



# Coleridge Primary School

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## Newsletter—Issue 8

November 2015

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good break. This term promises to be a very exciting and busy seven weeks.

On the Inset Day, Coleridge hosted a science training day for over 300 local teachers and teaching assistants. The day was extremely inspirational and useful. We had the opportunity to listen and learn from some leading practitioners in the world of education and science. The learning from the day will enhance the science teaching and learning that takes place at Coleridge.

### Vision for the coming year

My talk to parents about the vision for Coleridge for the coming year was well attended by parents and carers. However, I was extremely aware that not all parents who wanted to attend could do so. I am therefore repeating my talk on Monday 16th November at 9.10 am (after drop off) in the hall on Coleridge West. The talk will last for about 45 minutes.

### Black History Month

Thank you to all of you that helped out during Black History Month. Our children experienced a rich and varied range of topics.

However, our work does not end in October. We are lucky enough to belong to a diverse community at Coleridge, and we will be celebrating the diversity of children, staff and parents throughout the whole year. We're looking forward to a series of assemblies and lessons focussing on many different races, cultures and religions as the year goes on. We have published a series of photos from a range of the different activities that took place on the school website.

**The British Red Cross** will be coming into school this week to do assemblies for junior and infant children about the work they do with refugees and asylum seekers. We will be repeating the collection we did a few years ago and asking for donations of 'bags for life' and some clothing for adults and children for Christmas. A separate letter will be sent about this to explain how you can donate and why the bags are needed.

**School Council** are busy learning about becoming a Rights Respecting School – look out for news about this.

### Library

Coleridge Families have agreed to give some funding to the school libraries. We are currently researching fiction and non-fiction books that we can buy to have in the libraries with the aim of the libraries being exciting and inspiring places for all children.

### Dates for your diaries

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Winter Bazaar (am)

Play performance—see page 2

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Class Parties (pm)

Carol Singing in Crouch End  
Tuesday 15th December after school

Last day of Autumn half term –  
Friday 18th December

**INSET DAY** Monday 4th January

First day of Spring term –  
Tuesday 5th January 2016



## The Play

The annual school play is such a highlight of the year. This year Coleridge Primary School is proud to present our interpretation of 'Peter Pan'. Year 6 children have already auditioned for the various roles and have been busy learning their lines.

The challenge year on year is to maintain the high standards of performance set by the previous year. However, the children are already buzzing with excitement, I've no doubt that this year will be, as we've come to expect, a real delight. Rehearsals for the actors and dances will be beginning very soon. If you would like to be involved in helping out in any way please let either of the school offices know, when and how you feel you could help out.

### Details of all the performances:

**Tuesday 8th December** Red Cast 10 AM – Blue Cast 1.45 PM

**Wednesday 9th December** Orange Cast 10 AM – Purple Cast 1.45 PM

**Thursday 10th December** Blue Cast 10 AM – Red Cast 1.45 PM

**Friday 11th December** Purple Cast 10 AM Orange Cast 1.45 PM



Red Performance (Classes RD, 1H, 2G, 3B, 4G & 5H)

Orange Performance (Classes RA, 1L, 2T, 3P, 4R & 5N)

Blue Performance (Classes RI, 1T, 2H, 3S, 4C & 5L)

Purple Performance (Classes RF, 1S, 2J, 3C, 4B & 5M)

## Sue Ward's retirement

Sue Ward our lovely school crossing patrol person will be retiring at the end of this term. We are very sad to see Sue go, but we wish her all the very best for her retirement. We will be organising a collection for a retirement gift for Sue and will keep you posted. We are in communication with Haringey to ensure we have a replacement for January.

## The School Website

As I'm sure you will have seen we have now launched our new school website. There may well be a few areas which we will need to tweak in order to get it up and running as we want. However we hope that you will find it easier to navigate and find the information you need. A few pointers; Home Learning and Weekly Overviews will now be published in the individual year group section. We now have an Instagram account and there will be regular pictures of what the children are doing in school and on trips. Over the next couple of months we will be populating the site with more up to date information.

## Learning Together

Learning Together is taking place next week. This is an opportunity for you to come in to school and experience how your children learn and engage with the curriculum on a daily basis. A letter has been sent out to you and sign-up sheets are available in classrooms. If you are unable to get in to school to sign up, please phone the school office and we will do our best to help you arrange a time over the three mornings for you to come in.

## **School lunches**

School lunch money should be paid at the start of each half term. If you have not paid for this half term please do so. We are also asking that all parents with outstanding lunch debts clear the balance on their accounts. The current outstanding balance of debt is not sustainable and will have a knock on effect on educational resources.

In conjunction with the children and Ashlyns (our catering company), we have put together an extremely tasty and exciting new lunch menu. The new menu will be cooked for children on East and West from Tuesday 3rd November. The new menu is available on the school website.

For parents of junior children, we have organised a taster session for you to come and try some of the food. This will take place on Wednesday 25th November in the first junior hall at 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Ashlyns staff will also be available to answer any questions.

Please note, we will have to arrange another date for parents/carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children due to numbers.

## **Trips**

There are lots of exciting trips happening this half term - Year 4 have been to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Year 3 to The Globe and Reception to Discover.

The total cost for all trips this year is £30 per child; this should be paid into your school online general prepayment account as soon as possible. For children that receive Pupil Premium, there is no cost for school trips.

## **Premises Development**

As part of an ongoing programme, we have been busy making some improvements to the schools premises. Over the half term break, stone masons abseiled down the front of Coleridge East to repair the front of the building. Reception parents can now use the front of Coleridge East to access classrooms. As can Year 2 parents if you want to access the stairs at Waverley Road end leading up to Year 2.

We have been securing the perimeter of the Haselmere playground. If your children are playing in the playground after school, please can you monitor them to ensure they do not climb on or over the fence.

Coleridge West has had new lighting installed in all Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 classrooms and in the corridors. This has made a huge difference to the brightness of the building.

Nursery also have a new entrance that will be in use from Monday 9th November. Nursery parents and carers will now be able to enter and exit the Nursery via Waverley Road playground at the end of the Nursery. This will improve the safety of our children.

## **Festive events**

There will be various festive events happening at school starting at the end of November with the Winter Bazaar. There will also be the Advent Fair, carol singing in Crouch End, children's parties and the annual staff panto (strictly for children's viewing only!). More information will be sent about these events.

This is really a special and exciting half term for our whole school community. I look forward to seeing you around at one of the many different events over the course of the next seven weeks.

**Leon Choueke**