

Colgate Primary School Newsletter

October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long but rewarding first half term of the year. The children have worked hard in their new classes and I'm regularly sent children with their 'excellent work'. We also have new Values certificates which are given out in Praise assembly and at other times. Please look out for these coming home.

There have been many exciting events already this half term including woodlands trips, swimming for Oak class, a trip to Brighton for Cedar class and Hindleap Warren residential week for Year 6.

Our new children in Apple class have been supported by their Year 6 buddies which has helped them to settle well into their new routines. We are very proud of all the children for 'being their best'.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at upcoming class assemblies and reading sessions. Thank you for your contributions to Crawley Open House at our recent harvest festival, they were very grateful when they collected the donations this week.

A half termly reminder about not parking on the zig zags 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.

All children who walk to meet their parents at the end of the day at the Dragon pub have been reminded about noise levels and safe walking. Please can you also remind them about these points so as to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours. Thank you.

We have lots of great play equipment around the school in our sensory areas and in the playground. Please could the children not play with this before school or after school at pick up as it is not insured for use at these times. Thank you.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs White to our Governing body as a new parent governor. Please see further information below including a summary of governor roles written by our Chair and Vice Chair, this has been written to give you more information about how governors work with us in school.

Have a really great half term break and we will see you again on Monday November 4th.

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn

Dates for your diaries

Apple class woodlands with Yr 6—22nd Oct

Cedar trip to Brighton—24th Oct

Maple class assembly—25th Oct

Half term—28th Oct to Nov 1st

Maple class reading together—5th Nov

Cedar class assembly— 8th Nov

Apple class reading together—11th Nov

Oak class assembly—14th Nov

Children in need, non uniform day—15th Nov

Individual photographs—15th Nov

Cedar reading together—15th Nov

Bikeability (Year 6) - 18th to 22nd Nov

Flu vaccinations—20th Nov

Willow class reading together—22nd Nov

INSET—Monday Nov 25th

Apple class assembly- 29th Nov

Oak class reading together—29th Nov

PFC discos—29th Nov

Willow class assembly—5th Dec

KS1 Christmas performance—10th /11th Dec

Year R nativity/ Christmas service—17th Dec

Christmas Fair—18th Dec

Christmas dinner— 19th Dec

Christmas holidays—23rd Dec to Jan 3rd

INSET Monday Jan 6th

First day of term—Tuesday Jan 7th 2025

Governor information

I am delighted to become a parent governor at Colgate. I have two children at the school - Noah in Cedar class, and Nat in Maple class. We have lived in Colgate since moving from my hometown of Brighton eleven years ago. Coming from a family of teachers, education has always been important to me, but my career has been in the corporate sector, starting in financial services and now working in healthcare for a digital health provider. I feel incredibly fortunate to live in a village with such a great community and a school that is so warm, inclusive, and committed to its pupils. Colgate Primary has provided such a positive start to my children's education, and I am really happy to be able to support the school as a parent governor.



Mrs White

As a new academic year gets underway we wanted to explain the role of Governors at the school. The Colgate Governing Body consists of 12 Governors, as follows:

- 3 x Parent Governors
- 6 x Co-opted Governors
- 1 x Local Authority Governor
- 1 x Head Teacher
- 1 x Staff Governor

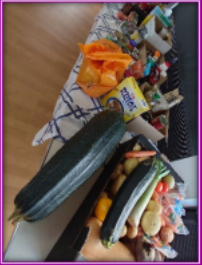
We also have 1 or 2 Associate Members to the Governing Body who are appointed to one of our two committees based on their specific skill set.

In the words of Governors Services at West Sussex County Council, 'Governors have a critical role to play in influencing the overall culture of the organisation'. The three core strategic roles are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent, including pupil premium.

Governors are all volunteers (except the Headteacher) who are keen to support the school, whether teachers, parents, grandparents, neighbours or members of the local community. We meet regularly through Full Governing Body and Committee meetings, as well as undertaking multiple visits to the school to undertake Learning Walks, support school events (Sport Day, School Plays etc), through affiliations to individual classes and having Link Governor roles (e.g. Safeguarding and SEND).

If you see a Governor when you are in school then do say Hello and feel free to ask any questions or just have a chat.



THANK YOU!



Everyone
at
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Charlie 😊 - C.E.O



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