



Coleridge Primary School

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Newsletter June 2017

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting final half term.

Staffing

We are very sorry to see Jules Preston and Katie Bailey leave the Coleridge staff team at the end of this academic year. Jules Preston is moving to Leeds to be an Assistant Headteacher and Katie Bailey is relocating to teach and live in Essex. We are very sorry to see them leave and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed Jessica Razimbaud to join our teaching team for next year. Kirstie Henry, who has been working part time in Year 6, will be working as a full time class teacher next year.

From September, Ruth Kirsh will be reducing her time in school to 3 days a week. Over the course of the year, Corinna Phillips, one of our Assistant Heads, will be gradually taking on the role of Inclusion Manager.

School General Election

Like Theresa May, Coleridge has decided to call its own snap election on June 9th. The children have created their own political parties: *Impact, Focus, Change and Motion*. All the parties have written their own manifestos, covering issues such as Brexit, Education, Health and taxation. Over the last couple of weeks, the children have hit the campaign trail hard. On June 9th, the children will have an opportunity to listen and challenge the different parties' policies in a live debate. The vote will also take place on Friday 9th using official polling booths and ballot boxes. The result won't be known until later on in the following week. We will of course keep you posted via the school website.

Curriculum Weeks

We have two curriculum weeks planned for this term: we will be running a Poetry Week from Monday 26th June, and our annual Healthy Living Week from Tuesday 11th July (Monday 10th is an INSET day). More details of each of these events will be sent out nearer the time.

Science Enrichment Day

On Friday 26th May, Coleridge and Highgate schools teamed up to offer an exciting day of science to children across Haringey. Up to 100 children from 12 different schools visited the PDC building in Turnpike Lane to watch an explosive chemistry demonstration by Dr. Andrew Szydlo, and to participate in practical workshops to extract DNA from strawberries and build ethanol powered rocket cars!

Coleridge and Highgate offered the day free of charge in order to inspire budding young scientists from across the borough. The day was a huge success.

Dates for your diaries

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Learning Enhancement Fund

At the end of last term, I wrote to you asking for voluntary donations for a Learning Enhancement Fund which will support the school in providing outstanding learning for our children. I am very pleased to report that £10,000 has been donated to date. Currently, in a number of year groups the interactive white board projectors are coming to the end of their lives and don't work properly. We will be spending money on buying replacement units for different classes. This will make a huge difference to the children and their learning. Thank you again to those of you that have donated. We are further investigating using Gift Aid as a means to raise extra revenue for the school. If any parents have expertise in this area, then please do get in touch.

If you would like to contribute to the 'Learning Enhancement Fund', you can do so by:

1) 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

2) If you are a U.K. Taxpayer and want to gift aid a donation to Coleridge Families please email them on coleridgefamilies@treasury@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.

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

I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation in advance, to those of you that have been able to or are prepared to make any donation of any size.

Volunteering at Coleridge

You can also support the school in other ways. Over the course of next year, we will be letting you know about various ways in which you can donate your time and skills to help enhance the experience our children have at Coleridge.



Attendance

Unfortunately, our attendance figures have fallen once again and we are now experiencing the greatest number of unauthorised absences that we have had for nearly three years. This is principally due to families booking holidays during term time which is not acceptable.

We do 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.

Summer Fair

I hope to see you all at the annual Summer Fair on Saturday 24th June. It's always a great event organised by parents and carers and this year promises to be a midsummer extravaganza!

After school and the playgrounds

The school playgrounds are open until 3.45pm daily. If you are staying, please ensure that you keep a close eye on your children and that you are aware of where they are playing and what they are doing at all times. Please also ensure that all litter is placed in the bins provided or is taken away with you; that children do not climb trees or fences; and that dogs do not enter the playground at any time.

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 diary

Saturday 24th June – Coleridge Summer Fair

Monday 10th July – INSET day school closed for all children

Tuesday 11th July – Sports Day

Tuesday 11th July – Friday 14th July - Healthy Living Week (more info to follow)

Thursday 13th July – Parents' Evening

Friday 21st July – last day of term

Tuesday 5th September – children return to school

INSET DAYS 2017 / 2018

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Thursday 21st December 2017

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Friday 6th July 2018