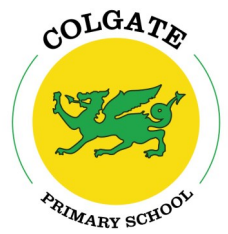


Colgate Primary School Newsletter

September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our new children and parents. The Reception children in Apple class are being supported by their Year 6 buddies which is helping them to settle well into their new routines. We are very proud of all the children for 'being their best'.

A start of term reminder about not parking on the zig zags, in the staff carpark or at the entrance to Blackhouse road which is a dangerous blind bend when turning in. If you have grandparents who collect or drop off the children, please can you let them know about these restrictions as they won't be receiving our newsletters or email reminders about road safety.

We are excited to start our new outdoor learning activities each week. These are separate to our woodlands visits which will be continuing until Christmas. Please see the information below about the outdoor learning sessions which are led by Ms Marafie (formerly Mrs Garrett) as she has completed her training in this area.

Please see further on in the newsletter, a welcome message from our PFC chair Vickie, it's a great group to be involved with!

Teachers have started their meet the teacher sessions and there will be parents' evenings slots coming out on Seesaw imminently. If you have any issues accessing your child's Seesaw account, please contact your child's class teacher or the office.

Please see the calendar below for upcoming dates for your diaries. You will also be receiving reminders via Reach more parents or Seesaw.

As ever, if you have any queries, please do contact us,

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn



Dates for your diaries

23rd Sept—Oak class Woodland activities
30th Sept—TT Rockstars day, Oak, Cedar, Willow
30th Sept—Maple class Woodland activities
7th Oct—Apple class Woodland activities
13th –17th Oct—Hindleap Warren residential Yr 6
23rd Oct—Harvest Festival

Half term—27th Oct to 31st Oct

4th Nov—Apple class Woodland activities
6th Nov—Maple class assembly
11th Nov—Maple class Woodland activities
14th Nov—Individual photos
14th Nov—PFC discos
18th Nov—Oak Woodland activities
20th Nov—Apple class assembly

INSET—Monday Nov 24th

25th Nov—Cedar Woodland activities
27th Nov—Flu vaccinations
28th Nov—Oak class assembly
2nd Dec—Willow Woodland activities
5th Dec—Willow class assembly
8th Dec—KS1 Christmas production
9th Dec—KS1 Christmas production
12th Dec—Cedar class assembly
15th Dec—KS1 Christmas party
16th Dec—Christmas service/Yr R nativity
16th Dec—KS2 Christmas activity
17th Dec—Christmas fair/Santa's grotto

Christmas holidays—22nd Dec to Jan 2nd

INSET Monday Jan 5th

First day of term—Tuesday Jan 6th 2025

New Outdoor Learning Space Launching at Colgate Primary School!

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand new outdoor learning space, based on the school field! This fantastic new provision will give all children across the school the opportunity to explore, learn, and connect with the natural world in a hands-on and meaningful way.

Starting this term, classes will have regular sessions in the outdoor learning space on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, with Hazel Club enjoying their time there on Monday afternoons. These sessions are being led by Ms Marafie, who brings a passion for outdoor learning and environmental education.

This term, our focus will be "Habitats across Our School". Children will be investigating the habitats already present around our school grounds — identifying what lives and grows there, and thinking about how we can support and encourage biodiversity. Planned activities include:

Building bug hotels
Creating wild areas
Carrying out creature and plant surveys
Planting and growing ..and much more!

Our outdoor learning space not only supports curriculum learning but also plays an important role in promoting wellbeing and helping children build positive, lasting relationships with nature and the world around them.

We can't wait to see what grows — both in the ground and in our learners — through this new adventure.



PFC

Hello my name is Vickie and I am the chair of our PFC (Parent and Friends of Colgate) I wanted to introduce the PFC to those of you that don't know us or are new to the school.

I have been part of the Colgate family since 2014, I have 3 children and my daughter is the last one left at the school in KS2, I work full time and also spend most of my weekends at dance competitions and shows!

I work very closely with Hannah Teal who is our PFC secretary and my right hand woman. Hannah has 2 children in KS2 and flies for work all over Europe, often flying home and coming straight to our discos!

Hannah and I are both DBS checked and hold child chaperone licenses.

Roy Teal is the PFC treasurer and looks after the money side of things!

We have a great dream team behind us who without, we wouldn't be able to run all the amazing events for our children and raise vital funds for our beautiful village school.

By being part of Colgate Primary you are all part of the PFC! We are always looking for more help at our events, we advertise them on our Facebook page and via Mrs Oakes sending our parent emails.

If you have not yet joined our closed Facebook page please jump on and find us @Parents & Friends of Colgate.

Last year we held 2 school discos, Christmas & summer and 3 fetes, Christmas, Easter & Summer, refreshments for sports day and Frozen Friday even made an appearance again!

This year the school have asked us to help towards extending the outside learning of the school, so we have an exciting project.....one that next year we will push hard to achieve, we would like to donate an outdoor classroom to the school with your help and fundraising I am sure we can make this dream come true and leave a legacy children will enjoy for years to come! More information on this will follow.

If you see us please say hello, I promise we are a friendly bunch. Our main ethos of the PFC is to make school memories for our children at affordable prices for our families in these current times.

Our first main event of the year will be our Santa disco on 14th November and we will send out details closer to the time.

Best wishes
Vickie

