October INSET

End of Autumn term 20th December

Start of Spring term 2018 4th January

Half term 12th to 16th February

Monday 19th February INSET

Easter break 30th March to 13th April

Summer half term 28th May to 1st June

Monday 4th June INSET

END OF TERM Tuesday 24th July 2018

Governor's news

Each newsletter you will find an introduction to each of our Governing body members. This month we are introducing the Vice Chair of Governors Howard Smith.

'I have lived in Horsham for over 50 years, and have two grown-up children (one a primary school teacher) and four grandchildren all now in secondary school.

I have long had an interest in helping young people to achieve their full potential, and was previously involved in the Scout movement locally including nine years as Chair of Horsham District Scout Council.

I retired from practice as a Chartered Tax Adviser in 2008, and became a Governor at Colgate in the following year. In 2010 I became Vice-Chair and later Chair of the Resources Committee (which includes Finance, my 'special subject').

Under our system of assigning a Governor to each year-group, I tracked the progress through school of the children who joined Colgate in the year of my arrival and who left us last summer. I am now enjoying getting to know this year's Reception children in this amazing school.'



Sports afternoon and Summer Fair 2017

Thank you for joining us for the Sports afternoon and Summer fair. The Friends of Colgate PTA, with your support, raised a massive profit of £2000.76!

The Sports Cup was proudly won by the Red team, well done to them and to all the children who gave it their best. Please see the school website for further photos.



Working With Others: This week we are learning to... compromise

Compromise is all about working together and understanding there is more than one correct answer. When children learn to cooperate effectively, they have more positive social interactions, are better able to make/ keep friends and work together successfully in groups. At Colgate our Working With Other skill for these two weeks is **compromise**. Adults can help pupils to remove emotion from a situation so that compromise is possible. Once helped to see both sides, children can be quick to accept mutual concession and then forgive and forget. Practising and discussing ways of compromise at home is a great way to help your child work collaboratively.