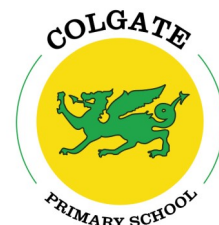


Colgate Primary School Newsletter

January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a really good start to the term. Oak class had a brilliant Mayan workshop which was very exciting for them. Cedar class will be visiting the British Museum soon which is another exciting event. In addition, our Local Authority Adviser visited last week and has graded us as 'highly effective' which was great feedback to receive.

We would like to welcome Mrs Tossell to our office team. She will be working on Mondays from the end of February so you will meet her at the front desk if you come in or call in. We would like to thank Nick Fox for his support as a parent governor, he has stepped down from the role due to work commitments. Paperwork has been sent out by email for you to consider if you would like to put yourself forward for the role. We would also welcome members of the school community who would be interested in becoming an Associate Governor. This is a non voting role but is a really valuable position in supporting the school. We currently have two people in the role who bring great skills to our Board. The closing date for interest in the post is Friday February 3rd.

Sadly, Mr Gartell has been unwell over the Christmas period and has taken the decision to retire from the post of caretaker. He has been with us for seven years and we are very sorry to see him go. We will be setting up a collection to get him a retirement gift, if you would like to contribute to this, please can you bring any donations to the school office by February 3rd.

Please can we request that children keep shoulder length or longer hair tied back. Also, no nail varnish or jewellery should be worn in school. Footwear should be black with dark grey, black or white socks or tights. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Book Fair for the week beginning February 6th. Any books that are bought always contribute to further books for our school libraries. We have also planned a Coronation playground tea party on Friday May 5th which will be a fun celebration of our newly crowned King.

Finally, at 8.30am on the playground, we are asking the children to not play chasing games due to the parents, younger siblings and buggies that are in the area. We have had a couple of accidents at this time so have had this conversation with the children.

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn

Dates for your calendars

February 1st—Apple, Maple, Oak and Cedar classes closed due to Industrial Action

W/B February 6th—Parent/Carer evenings

Half term: February 13th—17th

INSET: Monday February 20th

February 23rd—Cedar class trip to London

March 1st—Author visit, Chris Allton, 'Poetry day'

March 2nd—Possible Industrial Action

March 15th—Possible Industrial Action

March 16th—Possible Industrial Action

March 31st—Easter Service 9.15am

End of term: March 31st

Don't forget our book swap!

We have a book swap carousel in the foyer. This has books for all ages which you are welcome to read and return or read and swap. Please only swap in books in reasonable condition that you think others would enjoy. Please don't overload the carousel—any excess books that you no longer want can be put in a bag in our red recycling bin which raises funds for the school.

Enjoy!

