



Collingwood Primary School Newsletter

MAY 2014

100% attendance

The following children have a fantastic 100% attendance record since September...well done you healthy lot!
Zoe, Aaron, Sophie, Bradley, Jessica, Samuel, Brooke, Michaela, Harry, Aaron, Natasja, Ria, Holly, Lauren, Harrison, Nathan, Liam, Aiden, Shaun, Luke, Michael and Olivia for 100% attendance from September to date.

Welcome

Welcome to Amy in year 3 and Jessica in year 2 who have joined us, we are delighted to have you at our school.

Welcome also to Mrs Blanford and Mrs Hawes who are teaching Diamond Class with Mrs Bright from now until the summer holidays.

School Development Priorities and Ofsted recommendations.

On Tuesday 22nd April our staff and Governors gathered together for our annual School Development Planning Day, to review developments since last April and set the strategic direction of the school for the next financial year. All February 2014 Ofsted recommendations have been included in the new plan and we feel in a strong position to meet these very soon. Unfortunately, Ofsted returned too soon for us to prove that the improvements we have made since July 2012 are consistent.

Our predictions for the number of pupils expected to achieve level 6 at the end of Year 6 this year, (the age related expectation is level 4) are our highest ever and we expect to continue to improve again on our 3 year track record of improvement in pupil attainment.

The changes we have implemented in the teaching of reading and phonics since September have impacted well. Pupils appear to be reading more regularly at home too and are working with adults on the sheets stuck in yellow reading logs. Thank you for supporting your child in this.

We now intend to focus on (all Ofsted recommendations):

- continuing to improve pupil's reading comprehension (we predict that attainment in reading this year will be much higher).
- raising our expectations of more able readers in Yr2
- continuing to improve Learning Support Assistant's teaching of Phonics.
- improving some teachers' response time to pupils who are struggling.
- In partnership with parents, ensuring that all pupils have developed a positive attitude to learning are engaged for every minute of every lesson.

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"

SATs week national timetable for Year 6 pupils

National curriculum test timetable

The levels 3-5 tests must be taken before the corresponding level 6 tests on the scheduled day. All children who are entered for a level 6 test must also complete the corresponding levels 3-5 test.

Monday 12 May	Levels 3-5 English reading test Level 6 English reading test
Tuesday 13 May	Levels 3-5 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Level 6 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Wednesday 14 May	Levels 3-5 mental mathematics test Levels 3-5 mathematics Paper 1 No level 6 tests timetabled for this day
Thursday 15 May	Levels 3-5 mathematics Paper 2 Level 6 mathematics Paper 1 Level 6 mathematics Paper 2

During year 6 SAT's week years 3, 4 and 5 will also be taking non statutory tests throughout the week.

Sports News

On Thursday 24th April 2014 years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students took part in the family swim event at William De Ferrers. Collingwood students were very excited about taking part and were the loudest supporters by far! After 34 races, Collingwood proudly came 5th with four 1st place wins! Well done everyone. Taking part in family events is always a pleasure especially with children who show such enthusiasm and show they are proud to be a part of a team! I would also like to say a big thank you to Ronnie Peterson who was the only middle school boy to attend the swimming gala.

Please remember every Tuesday Mr Rogers is running a rounder's and cricket club after school for year 2 children. There has been an excellent turn out so far. Lastly don't forget sports day which is going to be held on Friday 27th June. This will be weather permitting. On the off chance of rain on this day we will be holding sports day on Friday 11th July.

Curriculum Information

Our curriculum whole school theme for the Summer term - 'We are Global Citizens'. Please see your child's Home/School book for more information.

Uniform Reminder

Our summer uniform comprises of navy tailored shorts or trousers or skirt with a white short sleeved polo shirt or tailored shirt (no ties) Navy sweatshirts or cardigans are optional. Girls can also wear navy and white checked dresses.

Black, brown or navy "leather look" shoes should be worn (no trainers, flip flops or sling backs) Wellingtons or boots can be worn to school then changed. Trainers or plimsolls may be worn at playtimes but adults will ask that these are changed once inside the building. All hair accessories should be simple and black, white, brown or blue in colour.

PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain round necked white t-shirt (not a polo shirt so that we can tell that older pupils have changed!) with plimsolls or trainers. No football kits or other sportswear please! In colder weather plain black jogging bottoms and zip up top or our school logo tracksuit are acceptable. These should be kept in either a Collingwood logo draw string bag or a small rucksack.

Uniform is available from Patricia's and Tesco's (For Tesco's, see the 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.

We have noticed a number of older pupils coming into school wearing nail varnish. Whilst we understand that this is usually on Mondays because they have forgotten, they will be asked to remove this in school.

Request from Lower School

If you have any Wellington boots that your children have grown out of, that will fit our Reception/Year1/Year2 children, please send them into school as we need a supply for children to use when undertaking a Forest School session. Our field is very muddy and the children do not always remember to bring their own in. Thank you – Miss Cook and Miss Gray.

Healthy Schools

Healthy snacks and milkshakes are available for all children to buy every playtime from "Fruit to Suit", our business run and managed by our older children. Prices are 40p per item and there is always a choice. Alternatively children are welcome to bring their own fruit or vegetable snack from home **but no nuts please as we have several children with life threatening allergies.**

Adults in the playground after school

Please would parents ensure that they vacate the school playground as soon as they have collected their child after school, as there are clubs that will be using the playground areas and cannot do so until all adults have left. **Parents are not expected to watch any after school sports clubs unless this is pre-arranged with the club Thank you.**

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

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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 to 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



Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014

Please note that the last day of issue for the Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's is the 20th May. If you have any vouchers in your purses/pockets after this date, please forward them to the school. We will let you know the total collected and what we have ordered for the school in our next newsletter.

Thank you.

Messages from other organisations

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

The focus Windfall March and April 2014 draw took place in the playground of the morning of 2nd April. The winners were:

- 1st Place - Charlene Turner (£22.75)
- 2nd Place - Helen Clarke (£13.65)
- 3rd Place - Deborah De'Ath (£9.10)

All winners have been contacted and their winnings given out.

Leighann Cordery - Windfall FOCUS Committee

Lower school entertainer and Middle and Upper school discos

Wednesday 23rd April saw the return of the very funny Tidimix who came to entertain lower school.

The children played games, danced watched a magic show and were introduced to a rather naughty puppet dragon. Lots of fun was had by all including the helpers!!!!

Friday 25th was the turn of the middle and upper school discos.

Brads Black cat discos kept the children dancing and playing games throughout the evening, with some very interesting and funny dance offs!!! Congratulations to the lucky raffle prize winners.

I would like to say a massive well done to all the children that attended these events, I have to say that you were all very well behaved and extremely polite.

A big thank you also has to go out to all the helpers who gave up their time to help with these events, without your help we wouldn't be able to run these so thanks. These events raised a total of £364.67 which will go towards the last phase of the play equipment for the school field.

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

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.
Thursday 8 th May	9.15am - Ruby Class Assembly
SATS Week Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May	
Wednesday 14 th May	Diamond Class Lunch
Thursday 22 nd May	9.15am - Opal Class Assembly
May half term: Monday 26th May until Friday 30th May	
Week beg 2 nd June	National Science Sampling Tests - Year 6
Wednesday 4 th June	Emerald Class Lunch
Monday 9 th June	Class & Year 6 Leaver photographs
Week beg 9 th June	Father's Day Lunches
Thursday 12 th June	9.15am - Emerald Class Assembly
Friday 13 th June	Father's Day Sale (FOCUS)
Week beg 16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 17 th June	2.15pm Upper School Performance - (under 5's included) Please note new dates!
Wednesday 18 th June	2.15pm & 7.15pm Upper School Performance - Please note new dates!
Friday 20 th June	Summer Fayre - 5.30pm-7.30pm
Monday 23 rd June & Tuesday 24 th June	Year 6 Induction Sessions at William de Ferrers
Tuesday 24 th June	District Sports - Field Events
Wednesday 25 th June	Opal Class Lunch
Wednesday 25 th June	Yr 5 & 6 trip to War Museum
Thursdays 26 th June	District Sports - Track Events
Thursday 26 th June	Wimbledon Lunch
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day (first choice if dry)
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)
Monday 14 th July	Year 5 Induction morning at William de Ferrers
Friday 11 th July	Sports Day (if 27 th June rained off)
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)	