

Collingwood Primary School Newsletter



March/April 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.

Governors would like to thank the many parents who responded to the recent questionnaire, asking whether you were aware of the roles and responsibilities of governors, and who they were. It was clear from the survey that parents are not clear about the role of governors, so at the Governing Body meeting it was agreed that they would produce a termly paragraph to be included in the school newsletter, outlining some of the discussions and decisions that had been made. In addition, one of the school's coffee afternoons will focus on meeting the governors - the date will be Friday 3rd May at 2.30 pm and we hope to meet as many parents as possible.

At the meeting governors also discussed and agreed the following:

- The adoption of a new Behaviour and Anti-bullying Policy for the school, following consultation with parents, pupils and staff. This will be published on the school website.
- Governors approved the non-pupil days for the school year in 2019/20
- There were ongoing discussions about finance and budget planning for the 2019/20 financial year. The budget plan will be considered and approved at a meeting early in the summer term.
- Governors discussed safeguarding arrangements in the school, to ensure that they are statutorily compliant and are proactive in keeping all children safe.

Hello & Goodbye

Welcome to Mr Stevens who is covering Mrs Masons maternity leave. Goodbye, for now, to Mrs Newbert who started her maternity leave on 2nd March. Congratulations to Miss Gilbert on the birth of her little boy weighing 9lb 12oz both are doing well.

Welcome to Jayden (1J), Ellie-Mai (6O) and Jaiidn (RNR) who have joined our school.

Mr Clarke has announced that he will be retiring after 15 years musical instrument tuition with Collingwood pupils. On behalf of pupils past and present I would like to thank Mr Clarke for his work and know that you will join me in wishing him well. Any refunds are available from our school office. We will endeavour to find a new teacher as soon as we are able.

Attendance

Congratulations, this month to 1st 5M 97.45%, 2nd 6O 97.29% and 3rd 4W 95.47%.

Our School Development Priorities

Governors have recently reviewed the impact of our Sports Premium and Pupil Premium funding and are in the process of planning for the April 2019 financial year. Details will be available on our school website in April.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Survey about the work of the Governing Body. Your views will be shared with all Governors at our next meeting.

At these times of ever shrinking school budgets we are very grateful for the contribution our P.T.A. makes to providing quality resources for pupils which we can no longer afford. Unfortunately, we are now having to charge for some things such as performance tickets and programmes in an attempt to continue to provide the "nice things" for pupils rather than just fulfil our statutory obligations. More of our communications will be emailed, texted or put on the school website in order to reduce printing costs. Thank you for supporting us in this.

Back to Summer Uniform

Please return back to school after the Easter Break in Summer Uniform. This comprises of navy (not black) tailored shorts or trousers or skirt with a white short sleeved polo shirt (not round necked as these are for PE only), or tailored shirt, (no ties). Navy sweatshirts or cardigans are optional. Black, brown or navy "leather look" shoes (without stripes or

logos), should be worn (no trainers, flip flops or sling backs). Boots can be worn to school then changed out of. Smart uniform leads to improved behaviour and aids concentration. **Children who persistently wear incorrect uniform will be given clean but second hand uniform to change into.**

Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, @collingwoodprim. We often tweet reminders and news and if the school is closed, you will hear about it here first! As you know from our recent emails, texts and tweets, there have been several incidents over the last month where pupils have come into contact with upsetting things whilst using the internet, outside school. Knowing how to keep your own child safe online is a complex and sometimes daunting subject. As a general rule, you should consider how you, as a parent, tackle the following for your child:

- Content - keeping children away from harmful materials on the internet
- Contact - preventing children being groomed on the internet
- Conduct - helping children behave positively on the internet

As a parent, you SHOULD, be checking your child's contacts and messages regularly...would you say "they are entitled to privacy" if you saw them speaking to a complete stranger in the street? Mrs Buckland-Garnett

CSSE 11+ Information

Registration for the 11+ exam for 2020 entry will be from 14th May 2019 to 1st July 2019. CSSE schools will hold open days/evenings during June/July 2019. The 11+ main test date is Saturday 21st September 2019.

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.

World Book Day

Pupils at Collingwood Primary School, in South Woodham Ferrers, had a wonderful time during World Book Day 2019 as you can see! This year the theme was 'Bedtime Stories', so children and staff came to school in their pyjamas. During our special assembly each class performed a poem to the rest of the school. Their performances were amazing, some of our younger children had learnt some really tricky poetry off by heart. Everyone had the opportunity to enter the competition to design a cover for their favourite book. The children judged this themselves and the winners are pictured here.



Each class then settled down with a drink of hot chocolate with marshmallows, whilst their teachers read them a bedtime story. It was a truly enjoyable and memorable way to promote a love of reading. Mrs Outhwaite (English Lead)

Colchester Castle Trip - Yr4



ECO-Team News - Waste Week 2019

Thank you to all the children (and their parents) who got involved in waste week. The challenge was to try and reduce the amount of rubbish produced by a lunch box.

