



# Coleridge Primary School

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### Newsletter—Issue 7

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Welcome back to the new term. The summer has flown by; all the staff are well rested and are very much looking forward to working with their new classes. I would like to welcome all our new parents who have joined the school this year. I really hope that both you and your children will enjoy your time with us at Coleridge Primary School.

#### Staff

This year, we are welcoming five new teachers onto the teaching team. Katie Furlonge will be teaching in Reception, Jon Goddard in Year 2, Orlagh Creamer in Year 3, Laura Bosworth in Year 4 and Catherine Lemmon in Year 5.

At the end of last term, Bill Bonekyn our Network Manager retired. Unfortunately, at the start of the summer holiday, Bill's daughter Bryony was killed in a tragic accident in Australia. As a school, we extend our deepest sympathies to Bill and his family.

We also welcome Dave Ashworth who is our new Network Manager. Dave worked in Wandsworth supporting schools with IT and I have no doubt that he will be a real asset to the team at Coleridge.

#### Senior Leadership Team

Each year, the deputy head teachers swap sites to ensure they are able to have a good overview of the whole school. This year, Ben Strange will be the Deputy Head on West and Nina Grimes will be on East.

Our Assistant Heads, Corinna Phillips and Louise Foulkes are not assigned to one class this year. They will be responsible for developing effective intervention programmes and supporting teaching and learning across the school.

#### Leadership Team

There have also been some changes to the Leadership Team this year.

Year Group Leaders organise and run planning and assessment meetings, and they monitor the year group's data to ensure all children are in line to make expected or better than expected progress. They will also monitor and help support in dealing with behaviour issues across the year group. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about your child, then please approach the class teacher first. However, should you need to, you can also make contact with your child's Year Group Leader.

#### Dates for your diaries

**Thursday 1st October — New Reception Parents' Meeting — East**  
7.00pm refreshments in the Reception classrooms followed by a presentation at 7.30pm

**Thursday 15th October 7.30pm— An evening with Leon Choueke**

**Thursday 22nd October 4.00 -8.00pm — Parents' Evening (whole school) West**

**Friday 23rd October—Last day of half term**

**MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER—INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 3rd November—Children back to school**

**Week beginning 9th November— Learning Together sessions (details to follow)**

**Wednesday 18th November — Photographer in School individual and sibling photos**



## Leadership Team - continued

The Year Group Leaders are as follows: Early Years Foundation Stage – Maria Daniels, Year 1 - Natalie Thorn, Year 2 - Kyle Grimadell, Year 3 - Jules Preston, Year 4 - Laura Goodey, Year 5 - Lottie Higgins, Year 6 - Simon Shiel. Rebecca Godfrey and Jenny Leung have also joined the Leadership Team. Their role will be to support, develop and train our Newly Qualified Teachers and Trainee Teachers. They will also be responsible for recruiting and training parental volunteers.

There have also been some changes to other roles within the Leadership Team. Each year the school sets a School Development Plan, this year we have set four priorities for Coleridge to focus on. There are four leaders who will be leading these areas of development.

The priorities and leaders are: Computing - Jamie Breuer, Science - Ben Strange, Values and Citizenship Education - Lizzie Davies and Reading - Corinna Phillips

The Senior Leadership Team are outside in the playgrounds each morning to greet parents and children. We are also available to answer quick questions at this time. However, if you wish to discuss something in more detail, or have an issue of a delicate and sensitive nature, then please make an appointment to see one of us.

Julia Yesilirmak leads our wonderful team of teaching assistants. All classes are supported by TAs.

## Communication and Website

This year, we will be looking at communication. We want to ensure the clearest lines of communication between the school and its parent body, painting a full picture of what is happening in school, when and why.

We are currently in the process of redesigning our school website and we hope that it will be ready to be launched within the next couple of weeks. The website has been designed with clarity and functionality in mind, and we hope that it will provide you with a lot of up to date and relevant information.

On Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm I will be holding a meeting for parents to explain about new school systems we have been working hard to put in place, behaviour management, the School Development Plan and the vision for the coming year.

