



Collingwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

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

Another week and another national announcement. Please remember that the three households rule for Christmas may be welcomed but it is not an instruction and that all families should "use their personal judgement" on what is safe for you. **If we want to keep Collingwood open in January and February, we need everyone in our Collingwood Family to be free of infection!**

You will probably be aware that the Department for Work and Pensions has announced the launch of a [£170m COVID Winter Grant Scheme](#) aimed at supporting children and families with food, energy and water bills and household essentials over the winter period. We are waiting for further information on how this will work but expect to be sending vouchers for pupils eligible for free school meals, for use during the Christmas Holidays. **Please make sure that we know if your situation has changed and that you are now entitled to free school meals.** Mrs De'Ath or Mrs Wraight, in our main office can help you with this if you are unsure. Ring them on 01245 322258.

Plans for Christmas are well underway in classrooms. Our PTA are working hard to spread Christmas Cheer in a safe way, decorations are beginning to appear and children are busy writing their lists and making plans. There will be a Christmas Post Box in each classroom for adults and pupils in that bubble only. All other cards or gifts that children wish to give will need to be arranged, by you, outside of school. **We will tell the children that staff will not be upset if they do not receive a card this year.** Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

You told us that there were too many learning stars for each certificate and we listened! We hope to send our new **Home Learning Books home** with pupils just as soon as we receive protective covers...deliveries are very slow during lockdown.

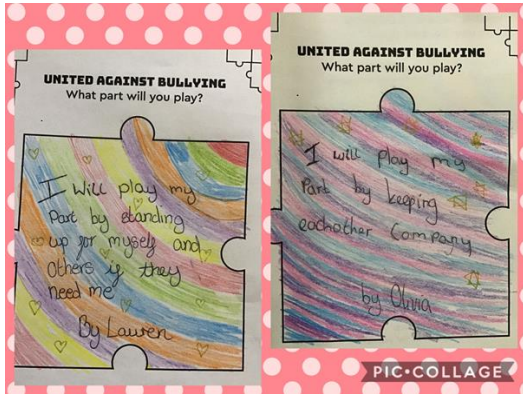
Don't forget that we hold a wealth of information from charities, businesses and our own thoughtful families who are able to support families in times of financial hardship. Each organisation has its own criteria to be met. If you think that you may be eligible, please email admin@collingwood.essex.sch.uk briefly outlining your circumstances and Mrs De'Ath or Mrs Wraight will contact you with any relevant information we hold. **We have people waiting to hear from us, especially if your financial circumstances have changed due to Covid! If you do not tell us, we might not know.**

Please follow us on Twitter @collingwoodprim

Mrs A Buckland-Garnett

Anti-Bullying Week

It has been a busy week for pupils revolving around not only anti-bullying but all other ways that pupils can keep themselves safe both in the real world and online. Please take a minute to look at the information we have emailed you this week and talk to your child about who they can talk to at home if they see or hear something that makes them feel unsafe.



Year 6 have pledged to play their part in Anti-bullying .



On Friday, we are all wearing odd socks to celebrate anti-bullying week. 4M have designed their own odd socks with an anti-bullying message. Year 2 made their own odd socks and discussed how we are all different.



40'K recognise that everyone is different and we do not agree with bullying



Children in Year 3 acted out different scenarios in which they were being physically or verbally targeted. Each child then had to describe how the person being targeted may have felt.

Year 5 think that difference is good!



Other Curriculum News

In EYFS, we've spent a lot of time outside this week, experiencing our learning on a **BIG** scale, including: a giant 'marble run', phonics hopscotch, making patterns of 10, water writing & making mud soup!



'Leaf-Man' came to visit **Class RR** this week. Everyone worked really hard to create an oral re-telling of this story written by Lois Ehlert. Use the link to view: <https://vimeo.com/481993989>

If you think we are doing a good job, please tell Ofsted by clicking here [Give your views](#)

FOCUS: Our PTA

Our PTA held its first ever Virtual A.G.M. on Monday. Firstly, we would like to thank some members, who have decided to step down from the PTA, for all their hard work, Sian Chapman Murphy, Claire Atkinson, Sue Wraight and Angie Taylor.

