



Coleridge Primary School

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Newsletter January 2018

Welcome back to the new term, we all hope you had a good and restful break. The last term finished on a real high with the many wonderful performances of Fantastic Mr Fox. Thank you to all of you who were able to give up your time to help out in making the play such a memorable experience for the whole school community. The staff followed on with a performance of their own on the last day of term with our annual staff pantomime for the children. This year it was our unique interpretation of Beauty and the Beast! I'm sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work and energy that they bring to school each day.

Staffing

At the end of last term, we said farewell to Ruth Kirsh, SENDCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead, as she retired. Corinna Phillips will now be leading on inclusion and SEND in the school. Both Nina Grimes and Corinna will be the school's safeguarding point of contact. Sharon Rubens, one of the school counsellors also retired at the end of December. Jane O'Rourke who has worked alongside Sharon for the last 3 years, will continue to work as our school counsellor two and a half days a week.

We are currently training two members of staff to become qualified teachers. Kirsten Schmidt and Toshiko Lisle have been working in Year 2 and 3 last term. They are now undertaking an alternative placement at St Mary's in Hornsey. They will be there for 8 weeks and we wish them the very best of luck with their new placements. We also would like to welcome Peter Kan who is a trainee from St Mary's. Peter will be working alongside Kate Ibbotson in 2P.

Communicating with school

A positive relationship between the school and our parent body is of paramount importance to us. We constantly thrive to communicate with you as effectively as possible.

The Leadership Team and the Senior Leadership Team are always available should you wish to discuss any matters relating to your child, but your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher.

Governors will be running regular parent surgeries should you wish to discuss matters pertaining to the school. Dates for these surgeries can be found on the school calendar on the website. You can also email the chair of our governing body Sam James at the following address chair@coleridgeprimary.net

Dates for your diaries

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Communicating with the school

We will be running some workshops for parents and carers to attend throughout this year and we're currently in the process of finalising dates. There will be sessions on reading, how we teach maths, child development (with a focus on emotional well-being and the importance of play) and e-safety.

Inset Day

On Wednesday 3rd January the staff participated in some extremely valuable training to further develop our maths practice across the school. There was also training on Personal, Social, and Health Education. The staff have written a bespoke scheme of work which we are starting to use this year. Following on from an innovative conference our Early Years Foundation Stage leaders attended in Brighton, they lead a session for their team about making some changes to the way they work in order to ensure their teaching remains incredibly child centred and enables every child to develop in a happy and secure setting.

Learning Enhancement Fund

This term, the money raised is being spent on to replacing 5 more of our antiquated interactive whiteboards, something that the school has struggled to finance without the support of the parental body.

In such challenging times any money donated makes such a difference to all our children. Thank you

How to donate:

If you would like to contribute to the 'Learning Enhancement Fund you can do so in one of the following ways:

1. If you are a U.K. Taxpayer and want to gift aid a donation to Coleridge Families please

Email coleridgefamieliestreasury@gmail.com and they will provide you with all the details and a gift aid declaration to complete.

The CF bank account details are as follows:

Coleridge Families

Nat West A/C no 51554119

Sort code 60 06 26

Please put your surname and GAid as the reference for your payment.

2. Standing Order with your bank to make a one off, monthly, termly or annual payment direct from your bank to The Learning Enhancement Fund.

Account Name: Coleridge Primary School, London Borough of Haringey

Account Number: 10 45 45 63

Sort Code: 30-99-86

3. Making a one off payment at the school office, by cheque (please make any cheques payable to Coleridge Primary School).

Volunteering time and skills at Coleridge

We fully appreciate that not everyone is in a position to donate to the school financially, we also very much appreciate the time that people give up and spend helping in and around the school on a daily basis. Our libraries would not be the lovely spaces they are without the parents who volunteer weekly. We have parents who help out with reading across the school. We also have had parents who have helped out and advised on building and renovation projects across the school. Thank you so much to all of you that have given up so much time to the school.

Volunteering time and skills at Coleridge

We are currently looking for anyone who is interested in becoming a gardening volunteer. Gardening and landscaping our two large sites is a big job for our site managers and our professional garden contractors. We would like to create a group of volunteers who could liaise with our contractors for specific jobs to do around the school grounds. For example, we could use volunteers to do jobs such as weeding, clearing, digging beds, planting seasonal bedding plants and welcome any donations of suitable plants (i.e., non-toxic and without thorns), as recommended by our gardening professionals. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Ching, our School Business Manager.

We are also looking for donations of old toys for the counselling service such as Play-Mobile or Sylvania Families, a shopping trolley, play food, wooden train track and trains, small Lego animals, dinosaurs, a doll's crib and dolls house furniture.

Pollution Update

As part of the air quality project that took place last half term, children created a walking zone map to help reduce air pollution around Coleridge.

The map shows different walking zones – a red zone for five minute journey time to school, and a blue zone for ten minutes. If living outside of both of the zones, parents and carers are encouraged to park in the streets just outside of the blue zone, before walking the final ten minutes of their journey to school.

The map is part of a campaign across Haringey that aims to improve the air quality in the borough. As children can be particularly susceptible to the damaging effects of pollution, Coleridge is keen to do its part to meet the aims of the project. If you would like to help support this initiative, please click here to download a copy of the Walking Zone Map, or collect one from either of the school offices, to plan your journey.

<https://coleridgeprimary.net/walk-to-school/>

If possible, you could even try scooting, cycling or using public transport to get to school.

Year 1 parents have successfully raised money and have planted up some new bushes along the fence outside Year 1 to further protect the children from the pollution from Crouch End Hill.

If you are driving to school please ensure you don't park dangerously and please be mindful of our neighbours by not parking across or on their drives and by switching off your ignition.

Attendance

As you are no doubt aware, it is extremely important that your child attends school on a full time basis. Taking time off school for extended periods can have a detrimental impact upon children's learning, and on their confidence and social wellbeing.

We do of course understand that there will be times when it may be necessary to take your child out of school, and so we review all requests for absence fairly and on a case by case basis.

To request authorisation to take your child out of school for a reason other than illness, please ensure you fill in a Pupil Leave of Absence form. This can be obtained on the school website or you can pick up a form from the school office. Forms should be submitted at least ten days before you intend to take your child out of school.

Thanking you for your continued support and cooperation.

Leon Choueke

Dates for your diaries

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – half term holiday, school closed for all children

Thursday 1st March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 8th March – Sets Parents' Evening – **Year 4-6 only**

Thursday 29th March – last day of Spring term

Monday 16th April – first day of Summer Term