## Zanzibar

This summer, Lizzie Davies was lucky enough to go and visit Zulekha and her school we sponsor in Zanzibar. We raised enough money to pay for her education for a whole year. This is something we hope to do each year. Children across the school have been in contact with children in Zanzibar, swapping letters and learning what it is like to grow up and learn in Kiwengwa.



## Trips

This year, we will be booking trips for each year group in advance and we are trialling a new system for payments of trips. There will be a minimum of 3 trips over the course of the year and the total cost for all trips will be £30 (£15 for children that receive Pupil Premium). We are asking that parents pay the full £30 this half term and if the trips do not total the full amount then your payment can be carried over to the following year, or credited to your account. If it is a problem to pay £30 then please see either office. The money for trips should be paid online on the school payment system.

## Building Works to Coleridge East

Over the course of the first term, we have to do some maintenance to the front of Coleridge East and may have to erect some scaffolding. This will impact on Reception classes and access to Year 2 classrooms. You will be able to access 1T and 1H from the front entrance, however please use our Haselmere and Waverley Road entrances for all other classrooms when you pick up and drop off.

## Clubs

This year, we continue to run a variety of before and after school activities for the children. Letters for the school run clubs will be coming out shortly and we will also be posting a list of all clubs that are run by outside people on our website with dates and contact details should you want to enrol your children.

## Punctuality & Attendance

Last year, I am happy to report, our attendance levels increased and Coleridge now has attendance levels in line with the national average. This is partly due to parents not taking their children on holiday during term time, your cooperation is appreciated. As an outstanding school we need to increase our attendance further. I am very optimistic that this is something that we as a school can achieve together, thank you for your cooperation and support.

We open the school gates at 8.45 a.m. so parents have time to take their children to various classrooms and ensure they are settled. Coleridge East - your child can be left with the teacher or teaching assistant from 8.50 a.m. Coleridge West – children have plenty of time to make their way to the classroom after the gate opens at 8.45 a.m.

All children should be in their classroom before the register at 9 a.m. A relaxed, punctual start to everyone's day has a huge impact on a child's well-being and their ability to learn. Please ensure your child is in school on time.

## After School

Coleridge East - you are welcome to stay in school at the end of the school day until 4pm, however if you are staying please can you use the Haselmere playground. After school hours it is your responsibility to look after your child in the playground. Staff cannot monitor behaviour issues once school has closed as they are busy meeting, preparing and planning for the following day.

On Coleridge West the school playground in front of Year 3 and 4 is open for you to use until 4.30pm. The playgrounds at Crescent Road end, where the allotments and outdoor classroom are should not be used after school.

School toilets should only be used in an emergency after school as the cleaners need time and space to ensure they are clean for the morning.

## Security

Please can I remind you about the use of the doors coming in and out of school. Our main aim is to keep the children safe and keep the school warm.

East - **please avoid using the door by the office unless you need to see a member of the office staff.** When you have spoken to the necessary person please go back the normal route to classrooms. It is very difficult to monitor children coming and going through the doors at the entrance if there is a lot of activity there – so you will greatly reduce the risk if you enter and leave the building via the entrance requested. Many thanks.

Morning Nursery children should be brought to school via the Waverley Road entrance and collected via the main office. The Afternoon Nursery children should come into school via the main office and leave via the Waverley Road gate. Reception children should come via the Waverley Road entrance or the front gates and go directly to classrooms (when the building work is finished). Please do not use the main office doors. Year 1 children should come through the Haslemere Road entrance or the front gates and go directly to the classrooms. Year 2 children should come through the Waverley Road entrance and up the back stairs or the Haslemere Road entrance and along the corridor.

East and West Office - a reminder that last year we installed letter boxes, which are located outside both East and West main entrances, to be used for posting completed forms or any other correspondence (not payments), and saves time waiting at the office, particularly when things are busy at the start of term.

I'm really looking forward to a lovely half term.

Best wishes  
Leon Choueke