Every class managed to reduce the amount of packets and wrappers in their lunch boxes, but there was one class that did better than everyone else. Our **reception class** made the biggest improvement when trying to bring a waste free lunch. The whole class visited the school tuck shop for their prize.

Our winners of the 'Design a Waste Free Lunch' competition, were Kayla and Isabelle.

Congratulations from the Eco team.

Learning Council News

As a Learning Council we have been talking about our learning. We decided to put together a survey that could be completed by the children in our school to show us 'what helps them to learn'. The results from this are interesting and we will be working with children and staff to see how we can continue to improve our learning.

Some members of our Learning Council were invited to attend a Learning Council conference at Woodville Primary School. Each school in the town shared what their Council had achieved throughout the year before having a short break. Next we discussed what facilities we have in Woodham for young people and what we would like to have. Following a fantastic lunch we then talked about being safe online. It was an interesting and exciting day.

Eden Falconry

Year 3 were lucky to have a visit from Eden Falconry. The day began with the children being introduced to various types of birds of prey. They learned lots of interesting facts about the birds and how they are adapted for their life style. After lunch it was time to dissect owl pellets to see what the birds had been eating the day before. To end a super day everyone was lucky enough to have a photo taken with an owl on their arm.



Year three, whose topic this term is 'Flight', would like to say a big thank you to Henrik and Mrs Outten who gave up some of their time to come in and talk to them about their jobs as a pilot and a member of the cabin crew.

Mrs J Hardwick - PE Lead

Sophie, who is in Year 5, recently competed in the Indoor British Championships and walked away with three gold medals making her the overall Female Indoor British Champion.

This is despite moving up to an older, more competitive age group! Sophie and her team mate went on to win the relay so received yet another gold medal and The British Title. Fantastic work Sophie, Collingwood is proud to have you as a pupil.



Red Nose Day!

Thank you to everyone that bought a red nose - the ladies in the office managed to sell 10 boxes of noses, and raised £500!! Once again, well done and thank you for your support.

7 'til 7 Club News

We are delighted to say that our numbers at the club are at an all-time high. Both existing children and new get along so well which is lovely to see. Due to these high numbers we frequently need extra staff. To guarantee a place for any non-booked children, we must have at least 24 hours notice please. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a nice Easter break.
Mrs Budd and Mrs Chettur (7 'til 7 Club Managers)

School Meals - Free School Meal

Do you have children in reception, year one or year two? If so, they are entitled to a free school lunch every day.

Your child will enjoy freshly prepared meal consisting of a main course including a vegetarian option, choice of dessert and a drink. This includes our special birthday lunches. Alternatively, there is a provision for a daily prepared baguette or a jacket potato served with a variety of fillings and salad, vegetables or fruit items as an accompaniment. **This can save you over £350 per year.** Why not take a look at Collingwood's school website and see our menus or pop into school and pick up a menu from the school office. I look forward to seeing your child joining us for a school meal.

Mrs Chettur - Catering Manager



F.O.C.U.S. (our wonderful P.T.A)

F.O.C.U.S. Windfall

Windfall winners for February are 1st Julie Gogerly £23.50, 2nd Helen Clark £14.10 and 3rd Claire Atkinson £9.40. Well done to all of our winners and thank you to all of our members for your support.

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 (from this Sunday 28th). A fantastic easy way to raise funds for Collingwood School!

The next event - Entertainer/Easter Disco's - Thursday 4th April - details to follow shortly

A BIG thank you to FOCUS for providing every class within the school with a soundbar. Now staff and pupils are able to fully access interactive multimedia learning resources across the school.

C Russell, Apple Teacher

Informal Coffee Afternoons

Date	Theme	Staff present
Friday 3 rd May	Meet The Governors	Mrs Minister and Mrs Buckland-Garnett
Friday 28 th June	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

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 Mr Clarke has announced that he will be retiring after 15 years teaching Collingwood pupils. On behalf of pupils past and present I would like to thank Mr Clarke for his work and know that you will join me in

wishing him well. Any refunds are available from our school office. We will endeavour to find a new teacher as soon as we are able.

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 receptions 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 SAT's 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

2019

Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd Apr
Thurs 4th Apr
Mon 8th to Mon 22nd Apr
Tues 23rd Apr
Thurs 9th May
Fri 10th May
Tue 14th May
Wed 15th May
Fri 24th May
Tues 28th to Fri 31st May
Wed 5th June
Fri 7th June
Mon 10th - Fri 14th June

Years 3, 4 & 5 Production
FOCUS Event - Easter Entertainer & Discos
Easter Break
First Day Back
1J Class Assembly
4H Class Assembly
CSSE 11+ registration opens
2G Class Lunch
5M Class Assembly
May Half Term
1J Class Lunch
2C Class Assembly
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
Mon 1 st July	CSSE 11+ registration closes
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day - 2 nd Choice
Fri 12 th July	FOCUS Event - Summer Disco's
Fri 19 th July	60 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.*