

Collingwood Primary School Newsletter



September 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.

Extensive building work took place in school throughout August. The roof and water damage to the small hall was repaired following our lead theft and walls have been built between each classroom to improve sound proofing. Thanks to Mr Caton and our fantastic cleaners for their hard work in ensuring that the building was clean and ready for children to come back to.

School Organisation from September 2019

Reception	RR	Mr C Russell (Computing Lead)
Year 1	1H	Miss K Hiett (Science Lead)
Year 2	2H	Mrs S Hammond (Arts Lead, Phase Leader for EYFS and Yrs 1 and 2 and Whole School Curriculum Manager)
Year 3	3HB	Mrs J Hardwick (Sports Lead) and Mrs B Bruce (Learning Ambassador Lead)
	3OK	Miss O'Keeffe (PSHE and Sex and Relationships Lead)
Year 4	4C	Miss L Campbell (Humanities Lead)
Year 5	5O	Mrs S Outhwaite (Phase Leader for Yrs 3 and 4 , Educational Visits and English Lead)
Year 6	6M	Mrs A Macartney (Phase Leader for Yrs 5 and 6 and Maths Lead and Maths Mastery Specialist)

Mrs Dodge (Eco Team Lead) Mrs Minister (Deputy and SENCO) and Mrs Buckland-Garnett (Headteacher) regularly work with children across the school. Mrs Milton (RE Lead) is on Maternity Leave.

Hello

Hello to our 29 pupils starting school in EYFS.



Welcome also to Lillea in year 1, Bobby in year 3 and Fletcher in year 2.

Attendance

Information about Penalty Notice criteria, particularly for those pupils who do not return to school for the first day in September, can be found on the back of our Leave of Absence form.

Our School Development Priorities

Staff returned to school the day before the children this term to attend maths mastery and Curriculum Design and Mental Health training. Further training on reading and safeguarding are planned for all staff, later this month.

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.

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School routines

We hope that you are able to attend our "Meet the Teacher" sessions on Thursday 12th September. Some of the most frequently asked questions are covered below.

- Children are rewarded separately for learning and behaviour: "**Learning Stars**": (in the back of communication books) are given for different types of learning e.g. green for curiosity and blue for perseverance etc. These contribute towards the bronze, silver and gold certificates awarded in our celebration assemblies (normally on Fridays). **Team points**: are given by all adults and sometimes children, for "Good Citizenship" e.g. being kind, having good manners/behaviour etc. Your child's team colour will remain the same throughout their time at Collingwood and is the same colour as they wear at Sports Day. Team points for each team, across the school are collected and announced at our weekly celebration assembly and, at the end of the year the winning team is awarded a cup which is displayed bearing the team colour until the following July.
- **Homework** is collected in every Wednesday and given out every Friday.
- **All pupils are expected to read daily at home** (books or on Reading Eggs) and record this in their communication book. Years 5 and 6 can do this for themselves but please sign every now and again so that we know you have seen any messages. We will not know that a book needs changing unless you tell us. Children who do not read regularly find the reading SATs paper even more difficult!
- Every class will take part annually, in a performance, have a class assembly and a class lunch. (dates are on the calendar on our website)

Don't forget to come to our "Meet the Teacher" Sessions on Thursday 12th September, which is a good opportunity to ask any questions you may have. (5pm Years 1 and 2, 5:30pm Yrs 3 and 4, 6pm Yrs 5 and 6).

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be running our amazingly popular coffee afternoon again on Friday 27th September, starting from 1.45pm until 4pm to raise money for Macmillan Nurses. We have always been overwhelmed by your support and look forward to getting together again this year.

