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Newsletter April 2016

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. The summer term always comes around so quickly and as always we have a very exciting and busy half term planned for the children. The school is looking very colourful and bright at the moment; the art department have been busy putting up some new and wonderful displays of children's art work. All the art that the children do in their art lessons is linked to their topic learning; however their time in the art room allows the children the opportunities to explore their topic in a creative and unique way.

Changes to pick up and drop off

This term we have to alter the way in which pick up and drop off is organised. We are making the change because of regulations the school has to follow regarding the safeguarding of our children. We would like to start the new arrangements on the first week back after half term. However we would very much like to consult with parents on our plans and will therefore be holding a meeting in the Junior Hall on Coleridge West on Thursday 28th April at 9.10 after drop off. At the meeting we will be talking about our new plans and would be very interested to gain the perspective of a variety of parents. If you are able to make the meeting, please do come along.

In the meantime, please do not access school via the school office in the morning or at the end of day or leave the school building this way either at these times. It creates an unsafe building if adults do this and I ask for your cooperation in this matter.

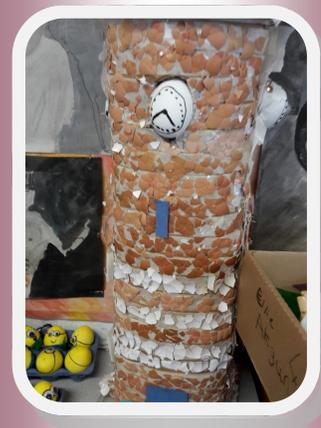
Governmental Changes

As you will know from the media, state schools are facing a period of considerable change. Academies are now slowly but surely becoming a reality. We have been aware for some time that this was potentially on the government's agenda. Coleridge's Governing Body has been working closely with the school leadership team to ensure that we are well informed, and prepared for any proposed changes. Our principle objective is to act within the best interests of the children and to preserve the unique ethos of our school.

There have been changes to the way in which we now have to assess the children at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. However, it is extremely important to emphasise

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that we do not rely solely on the outcome of these tests to make judgements about your child's level of attainment. Teachers at Coleridge are constantly assessing your child in a much more in depth and naturalised way, and it is primarily these assessments that we use to build a picture of their learning and achievement over time.

Also schools, especially in London over the next five years will be facing considerable budgetary challenges and cuts. We therefore ask that you ensure that you are up to date with lunch, trip and club payments.

Communication with the School

There are a number of ways in which you can communicate and find out what is going on each term at Coleridge. The website is a fantastic resource and there are copies of letters, home learning and weekly overviews. There is wealth of information about upcoming events and also information about things that have taken place. Policies and information about how we teach are also on the website.

Each half term each year group writes a newsletter about the new half term and include important dates for your diaries. If there is something you would like to discuss about your child, you should always speak with your class teacher. Each year group is led by a year group leader; if you want to discuss something about the curriculum or another area of school you can also arrange a time to meet with them. The Senior Leadership team are also available for you to meet and should you wish to contact them you can do so via the school office.

The next edition of the Coleridge Newspaper written by our children will also be published and distributed within the next couple of weeks.

The Hall Project

We are pushing ahead to try and reconfigure our junior halls this summer. The idea is to knock the two halls together and replace the existing wall with a movable wall and to create more room for storage. We are extremely excited as a new hall will offer the school so many more opportunities, including more seating for our annual December show. All the money this year that Coleridge Families have raised is being put towards this amazing project, and I want to thank you all for your support of Coleridge Families and the work that you all do. The school would be a very different place without our amazing community of parents!

Mock Elections

We will be holding our own Mock Mayoral Election in the run up to the election on May 5th. MP Catherine West will be coming in to talk to Year 5 & 6 about the elections. The children will then be forming their own parties, writing their own policies, promoting them, culminating in a polling day where the school will get the chance to vote for their preferred party for Mayor of Coleridge. The staff are also planning later in the term a debate and a vote around the EU referendum.

Playgrounds after School

We want the school to be used as part of the community and it is lovely that children, parents and carers can socialise in the school grounds at the end of the school day. However, there has been some considerable littering and damage to the playground over the last term after school - unfortunately I will have no choice but to close all playgrounds at 3.30pm if this continues.

If you do stay after school to use the grounds please ensure you are able to see your children at all times. We have had incidents of children playing on their own around the back of the school with no adult supervision. Please note the MUGA is out of bounds after school and is reserved for after school clubs. Please make sure that children do not climb on fences and that any rubbish is put in the bin. Children are not allowed back into school to use the toilet after class has finished.

Planting in the school grounds

During the Easter break our gardeners replanted and landscaped the area outside the West office. This space was neglected and looked very unattractive; we are really pleased with the work and the new look is pretty and pleasant.

Year 3 are busy planting some of the allotment beds and staff and other year groups are planning on tidying up the Forest School area so it is ready to be used once again now spring is here.



Polling Days

The school has been informed by Haringey that Coleridge West will have to be used for a polling station on Thursday 5th May and for EU Referendum on June 23rd. Therefore Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children will not be able to come to school that day. Coleridge East will be open as usual. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

New book bags available



We now have new book bags in Navy with class colour logo.

Available from the East office at a cost of £5.50. Photo shows Orange— there are photos on our website of the other colours.

I look forward to seeing you all around the school over the next term, and if there is anything you would like to discuss with me, please see Jo Burston in the school office (West) to make an appointment or email: head@coleridgeprimary.net

Leon Choueke

Dates for your diaries

Unfortunately we are still awaiting confirmation about a date for Sports Day – as soon as we know we will inform you.

Thursday 28th April at 9.10 in West hall – meeting about the changes to drop off and pick up arrangement

Thursday 5th May – West closed as used for Polling Station for Mayoral Election – East will be open as usual

Thursday 16th June – class photographs

Thursday 23rd June – West closed as used for Polling Station for EU Referendum - East will be open as usual

Saturday 25th June – Summer Fair

Monday 27th June – Families Week (more info to follow)

Thursday 14th July – Parents' Evening 4-6pm, 6.30-8pm West halls

Term dates

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday – school closed for all children

Friday 27th May – last day of half term

Monday 6th June – back to school

Thursday 21st July – Toy Day and last day of school for all children

Friday 22nd July – **INSET** Day

Monday 5th September – **INSET** Day

Tuesday 6th September – children start school