Our new committee was elected as follows: Joint Chair - Nicola Trice and Georgina Dillon, Treasurer - Juliette Rainbird, Secretary - Nicola Battson, other members are Leanne Matthews, Jo Murray, Becky Garland, Lauren Swallow, Michelle Lincoln and Leighann Cordery (who organises the Windfall Club). We are always on the lookout for new members so contact the office if you can offer any time or talents.

We hope after a tough last year, we will be able to continue raising funds for the children at Collingwood. Our next event is the Christmas Raffle, tickets are on sale via SchoolComms. Thank you for your continued support in raising money for our children.

Governor News

Our Governing Body has its own page on our website. (Click on the link top right) 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. Our policies can be found, on our school website, on the policies page www.collingwoodschool.net

Our Full Governing Body met virtually this week. Various HR policies were approved. Governors also and discussed our Whole School Self-Evaluation and School Development Plan, Catchup Finding, Curriculum Recovery and health and safety and general maintenance issues. Governors thanked staff for their continuing hard work and for doing their utmost to keep pupils safe.

Thank you to Mrs Winter, who ends her time with us as a governor this term, for her hard work over the past 2 years. We shall be sending out election information for a new Parent Governor shortly but if you would like to speak to one of our existing Governors about what this involves please contact Mrs De'Ath or Mrs Wraight on 01245 322258 and they will arrange for one of our Governors to contact you.

Looking for a school place for September 2021?

Click here to see what Collingwood Primary School, in South Woodham Ferrers, can offer you, <https://vimeo.com/478120837/2c0536239f> and visit <https://newstarters.collingwood.school/> for further information about our warm and friendly school. If you would be interested in attending a virtual meeting on "How to prepare your child for starting school" run by our excellent Early Years Team ring us on 01245 322258 to book a place. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Frequently asked questions

Can a child return to school if someone in their household is still infectious?

No. The 14 days isolation allows for the infectious stage to have passed. People can have certain symptoms remaining and/or may not feel well enough to return but are most infectious before they have symptoms or in the first few days. Nobody should leave their home if someone new in the house develops symptoms.

What does Tier 2 (High Alert) mean for Collingwood?

No change. The Government are not planning to close schools in any tier. Children in the same bubble are exempt from not mixing with each other inside.

Who should not come onto the school site?

- ,Anyone displaying Covid-19 systems.*
- Anyone who has been contacted by Track and Trace and told to isolate.
- Anyone awaiting test results. (Please inform us of any results immediately)

* a constant new cough (coughing for over an hour or 3+ coughing bouts in a 24 hour period) , a high temperature (38 degrees or feeling hot to touch on chest or back), a loss/change in taste or smell.

How do I get a test?

Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/) website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/> or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Alternatively google "test centre near me" If you are concerned about someone who has symptoms use <https://111.nhs.uk/COVID-19> or phone 999.

What if the result is positive?

Please let us know via the admin@collingwood.essex.sch.uk email if someone in your household tests positive.

Dates for your diary

All dates can be found 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!

Wed 9th Dec Christmas dinner/jumper day (closing day for booking lunch is 30th Nov).

Mon 21st Dec-Fri 1st Jan Christmas Holidays

2021

Mon 4th Jan First day of Spring Term

Fri 15th Jan Closing date for Primary School applications - Sept 2021 start

Mon 15th - Fri 19th Feb Half Term

Mon 29th Mar - Fri 9th Apr Easter Break

Mon 3rd May May Day

Thursday 6th May School Closed for Polling

Mon 31st May-Fri 4th June Half Term

Friday 16th July Last Day for pupils

Mon 19th - 21st July Non Pupil Days - school closed

School Closure days for 2021-2022 are not usually agreed by Governors before June. These will appear here and on our website calendar as soon as these have been agreed.

other sources of information

**Free
School
Meals**



Are you entitled?