Mrs Allen

Birthday Lunches

At our school we are lucky to be able to offer birthday lunches to our pupils (by virtue of the additional work undertaken by our lovely Midday Assistants). Children can invite their friends to have a Birthday School Lunch with them, sit at a special table during lunchtime and enjoy a choice of school meal followed by a piece of birthday cake, specially made by our Catering Manager. Unfortunately, pupils are not able to have a packed lunch at the birthday table. The sole reason for these lunches is to increase the number of children taking school meals, encouraging those children who may be fussy eaters to try new things by eating with their friends - there is always a choice of food options, even a baguette! Don't forget, there is no charge for the

lunch if your child is in Reception or years 1 & 2. To book a Birthday School Lunch for your child, please speak to Mrs De'Ath or Mrs Wraight in the school office.

Special Lunches

During the academic year there are many special meals arranged for the pupils to enjoy and enhance their eating experience at lunchtime. These include food calendar events, theme days and pupils being able to enter different food related competitions. In addition to this, parents are invited to join their child/ren for class lunches and mothers, fathers or special person days. Coming up in October we have National Cake Week, year 6 class lunch and National Sausage Week. I look forward to seeing your child/ren attending these special occasions.

Mrs Chettur - Catering Manager



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

F.O.C.U.S. Windfall

The lucky winners for August were: 1st Angela Belcher £24.25, 2nd Leighann Cordery £14.55 & 3rd Karen Budd £8.60 Well done to all of our winners and to all of our members for your ongoing support. 😊

The next event is - Open Air Cinema - The Greatest Showman
Tickets available from the school office £5.00 each

Informal Coffee Afternoons

A chance to meet other parents and have questions answered on a given theme. All welcome to some or all of the dates. Come to the main entrance at 2:30pm. Younger children and friends, even if they do not have a child at Collingwood, are welcome! Let us know if there are any themes you would like us to cover.

Date	Theme	Staff present
Friday 20 th September	New School Year - school routines	Mrs Minister and Mrs Buckland-Garnett
Friday 22 nd November	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Friday 24 th January	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Friday 20 th March	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Friday 22 nd May	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

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 a go - first lesson free. For more information contact Sensei Jo Griffiths on 01245 362232 or 07958 057406 - info@tokonkai-karate.co.uk.

Guitar 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.

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/twitter 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!

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Thurs 12 th Sept	Meet the Teacher: 5pm Yrs 1 and 2, 5:30 Yrs 3 and 4, 6pm Yrs 5 and 6
Fri 13 th Sept	Open Air Cinema - The Greatest Showman 7:30pm
Fri 20 th Sept	Jeans for Genes non-uniform day (bring £1)
Fri 20 th Sept	2:30pm Coffee Afternoon for parents
Fri 27 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Cake Sale 1.30pm
Wed 16 th Oct	Year 6 Class lunch
Fri 18 th Oct	Home Farm Assembly 9.15am
Mon 28 th Oct - Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term
Mon 4 th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Thurs 19 th Dec	Last day of Term
Fri 20 th Dec - Fri 3 rd Jan 20	Christmas Break

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Mon 17 th Feb - Fri 21 st	Feb half Term
Mon 6 th Apr - Fri 17 th Apr	Easter Break
Fri 8 th May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th	May Half Term
Fri 17 th July	Last day of Term
Mon 20 th - 22 nd July	Non Pupil Days

Leave of Absence for pupils:

Please be aware that no term time holidays are authorised at Collingwood unless a signed employer's letter is provided stating that the dates are the ONLY ones that can be taken. In this event, only one term time holiday will be authorised in any academic year and not during or in the term leading up to national assessment periods.

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

- where there have been at least 10 consecutive sessions (1 day = 2 sessions) of unauthorised absence for the purpose of a holiday, whereby a parent made an application to the School which the Head Teacher has deemed not for exceptional circumstances.*
- whereby the parent did not submit a leave of absence request, however the school have reason to believe the absence was for the purpose of a holiday*
- if there have been at least 6 consecutive sessions (3 days) of unauthorised absence during the first two weeks of September due to a term-time holiday.*
- where there has been at least 10 sessions of unauthorised absence during the previous 10 school weeks.*

Following discussions with parents who have taken term time holidays, we have recently added information about Penalty notices to the back of our Leave of Absence form.