

Colgate School Newsletter

November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our wintery half term and a new lockdown period. The children have returned to school with lots of energy and are straight back into their learning which is great to see. Yesterday, updated Department for Education guidance was released. We were really pleased to read that no changes will have to be made to our current processes. Despite this, we have revisited our class risk assessments and these are on our website under the information tab if you would like to read them. Children and staff are still operating in their two bubbles but predominantly are in their class groups. They are really efficient at hand washing and sanitising and understand about keeping their distance when needed.

We will be continuing our before and after school clubs this half term as we are aware that in some cases, child care is still required for those of you who are working. Dragons is running well after school too - please do book your children in for that by the Friday morning for the following week. If children turn up on the day then we may not be resourced for them.

Mr Gartell has recently upgraded our pavement 'Keep 2m distance' signage. In order to respect the lockdown situation, please could you use these markers and not stop to talk at the gates during the morning and afternoon. Although you are outside and on public pavements rather than the school site, we really want to keep our community safe. You may also choose to wear a mask whilst queuing. The area around the office can become busy at pick up and drop off due to the intersection with the Maple class line. Please could you only come into the office one family at a time and be aware of each other when crossing and leaving the line through the car park. Multiple parents here who are not distanced can make this congested which we must avoid.

We hope you all enjoyed the children's harvest performances on Tapestry and Seesaw. There will be an Apple and Maple Christmas nativity shared this way. The children will also be able to watch a live, online pantomime from a theatre in London towards the end of term.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Jen Pogacic as our new School Business Manager, she works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays so you may meet her or speak to her on these days if you call in.

We are endeavouring to keep school life as settled as we can so the children can continue their learning and enjoyment of school. Thank you as ever for your support with this and whatever your situation during this lockdown, please keep safe.

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn

Dates for your calendars

November 16th—School photographs (rescheduled date, new company - Yellow photography)

November 30th INSET day—School Closed

End of term—Dec 18th