

Collingwood Primary School Newsletter



October 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.

This month, Governors have been reviewing the School Development priorities and Performance Management targets for teachers and are auditing staff wellbeing. Governor visits to school this term will focus on reading, maths mastery and spelling.

Attendance

Congratulation, this month to 1st - 6M 98.76%, 2nd - 1H 98.59% and 3rd - 4C 98.19%.

All schools are required to monitor all pupil attendance closely as it is one of the measures Ofsted use to "rank" the school. At Collingwood we recognise that most pupils have good attendance and are only absent if unwell however, we *do* still have a duty to inform parents if their child is a "persistent absentee" (ie attendance <90%), regardless of the reason, and *do* send out letters notifying parents if this is the case. **Information about Penalty Notice criteria for irregular attendance can be found on the back of our Leave of Absence form.**

Winter Uniform

Don't forget that we change into winter uniform after October half term (details on our school website www.collingwoodschool.net) Winter uniform comprises of tailored navy trousers, skirt or pinafore with a white shirt, school tie and navy sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo). Reminder: PE tops should be plain white round necked t-shirts, not polo tops, as we need to know that pupils have changed, thank you for your support.

Mrs Buckland-Garnett

Restart a Heart Day

On Thursday 16th October year 6 took part in 'Restart a Heart Day'. All year 6 pupils received training on CPR and learnt about danger, response, airways and breathing (DRAB). They all had a go at CPR on the resus doll.



Year 6 Residential to Home Farm


Home farm was really really great, and we had lots of fun. My favourite activity was when I fed the cows and milked the goats - the milk was very smelly! There were 2 week old calves which were so cute. We visited the motor museum at Beaulieu, where they were celebrating 50 years of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! - We have a great trip on the monorail which went around the park and through the museum. We had a camp fire, orienteering through the forest, and a visit from Paul Manning with his birds of prey and on Friday we completed a blindfold trail through the woods! The food was great, and we all had an amazing time!

Emmi and Charlie.



Don't forget that Termly Learning Conferences, (TLCs) will be held the week after half term. You will need to book your slot and pupils are expected to attend with you as they will be talking about their targets and showing you their work.

"The 2 Johns", who were very popular when they visited Collingwood last year, will be holding parent sessions at William De Ferrers School on 13th or 14th November at 7pm - 9pm. **Do go along, however old your children are and even if you went last year...there is always something new to find out about!**



Woodham Ferrers Partnership of Schools Online Safety Event for Parents

Wednesday 13 or Thursday 14
November 2019

7.00-9.00pm at William de
Ferrers School

The Woodham Ferrers partnership of schools invites parents and carers from all primary schools and William de Ferrers school to attend an evening aimed at giving advice and guidance on keeping your child safe online. The content of both evenings will be appropriate for parents of both primary and secondary aged children.

The event will be hosted by the '2 Johns' who have spent many years working as police detectives in various covert roles tackling online and offline child exploitation. They are regarded as experts in their field of online safety and every year they work in hundreds of primary and secondary schools interacting with children, teachers and parents. For further information on the '2 Johns' please go to www.esafetytraining.org.

Spaces for both dates are limited. Please contact the William de Ferrers School on 01245 326326 or email onlinesafety@wdf.school to book seats on the evening of your choice.

We look forward to welcoming you to what will be a valuable and informative event.

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.

Curriculum News

English/Reading/phonics

Please make sure that your child knows how to log on to Reading Eggs. (Details should be in the back of communication books) These books and activities are set at an age appropriate level and are often enjoyed by children who would not normally pick up a book by choice. Children are expected to read to an adult, including Year 6, and use the "expected level" reading statements stuck in communication books.

All children should be bringing home spellings for their weekly test and have an additional list of words in their homework folder to read/spell. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are unsure of anything.

Mrs Outhwaite (English Subject Lead)

Maths

Please make sure that your child knows how to log on to Mathletics/Maths Rock Star. (Details should be in the back of communication books) If you find that your child is unable to choose an activity when they log on, it is because teachers have set an activity based on areas children have struggled on in school, which needs to be completed first.

