

Collingwood Primary School Newsletter



February 2019

"We live our lives with arms and minds wide open"

Governor News

Our Statement of Governance, which details the membership, attendance and work carried out by our Governing Body is available to view on our school website.

Hello & Goodbye: Welcome back to Miss Bains who will be teaching Year 1 this term. Goodbye to Mrs Marns, who left us at half term after more than 19 years working at Collingwood. We held an emotional assembly where the children shared their memories of working with her and presented her with gifts. We wish you a very happy and well deserved retirement.

Attendance: Congratulations, this month to 1st 3HB - 97.61%, 2nd 2G - 96.83% and 3rd 5M - 96.73%. Schools are required to monitor all pupil attendance closely as it is one of the measures Ofsted uses to "rank" the school. At Collingwood we recognise that most pupils are only away from school if unwell however, we *do* still have a duty to inform parents if attendance is less than 90% and *do* send out letters notifying parents if this is the case.

Our School Development Priorities

To work with our Primary and Secondary School colleagues in improving life opportunities for all pupils in the town:

This term we will be meeting colleagues from all of the schools in the town with the aim of devising a curriculum which is both broad and balanced and meets the personal needs of our pupils. In addition to this, two staff from each school are now accredited in the ELKLAN speech and language strategy and are in the process of rolling this out to all staff.

To give our pupils a greater voice in school development.

Our Learning Council are conducting a survey across the school to find out what helps pupils learn best and what hinders them. The Eco-Team are continuing to monitor our use of plastics as part of our packed lunches. They will tell you more when they have collated the results.

Follow us on Twitter: @collingwoodprim. We often tweet reminders and news and if the school is closed due to snow, you will hear about it here first!

Teacher of the Year Awards: Congratulations to Mrs Hammond who was nominated for the prestigious Essex Teacher of the Year award and made it into the final three! She was nominated for "her outstanding understanding of children with special educational needs and her general excellence in providing a stimulating learning environment and maximising the learning potential of all children in her care." On the night she was "highly Commended". Well done, we are so proud to have you in our school team!

Mrs Buckland-Garnett



Curriculum Information

Please see our school website: www.collingwoodschool.net for information on how we teach at Collingwood. Current topic webs and curriculum information for each Year group can always be found here.

11+ 2020 Entry - for current Year 5 pupils: Please see these dates for your diary relating to the Consortium's 11+ examination procedure for 2020 entry:

- 11+ registration opens - 14th May 2019

- 11+ registration closes - 1st July 2019
- 11+ Main Test date: - Saturday 21st September 2019

Sports News: Quicksticks Hockey - Well done to year 6 children who took part in the 'Quicksticks Hockey' at William de Ferrers on Wednesday 31st January. They played brilliantly and gained third place. Well done. Mrs J Hardwick - PE Lead

Safer Internet Day: Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018 with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you." More than a thousand organisations across the UK got involved to help inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

In school, pupils used resources available from the UK Safer Internet Centre including: Top Tips, e-books, quizzes, games and e-books - to help inspire a better internet for everyone. If you would like any further information about how to stay safe online please visit the Safer Internet Centre at: www.saferinternet.org.uk or refer to the e-safety page on the school website www.collingwoodschool.net

Policies Being Reviewed by staff, pupils and Governors this month:

- *Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy (comments by Monday 11th March please)*

Once a policy has been reviewed by staff a copy will be available from the school office for parents to view and comment on before it is presented to our Governors for approval. Please put any comments in writing and hand this to our office staff to be passed on to our governors for consideration (it is helpful to us if you are willing to give your name and your child's age). Whilst these will not be responded to, they will be presented at the meeting where the policy is discussed. Most of our policies can be found on the school website but are also available on request (a charge may be made for printing.)

7 'til 7 Club News: Should you have any craft materials, board games, DVDs, (U rating only) or seeds or cuttings that you think would be suitable for us to use, we would be very grateful. Don't forget if you are planning a shopping trip, lunch or even have an appointment, your children are very welcome to come to our Club on a one off basis.

Mrs Budd and Mrs Chettur (7 'til 7 Club Managers)

The Benefits of Hot School Meals: Hot school meals are designed to meet specific nutritional needs for pupils. The sugar, salt and fat content has been reduced, with minerals and vitamins increased in menu planning. These nutritious lunches are designed to enhance academic performance and social behaviour. Our menu planning is based on the Eatwell Guide below.



On our menu there are always choices of main meal and jacket potato with various fillings served with vegetables or salad. In addition, baguettes are offered along with fruit, vegetable and our salad bar. Included is a hot or cold dessert and a drink. Why not try one? Mrs Chettur (Catering Manager)



F.O.C.U.S. Windfall

Exciting news! We have been selected for the next round of the Co-op Community Fund scheme. All you need to do is get a Co-op points card and select FOCUS (Friends of Collingwood Primary School) for the 1% donation from own brand products and services. A fantastic easy way to raise funds for Collingwood School!

The next event is Mother's Day Sale on Friday 29th March - All children visit the sale during the day.

