

Colgate Primary School Newsletter

March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully, Spring is finally here! It has been a very rainy few months and well done to those children and parents who are regularly doing the walk to and from the Dragon car park, it really does help keep down the congestion on Blackhouse Road. It's also a good way to start and end the day.

We were very pleased to find out that your generous book purchases at the Traveling Book Fair have raised us £500 to spend on more books! Thank you—the PFC are going to purchase us an outdoor reading area so we will use some of this money to buy books for this space. The children all looked great for World Book Day, thank you for your help with this too—reading is definitely loved by our children.

We are pleased to welcome two new governors to our board. Kirsty Moore and Barry Humphreys. Please see their biographies below. We are also welcoming a new part time Teaching Assistant to the team—Mrs Squires will be working in Cedar class for two mornings per week.

You will hopefully have seen the email last week from our School Business Manager about our vacancy for a school cleaner. Please do share this with anyone you think may be interested in the chance to join our school team.

Don't forget the non uniform day this Friday (22nd) in exchange for Easter Eggs for the Easter fair. Thank you!

Finally, it's been great to see so many of you at our Reading Together class events. We will be holding these each term per class so look out for the dates to come.

Kind regards,

Mrs Winn

Meet our new governors

Kirsty Moore

I worked in education for nearly two decades, and my role is now in community development. My two children attend Colgate Primary and we knew straight away that it was the school for us because of the inclusive, warm community that the school offers. I look forward to being part of that community and supporting Colgate Primary in a strategic role, and giving back to a school that works hard to make sure our children have the best start to their learning journey.



Barry Humphreys

Married to Sheila, father to two daughters and besotted grandad to 3 small grandchildren.

I graduated with a Business Studies degree from the University of Northumbria and embarked on a successful career in the Music and Film business with EMI Records, Sony Music and Warner Bros Pictures.



Since retiring I have volunteered with St Christophers Hospice in South London providing in home physio for patients. I'm a keen allotmenteer, beekeeper, grandchild babysitter and follower of both cricket and football.

We moved to Colgate four year ago and have enjoyed integrating into village life. I am deputy chair of the Memorial Hall committee, Parish Councillor, lead for the village recycling initiative, member of the Pilates group and now very proud to be a Governor of Colgate Primary School

Dates for your diaries

Oak class assembly—March 22nd

Apple class woodland activities—March 26th

Maple class assembly—March 26th Please note change of date

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby—March 26th

Easter service —March 27th

Easter Fair— March 28th

End of term—March 28th

First day back—April 15th

Oak class Viking workshop—April 16th

Oak swimming starts again—April 19th

Years R/1 Balance bikes—April 22nd

Bank holiday—May 6th

Year 6 SATs week—13th-17th May

Half Term—27th—31st May

INSET day—June 3rd