All children take part in "Fast Maths" on a daily basis aimed at them beating their own record (number recognition/quick mental recall of number facts and times tables). It is a national requirement that all children should be able to recall all multiplication tables quickly by the end of year 4 in order to be considered "at the expected standard." Please speak to your child's teacher if you are unsure of anything.

Mrs Macartney (Maths Lead)

Learning Council News

The Learning Council have held three meetings since we returned to school. They are taking their responsibilities very seriously and have been carrying out lunchtime duties and rewarding pupils and adults for keeping our "REACH" Values. They have organised events for this year's children in need and will be talking to pupils about their reading choices.



Harvest Festival

A big "Thank You" to everyone that brought something in for our Harvest collection this year. All of the items were collected by Chelmsford Foodbank, and go to support families in our area. Once again, thank you for your kind donations.

Policies Being Reviewed by staff, pupils and Governors this month

Visiting Speaker Policy

Child Protection Policy

7 'til 7 Club News

Autumn is truly here and the sunshine has now gone for another year. The children are spending less and less time outside and we are concentrating on indoor activities. We have or will be, baking, modelling clay, making fruit skewers (to eat at snack time) along with our usual craft and art work. Due to kind donations from parents/carers we have some new board games, puzzles, toys etc. too. Don't forget children are very welcome to join us even if it's for just an odd day. (Contracts and funds in place beforehand please). We would like to wish you a good half term and look forward to seeing the children back on Bonfire Night.

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

One of our School Meals recipes to make at home

Reduced Sugar Oat Cookies (makes 12)

Ingredients

250g Plain flour, 15g baking powder, 85g rolled oats, 165g margarine, 75g granulated sugar, 45g golden syrup.
Large baking tray lined with parchment paper

Method

1. Put the flour, baking powder and rolled oats together in a bowl.
2. Add the margarine and rub together to resemble breadcrumbs.
3. Mix in the sugar and syrup then mix together until the mixture forms a stiff dough.
4. Make dough into an even 'sausage shape' and cut into 12 slices.
5. Carefully arrange the slices onto the baking tray.
6. Bake in a pre-heated oven 180c/350f/gas 4 until pale brown. **Do not overcook.**

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, National Chocolate, International Baking. 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 September were: 1st Karen Aldworth - £26.75, 2nd Simon Trice - £12.90 & 3rd Mr Perry - £10.70

Well done to all of our winners and to all of our members for your ongoing support 😊.

The next event is Our AGM on Monday 11th November

We would love to see as many of you as possible at our AGM! As you know the majority of the PTA team will be leaving in November, without enough committee members we have to close.

If you are interested in saving the PTA please come along and have a prosecco on us whilst we show you what we do, and how - if you have a shamazing team you can do anything! Doors open for 7pm and the AGM is at 7.30pm, if you would like to be a committee member you MUST be at the AGM part of the evening.

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 22nd November	Supporting your child with reading	Mrs Outhwaite and Mrs Minister
Friday 24 th January	Supporting your child with spelling	Mrs Outhwaite and Mrs Minister
Friday 28 th February	Supporting your child with maths	Mrs Macartney and Mrs Buckland-Garnett
Friday 24 th April	Question and Answer Session with the school nurse	School Nurse
Friday 22 nd May	Supporting your child's independence	Mrs Minister and Mrs Buckland-Garnett

Messages from other Organisations

Parent Workshops

Mondays

9.30am-10.30am

@ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH

A range of workshops available for parents/ carers of 0-5 year olds.

Workshop 1: Sleep hygiene 1st Monday of the month

Workshop 2: Toilet training 2nd Monday of the month

Workshop 3: Fussy eating 3rd Monday of the month

Workshop 4: Behaviour 4th Monday of the month

(adult only workshops)

Please call 0300 247 0014 (opt 2) for more information or to book a space.