Informal Coffee Afternoons

Date	Theme	Staff present
Friday 29 th March	Our Curriculum at Collingwood	Mrs Hammond and Mrs Buckland-Garnett
Friday 3 rd May	Theme to be announced	Mrs Minister and Mrs Buckland-Garnett

No need to book, just turn up and bring a friend...they do not even have to have a child at Collingwood, younger children are also welcome. Please let us know if there is something you would like as a future theme.

Messages from other Organisations

Food Bank

Your child may have already told you that we are now a collection point for Chelmsford Food Bank. Please leave donations in the box in our foyer. **We have been asked to collect:**

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| • Tinned meat, fish, vegetables, spaghetti, fruit and custard. | Bottles of squash |
| • Instant mash, custard, porridge, Pot Noodles and Mug Shots. | Toilet rolls, washing powder/liquid |
| • Dried pasta, rice, noodles and breakfast cereal | Teabags and biscuits |
| • UHT milk and fruit juice | Jars of jam, coffee and pasta sauce |

Expert Child Health advice at your fingertips

Parents and carers across mid Essex can now find NHS advice at their fingertips. The free Mid Essex Child Health app is designed to help parents and carers of children aged from birth to 11 years recognise when their child is unwell; offering handy advice on some of the most common childhood illnesses and where to seek further treatment, including information signposting to the relevant local services. **Conditions covered within the app include:**

- Coughs, colds and flu
- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- Chicken pox and measles
- Earache and tonsillitis
- Wheezing and breathing difficulties including bronchiolitis and asthma
- Headlice, threadworms
- Bumps, bruises and accidents

Information on mental health and wellbeing, healthy lifestyles and advice on some more serious conditions like meningitis and sepsis are also covered. There's also a handy section on when you should keep your child home from school.

The app is available for download on smartphones and tablets from the [Google Play](#) Store and the [Apple app](#) store by searching 'Mid Essex Child Health'. For more information visit <https://midessexccg.nhs.uk/livewell/startwell/childhood-illnesses>.

Tokon Kai Karate

Tokon Kai karate run a class after school each Tuesday from 3.15-4.20pm for age 5-11yrs. Come along and give it ago - first lesson free. For more information contact Sensei Jo Griffiths on 01245 362232 or 07958 057406 - info@tokonkai-karate.co.uk.

Individual instrumental tuition for Piano, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone taught by Mr R Clarke is available. Lessons take place in the school building and instruments can be rented from Essex Music Services (01206 798788) if you prefer to "try before you buy." Contact our office for prices or if you are unsure and would like to speak to Mr Clarke.

Guitar Lessons Lessons are provided by Mr David Ainsworth on a one to one basis. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Gymnastics Club The club runs after school on Wednesdays, 3.20pm to 4.15pm. Please see the leaflets in reception for booking information.

Fencing Club A new club started this term on Tuesday mornings before school starting at 8am. Please see the leaflets in reception for bookings information

Dates for your diary

All dates, class lunches, performances etc. can be found on our website calendar at www.collingwoodschool.net **If school is ever closed, at short notice, it will appear on <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx> and the school website/be tweeted first** and be announced on Essex FM and BBC Essex as soon as possible. Please avoid ringing the school as the phone is unlikely to be answered whilst we are organising staff!

2019 SATs and other National Assessments

- Year 6 SATs commence Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. The papers will be externally marked and be given a standardised score which will result in an assessment as having met the "age related standard" or not.
- Year 2 SATs tests commence during May. These will be graded similarly to year 6 papers, but by their teachers.
- Year 1 and 2 Phonics commence Monday 10th June

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Wed 27 th Feb	3HB Class Lunch
Thurs 28 th Feb	Class photographs
Wed 13 th Mar	2C Class Lunch
Fri 15 th Mar	EYFS Class Assembly - 9.15am
Tue 19 th , Wed 20 th Thurs 21 st Mar	Termly Learning Conferences
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th Mar	Mother's Day Lunches
Tues 2 nd , Wed 3 rd Apr	Years 3, 4 & 5 Production
Thurs 4 th Apr	FOCUS Event - Easter Entertainer & Discos
Mon 8 th to Mon 22 nd Apr	Easter Break
Tues 23 rd Apr	First Day Back
Thurs 9 th May	1G Class Assembly
Fri 10 th May	4H Class Assembly
Wed 15 th May	2G Class Lunch
Fri 24 th May	5M Class Assembly
Tues 28 th to Fri 31 st May	May Half Term
Wed 5 th June	1J Class Lunch
Fri 7 th June	2C Class Assembly
Mon 10 th - Fri 14 th June	Father's Day Lunches
Fri 21 st June	4W Class Assembly
Wed 26 th June	RNR Class Lunch
Fri 28 th June	Sports Day - 1 st Choice
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day - 2 nd Choice
Fri 12 th July	FOCUS Event - Summer Disco's
Fri 19 th July	6O Leaver's Assembly
Fri 19 th July	Last day of Term
Mon 22 nd - Wed 24 th July	Non Pupil Day

Essex County Council's criteria for issuing Penalty Notices is:

- 1. If there has been at least 10 sessions (a morning or an afternoon are one session each) of unauthorised absence during the previous ten school weeks.*
- 2. If there have been at least 6 consecutive sessions (ie 6 half days or 3 whole days) of unauthorised leave of absence during the first two weeks of September due to a term-time holiday ie if a child does not return to school until Mon 10th September.*

