

Colgate School Newsletter

July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support through another interesting school year! Everyone has pulled together to give the children the best school year we could in the changing circumstances. In our recent report to governors, we have been extremely happy to share that our children have made good progress this year. This has been a combination of efforts and thanks to you all for your time supporting learning during lockdowns or isolation periods.

It's time to say good bye to our Year 6 children. We have an outside leavers' assembly for Year 6 parents on the field on Friday at 2pm and they will be celebrating with a party on Saturday. We are very proud of our Year 6 children and all of their achievements throughout their time at Colgate. Just last week, their residential trip saw even more achievements ticked off and they are now looking ready for Secondary school. We will miss each and every one of you.

Goodbye too to Mrs Offer who has worked with our Year 6 class for several years. We wish you all the best with your swimming teaching.

Looking ahead to September. DfE guidance came out yesterday and bubbles will no longer be required. Sensibly though, increased hygiene is still a top priority. I'm sure you are all aware that Covid cases are still rising rapidly so we aren't sure where the Autumn term will take us. With this in mind, we are staggering a fully opened playground. We would like to re open the playground in the mornings from 8.30am so you can see your child in and wait with them if they are in Apple or Maple class, or you are welcome to leave them if they are in Oak, Cedar or Willow. The playground will be supervised and there will be at least one adult on the gate. These adults will support children to cross the road if they are walking down from the pub without an adult (KS2 only).

To start the term, we would like to keep the end of the day routine as it is. Teachers will bring the children to you at the specified gates. Apple—side gate, Maple—Metal gate, Oak—Double gates. Many Cedar and Willow children walk up to the car park to meet parents now so we will ensure that as they leave the side gate, they are seen safely across the road.

Apple class will be out for collection at 3.05pm so the side gate will be free at 3.15pm when Cedar and Willow arrive. Oak and Maple classes will be collected from their gates at 3.15pm too. In the morning if it is raining then we won't be able to use the hall as it is in use for before school clubs so on wet days, please do arrive nearer to 8.40 so the children can go straight into class. The school day will start at 8.40am for everyone.

Finally, I'd like to say a heartfelt thanks to all of the staff for working as an incredible team and getting us through a challenging year. I'd also like to thank you as parents for your positive feedback which always means so much. Lastly, thank you to the children for making this school so very special.

Have a restful and healthy break; we'll see you ready to go again in September,

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn

Dates for your calendars

End of term—July 23rd

September 2nd and 3rd—INSET days

September 6th—Children return to school

September 13th—16th Balance bike training Apple/Maple

September 13th—Year 4 and 5 visit Cottesmore/ Quidditch

September 23rd—Just Different Charity workshops

September 30th—Author visit

October 11th—Year 6 Hindleap residential trip

October 25th—29th Half Term

November 8th—12th Year 6 Bikeability

November 16th—Individual photos

Monday November 29th—INSET

December 8th—Flu vaccinations

December 17th—Last day of Autumn term