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



Are you interested in helping to launch a community Tennis club right here in South Woodham Ferrers? Chelmsford City Council and the LTA are looking for volunteers, players, coaches and parents to help set up a community Tennis club right on your doorstep. We are hosting a focus group meeting, with an open invite to anyone interested in being involved, at South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.00 PM. Please register your interest by email to csaw@chelmsford.gov.uk. It's an exciting opportunity you will not want to miss out on.

We are also keen to determine the level of interest in Tennis in South Woodham please let us know your thoughts by completing our Tennis Survey here: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/swftennis

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.

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

Drop-in sessions for parents with concerns about their 2-5 year old's speech, language and communication development. This service is for children who have a GP in the mid Essex area (Braintree, Halstead, Witham, Maldon, Burnham, South Woodham Ferrers and Chelmsford).

Crouch Vale Medical Centre, Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers (on the Sainsbury's site)

Date	Times
Monday 7 October	9.30am-11am 12.30pm-2pm
Monday 4 November	9.30am-11am 12.30pm-2pm
Monday 2 December	9.30am-11am 12.30pm-2pm

Stay safe on Firework Night - Message from Essex County Fire & Rescue Service



**FIREWORKS CODE
CARE, CELEBRATE**

- You must be 18 years or over to buy and set off fireworks
- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed non-flammable box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back and keep a bucket of water nearby
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Keep pets indoors
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late and never after 11pm

We always recommend attending an organised fireworks display

www.essex-fire.gov.uk

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!

2019

Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov
 Mon 4th Nov
 Tues 5th, Wed 6th Thurs 7th Nov
 Mon 11th Nov

Half Term
 Non Pupil Day - teacher training
 Termly Learning Conferences
 The Book People Bus - all day

Wed 20 th Nov	Year 5 Class Lunch
Fri 22 nd Nov	2.30pm Coffee Afternoon for parents
Mon 25 th Nov	Flu Immunisation - whole school
Wed 4 th Dec	Year 4 Class Lunch
Mon 9 th , Tues 10 th Dec	EYFS, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production - more details to follow
Wed 11 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day - whole school - (Christmas Jumpers/clothes)
Thurs 19 th Dec	Pantomime - 'Beauty & the Beast' - whole school
Thurs 19 th Dec	Last day of Term
Fri 20 th Dec - Fri 3 rd Jan 20	Christmas Break

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Mon 6 th Jan	First Day Back
Wed 15 th Jan	3HB Class Lunch
Fri 17 th Jan	4C Class Assembly 9.15am
Fri 24 th Jan	Coffee Afternoon for parents 2.30pm
Fri 7 th Feb	5O Class Assembly 9.15am
Fri 14 th Feb	3OK Class Assembly 9.15am
Mon 17 th Feb - Fri 21 st	Feb half Term
Wed 26 th Feb	3OK Class Lunch
Fri 28 th Feb	3HB Class Assembly 9.15am
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th Mar	Mother's Day Lunches
Fri 20 th Mar	2H Class Assembly 9.15am
Fri 20 th Mar	Coffee Afternoon for parents 2.30pm
Mon 23 rd , Tues 24 th March	Years 3, 4, 5 production
Tues 31 st Mar, Wed 1 st Thurs 2 nd	Termly Learning Conferences
Mon 6 th Apr - Fri 17 th Apr	Easter Break
Mon 20 th Apr	First Day Back
Fri 8 th May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th - Fri 15 th May	SATs Year 6
Wed 13 th May	2H Class Lunch
Fri 22 nd May	Coffee Afternoon for parents 2.30pm
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th	May Half Term
Mon 1 st June	First Day Back
Wed 3 rd June	1H Class Lunch
Fri 12 th June	1H Class Assembly 9.15am
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th June	Father's Day Lunches
Fri 19 th June	EYFS - RR Class Assembly 9.15am
Wed 24 th June	RR Class Lunch
Fri 26 th June	Sports Day (1 st Choice)
Fri 3 rd July	Sports Day (2 nd Choice)
Thurs 16 th July	Leavers Disco
Fri 17 th July	Leavers Assembly 9.15am
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.