- Do you need help in these difficult times?
- Were you struggling to feed the children during the Half-Term holiday?
- South Woodham Ferrers Town Council is supporting Essex County Council helping families who are eligible for free school meals.



Please call South Woodham Ferrers Town Council to see what we have to help you – our contact number is

01245 321817 or email
christine@southwoodhamferrers.gov.uk



Getting Divorced?

A pilot group is being sought. Some key details:

- First session to begin Tuesday 01 December 19.00-20.00
- 8 sessions running weekly with a short break over Xmas period (details in attached)
- It's free
- Held virtually via Zoom or Teams (facilitators just trying to agree best platform to support structure of sessions)
- Ideally participants should try to commit to all sessions, but course facilitators have designed a flexible course which enables people to pick the themed sessions that best suit their needs and lifestyles

Find out more by contacting info@betterdivorcecourse.org or visiting <http://betterdivorcecourse.org/>

South Woodham Ferrers Library Update

South Woodham Ferrers Library is temporarily closed. You are still be able to reserve items and can collect these from your chosen library. Please note that all libraries will close by 5pm. While library services are limited please continue to use the fantastic range of e-resources that we have on offer, including e-books, e-audio, e-comics, newspapers and magazines. These are all available from our website www.essex.gov.uk/libraries If you're not a library member you can join online to access these e-resources with an online temporary membership number. For the latest updates of what's happening in Essex libraries, follow us on Twitter and Facebook and sign up to receive library newsletters by email via our website.

The Essex Family Support Service



- Families with children 8-19, younger siblings welcome
- Supporting families to develop & retain positive relationships
- Promoting safe choices & wellbeing
- Supporting people to meet with peers & communities
- Building healthy family relationships

Contact us:
01206 505250/families@community360.org.uk
or ask your local Family Hub

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Chelmsford Foodbank: Any donations for the foodbank can be left in our foyer - they are currently in need of the following items: tinned potatoes - jam/preserves/spreads - instant mash sachets- instant custard sachets - tinned custard - tinned rice pudding - ladies deodorants - ladies shampoo - washing powder/liquid/gel In order to obtain food, you need a voucher which can be accessed from the Child and Family Wellbeing Service

<https://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk> 0300 247 0014, Or Citizen's Advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/search-for-your-local-citizens-advice/local-citizens-advice-details/?serialnumber=10038601245205579>. You will then be able to collect food from the Foodbank centre or arrange for a delivery.

Community and Family workshops for parents are added weekly -so please keep checking <https://aclessex.com/community-family-learning-online/>

Thinking of training to be a teacher?

Collingwood has a long standing relationship with BEC and recommends this provider!!

Chafford Hundred Teaching School Hub | **Saffron Teaching School Hub**

Don't just feel local pride, teach it.

Train to Teach: 14th December
4.00pm - 6.00pm - via Zoom

Our virtual Train to Teach Essex event will provide you with a wealth of information on how to get into teaching and how to apply for training through one of our ITT providers in:

Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Epping Forest, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Southend-on-Sea, Thurrock and Uttlesford.

This event is hosted by **The Saffron Teaching School Hub and Chafford Hundred Teaching School Hub:**

- Hear from newly qualified teachers and find out what a day in the life of a teacher is really like
- Listen to headteachers in our region leading on teacher recruitment
- Get advice from our expert teacher training providers on the different routes available to you and how to submit your application, including specific advice on your personal statement
- We hope this event will inspire you to pursue a rewarding career in teaching

Following this event, you will receive further information on how to access one-to-one support from each of our providers in this region to plan your next steps into teaching.

If you are interested in attending this event please email: TSHub@hamschaffordhundred.org.uk

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