



Collingwood Primary School Newsletter

June 2014

Our Staff and Governors' Vision Statement

At Collingwood children and adults work together in a safe, well disciplined, exciting environment where all pupils feel valued and are expected to make good or outstanding progress

Our staff, pupils and parents have high expectations and ensure that pupils produce work of increasing quality, develop their individual strengths, achieve their personal goals and challenges and realise their full potential as lifelong learners and responsible citizens in our global community.

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

Welcome

Welcome to Tyler (year 1), Lewis (year 5), Robyn (year 6) and FT in year 1 who have joined us, we are delighted to have you at our school.

SATs week and tests week

Staff would like to say a huge well done to all of our pupils who took tests in May...your attitude towards completing these and your behaviour throughout the week was excellent!

Year 6 endured 4 days of SATs with smiles on their faces and toast crumbs on their fingers! Thanks to staff who made this as "painless" an activity as possible. We always tell the children that we will still like them and their parents will still love them whatever level they achieve and that tests are just an opportunity for them to "show off" how clever they are.

All up to date assessment levels will be reported to parents in our July written report.

Upper School Performance

The upper school performance 'We'll Meet Again' was a big success. It linked into this term topic WW2. The story was all about the Blitz and what people's reactions and emotions were like during that hard time and harsh environment. Everyone enjoyed this play, the songs and acting. Altogether this play was lots of fun and got people to take part in things that they haven't taken part in before.

Written by Beau Year 6

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Active Kids vouchers, you have helped to raise an enormous 3166 vouchers!! We will be ordering new sports equipment for the school.

KS2 Mathematics Competition

"Taking part in the KS2 maths competition was a great privilege. Our team was made up of four year 6 pupils, Beau, Carmen, Charlotte and Luke. We went to Essex County Cricket ground where the competition was held. It was very posh and fancy with table cloths and little packets of biscuits. They were very yummy! Altogether we thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we came 6th out of 175 schools, a fantastic result."

Reported by: Carmen and Beau.

Sports News

A huge well done to Alfie, Luke, Mitchell, Sam, Aaron and Josh who all took part in the football tournament at Edwins Hall on Saturday 21st June. They played brilliantly as a team resulting in Collingwood winning the competition. A big well done to Aaron for getting 'man of the match'. We are proud of you boys.

Alastair Cooks "Cooky's Big Bash"

In June, Jack was chosen to attend Essex CC County Ground, Chelmsford to be part of Alistair Cook's "Cooky's Big Bash" training event, representing his Cricket Club and School.

The weather held firm and Jack had a fantastic time completing a number of various cricket drills with the assistance of both Essex coaches and players past and present under the watchful eye of the England captain.

It was a really fun event that culminated in both meeting the man himself as well as acquiring a signature on a gifted T-shirt and mini bat in addition to his own cap.

Well done Jack, Collingwood is very proud of you!

Is your child Sun-safe at school?

With temperatures finally rising and some sunshine on the way, we urge you to do three things to keep your child "sun safe". These are:

1. to wear a named hat at all times when outside (this does not have to be a Collingwood hat but should provide shade for the neck and not bear any slogans or writing)
2. to have a named water bottle in school every day (drinks are made available to children throughout the day but a bottle on a table in front of you is far more tempting. Add ice cubes or part freeze if you wish.)
3. to apply a high factor sun cream before school. (Unfortunately staff are not able to apply sun cream.)

We teach children to "**Slip** on clothing · **Slop** on sunscreen · **Slap** on a hat ". Further information can be found on www.sunsafe.co.uk

We do encourage children to stay in the shade and drink regularly at playtimes and lunchtimes but with 245 pupils desperate to run around and play it is not possible to ensure that they all do!

Thank you for supporting your child.

On sale in the school office

Handwriting pens £1.50 (cheaper than Asda!)
Dinner/trip/event money envelopes £1.50 per pack of 50.
Collingwood logo water bottles £2.00
SATs study books (maths and English - all ages) £3.00
Recorders price £4.00

Logo Uniform is available from Patricia's and Tescos (See link on our website www.collingwood.essex.sch.uk- we receive 5% of all purchases)
Collingwood zip up fleeces are available from Patricia's as an optional item of uniform. Children will not be allowed to wear these inside.

Music Lessons

There will be vacancies for individual lessons in September for Piano, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone.

The cost for the Autumn term is:

14 lessons of 15 mins - £87.50

14 lessons of 30 mins - £175.00

Lessons begin on the 9th September. Instruments can be rented from Essex Music Services (01206 798788).

