

Colgate School Newsletter

February 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience with recent requirements to close the school. Whenever we have taken this decision, it has always been on the basis of a risk assessment to all stakeholders. If the snowy conditions worsen this week, we will aim to contact you by text and email by 7am about the day ahead.

It's World Book Week this week so we are sharing stories and dressing up on Friday. We are also opening our library to the children formally this week. All the books are now electronically catalogued and children can sign them out as they would in any library. We have decided to remove coloured book bands from our chapter books and Key Stage 2 class libraries. This is to give children a free choice in the book they would like to read. Adults will support the children (if needed) to select a book that they can access.

We would like to welcome Stacey Lawrence to our Governing body as a newly elected parent governor. Thank you for all who entered and voted in the election, it was very well supported which we are grateful for.

I met with our school travel plan link advisor yesterday to discuss road access to the school. We discussed a number of options to improve accessibility. Any improvements will take time to bid for so in the meantime, please work together to keep the road safe by not parking on the zig zags. The police visited before half term and complained about how congested it was. Whilst we're all aware of this, it takes all of us to help the situation.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the school disco last week. The PTA raised a brilliant £415! It was a great event and the DJ spoke very highly of the children's behaviour.

Finally, it feels ages ago, but thank you for all of your support during our OFSTED visit. We are really pleased with the outcome and very much appreciate your input via the parent, carer questionnaires. The report is on our website if you haven't had a chance to read it yet.

Keep warm in the wintery weather,

Kind regards,

Mrs. Rebecca Winn

Dates for your diaries

March

2nd —World Book Day voluntary Dress up day

5th—Year 5 Racing to School Trip

5th—Crawley Football Club School of the Week

6th—RESCHEDULED Parents' evening

9th—Maple Class assembly 9am

9th—Free Taster session, after school Multi sports club, all ages

15th—Author visit, Will Mabbitt

16th—Willow Class assembly

21st- Oak Class assembly 9am

22nd—Cedar Class assembly 9am

23rd—Apple Class assembly 9am

26th—Cedar Class Medieval Day

29th—Easter Service 9.30am

Easter break 30th March to 13th April

INSET DAYS AND TERM DATES 2017—2018

Summer half term 28th May to 1st June

Monday 4th June INSET (no children in school)

END OF TERM Tuesday 24th July 2018

Crawley Football Club School of the Week

Next week, we are Crawley Town Football Club's School of the week. There will be an assembly on Monday morning with the team's mascot Reggie. All children will also have the opportunity to sign up for a ticket to watch the football on Saturday 10th plus an accompanying adult ticket. On Friday after school (9th), there is a free after school Multi Sports club taster session. An email will follow with more details.



Author visit, Will Mabbitt

On Thursday March 15th, we are very excited to welcome the author Will Mabbitt to school. He is the author of the Mabel Jones detective series and several picture books which appeal to all ages. More information about the day will follow by email. There will be an opportunity to purchase his books and to get them signed by Will.

