

Colgate School Newsletter

September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone. It has been really good to see you all again and to see your children settling into their new classes.

Thank you for your on going support of the walk to school to and from the Dragon pub car park. Mrs Bicknell and either myself or Mr Clark are there every morning to walk back to school in all weathers! The County Times have just run an article covering the launch last week so do have a look on their website. Please can I remind all parents and carers, old and new, that the zig zag lines cannot be parked on for safety reasons. A pull up and drop off in the morning is the only time they can be paused on. Parking there makes visibility for drivers very difficult and therefore safety for children is compromised. We also have times when parked cars make it almost impossible for staff to turn in or out of the car park. By shifting to using the pub car park where possible, everyone wins.

A few start of term reminders.. Can hair be tied back in school for safety and to avoid transferring head lice which still do visit us occasionally. Please remove nail varnish and wear school shoes, not boots or anything with a heel in school.

Named water bottles should be in school containing water, not juice or squash and please remember a healthy snack for break time.

Before and after school, the bark area/ trim trail isn't to be used. This is due to safety and insurance for younger siblings that may be tempted to use it out of school hours. There is an adult on duty from 8.30 in the morning but no one is out there to supervise at the end of the day. We have clubs running in school though and need to close the gate by 3.30 each day for security. Toby will monitor the gate on a Wednesday when he is running football club in the field.

When it's raining at the start of the school day, children can come into the hall to wait before 8.40am. As it can get very busy in there, please can only Apple class parents wait with your children. If your child is in a different class and you would like to wait with them, there are other covered areas to shelter from the rain which you are welcome to use. On a Tuesday, gym club takes place in the hall until 8.40 so please can you use the other sheltered areas to wait if it's raining on that day.

Read and roast is changing. We've had lots of parents and carers join us which is really positive. In order to give a wider access than one day in the week, we will be opening it to one class at a time each day for a half term. Parents and carers can come for 11.45, then join your child/children for lunch in the central area at the 'wobbly' table. You'd then head home. We're starting with Maple class parents after October half term. If you'd like to book your session in advance, please give Mrs Oakes a call. We can seat 3 parents per day maximum. Your meal costs £3, payable on the day.

Finally, there are lots of dates for you on the next section, please also check the website for upcoming events. As ever, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come in or give us a call,

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn

Dates for your calendars

October 3rd—PFC non uniform day, team colours, info to follow

October 4th—9am Harvest service at the church, parents welcome

October 14th—18th Year 6 trip to Hindleap Warren

October 18th—Prospective new Year R parents meeting

October 22nd—Parent/Carer evening

October 24th—Parent/ Carer evening

October 25th—PFC Smarties challenge coming home

Half term—Oct 28th to Nov 1st

November 8th—2pm PFC meeting in school

November 11th—Individual school photos

November 14th—Prospective new Year R parents meeting

November 15th—Maple class assembly/ Children in need, non uniform day

November 21st—Flu vaccinations/ Prospective new Year R parents meeting

November 22nd—Apple class assembly

November 26th—Cedar class trip

November 28th—Willow class clarinet assembly at 2.30pm

November 29th—Oak class assembly

December 2nd—Prospective new Year R parents meeting

December 6th—Cedar class assembly

December 11th—KS1 Christmas performance (afternoon)

December 12th—KS1 Christmas performance (evening)

December 19th—9am Christmas service at the church, parents welcome.

End of term—Dec 20th