Thank you

Mr Ray Clarke

Music Teacher

Gateway - School Communication System

Thank you to those parents who have already downloaded the free "School Gateway" app to receive texts from the school at no cost you or us! Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3 / Gingerbread or later) devices.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
 2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
 3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
 4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.
- As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records. Thank you for your help.
School Office

Messages from other organisations



A great **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for all your patience over the last few weeks while we have got ourselves sorted out and also for your support at the recent Father's Day Sale and Summer Fayre last Friday especially all the people who turned up to help out. Our initial figures show we have made approximately **£1,651** from the two events which is fantastic!

We look forward to seeing everyone again at **Sports Day**, where we will be selling refreshments and a few other things along with the Adventure Island tickets. Please come and say hello and please let us know if you have any ideas or events you would like us to consider holding at the school.

F.O.C.U.S. - Our PTA, working for your children.

The focus Windfall April 2014 and May 2014 winners were:

April

- 1st Place - Julie Gogerly (£22.50)
- 2nd Place - Sarah Ruck (£13.50)
- 3rd Place - Deborah De'Ath (£9.00)

May

- 1st - Georgina Dillon (£22.50)
 - 2nd - Mr & Mrs Perry (£13.35)
 - 3rd - Ann Minister (£8.90)
- All winners have been contacted and their winnings given out.

Leighann Cordery - Windfall FOCUS Committee

If anyone is interested in helping at any of our PTA events please let us know, we are always grateful for any help however small it maybe.

Focus PTA

Friendsofcollingwoodpta@live.co.uk

So far this academic year since September, donations to the school from FOCUS have amounted to:

- £957 – towards next phase of playground play equipment
- £350 – towards Ironbridge treats (Year 6 residential trip)
- £237 – for the Year 6 recollection books
- £2000 - outside sun
- shelter

To help raise money for our school, when ordering an Indian takeaway from Pink Garlic, all you need to do is mention 'Collingwood'. Providing you pay in cash, you will receive a discount and Pink Garlic donate a percentage of the money you have spent on your food to us. It could not be easier, so go on have an Indian takeaway, but don't forget to mention **COLLINGWOOD!**

Collingwood Tiny Tots - Baby and Toddler Group

We are open Friday 9.00 am to 11.15 am. Please pop along for your first FREE session, or phone Collingwood School on 01245 322258 or contact Karen on 01245 328350

Dates for your diary

(all dates, class lunches, performances and other important events can be found on our website calendar at www.collingwood.essex.sch.uk)

If school is ever closed, at short notice, it will appear on the school website first and be announced on Essex FM and BBC Essex... please avoid ringing the school as staff will be trying to get through!

Wednesdays beginning 7 th May	Forest Schools - regular visits each Wednesday morning to the local orchard. Parent helpers required - please contact the school office if you can help on any day.
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day (first choice if dry)
Monday 30 th June	Year 3 & 4 Colchester Castle Trip
Tuesday 1 st July	1.30pm EYFS Fairy Tale Picnic
Wednesday 2 nd July	2.30pm & 6.30pm Lower School Music Festival
Thursday 3 rd July	Mini Games at Saltcoates Park - Year 2 only
Friday 4 th July	Summer Reports
Friday 4 th July	USA Independence Day Lunch
Week beg 7 th July	Meet the teacher week
Thursday 10 th July	Open Evening (6pm - 8pm)
Friday 11 th July	Sports Day (if 27 th June rained off)
Monday 14 th July	Year 5 Induction morning at William de Ferrers
Tuesday 15 th July	Emerald Class trip to the Community Orchard
Wednesday 16 th July	Diamond Class trip to the Community Orchard
Thursday 17 th July	Leavers Disco - 6.00pm- 8.00pm
Friday 18 th July	9.15am Leavers Assembly
Fridays 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Lunch

The last day of the summer term for pupils will be Friday 18th July. (Staff training days on Mon 21st and Tues 22nd July)

The first day back in the Autumn Term will be Thursday 4th September.

Autumn Half Term:	Monday 27 th until Friday 31 st October
Last Day of Autumn Term:	Friday 19 th December
First Day of Spring Term:	Tuesday 6 th January 2014
Spring Half Term:	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 st February
Last Day of Spring Term:	Friday 27 th March
First Day Back - Summer Term:	Wednesday 14 th April
May Day:	Monday 4 th May 2014
May half term:	Monday 25 th May until Friday 29 th May
Last Day of Summer Term:	Friday 22 nd July

Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2014-2015 are on the reverse.