



Coleridge Primary School

Learners for life

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Newsletter April 2017

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. This year has certainly flown by and we are very much looking forward to a spectacular term ahead.

School Snap General Elections

As you are aware, the country is about to enter into another period of election fever. Coleridge is no different; the staff are already busy planning to run another mock election to give our children an opportunity to experience first-hand how to vote; to understand the importance of voting; how to run a campaign; and how the electoral system works. Our previous mock elections have been a lot of fun but have also been very informative and exciting for the children.

End of Year Reports

Thank you to those of you that took the time to answer the questionnaire that was sent out about end of year reports - we had a huge response from parents. The feedback received has enabled us to slightly refine our format and to come up with a more informative and exact way of reporting back to you at the end of the summer term.

Whole school song

Last term we ran a competition to find a new whole school song. Each year group had a different song to rehearse and then perform in a whole school singing competition. The children's performances were first rate and it was very difficult to decide on a winning song. After much deliberation the judges chose, 'If you want to sing out, sing out' by Cat Stevens. You can watch the children performing each of their songs on the school website. <https://coleridgeprimary.net/whole-school-song-competition/>

Author Visits

We've been very fortunate in having a number of visiting authors and illustrators this year. In the Autumn term, Julian Clary and his illustrator David Roberts did a talk for the junior children on their joint collaboration, 'The Bolds', along with some live illustrating. In the Spring term, Steven Lenton came to talk to Year 1 and Year 2 about his latest book, 'Let's Find Fred', and the children all drew along with him. Jim Smith came to talk to the juniors about his series of books, 'Barry Loser', and showed them how to create their own Barry Loser style illustrations. This term we have Peter Bunzl, author of 'Cogheart', coming in to do an author event with Year 5 and Year 6 and Pamela Butchart is going to be doing an author event with Years 1 to 4, promoting her book, 'There's a Werewolf in My Tent', part of her series which has won a Blue Peter Book Award. Finally, we have the poet Paul Lyalls visiting us in May to run workshops with each Year 3 and Year 4 class.

Dates for your diaries

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

One of our parents has very kindly been working with the school to ensure that all information about before and after school clubs is kept up to date. There is now a full and comprehensive list of all the clubs we offer. There is also a link you can click on to find out times, dates, see costs and contact information.

<https://coleridgeprimary.net/learning/extra-curricular/clubs/>

Nursery

We are currently in the process of revamping our nursery. From September, we will be offering 30 hour places as well as 15 hour places. We are also looking to provide after school care for our nursery children from 3.15 - 6pm. We will be writing to you soon with more details about this provision. We are also extending our nursery playground to incorporate more spaces for the children to plant and dig.



Public Speaking

On Tuesday 14th March, a group of Year 6 children took part in a public speaking competition at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, and won! The team of six delivered a speech and answered questions on the subject of Winston Churchill and his achievements. The Coleridge team beat off competition from some of the most prestigious prep schools in the country and accepted the award from the Duchess of Marlborough.

Learning Enhancement Fund

At the end of last term, I wrote to you asking for voluntary donations for a Learning Enhancement Fund which we hope will help support the school in its aim to continue to provide outstanding learning for our children. I am very pleased to report that £5000 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.
- 2) 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).

The account details required for standing orders and on-line payments are:

Account Name: Coleridge Primary School London Borough of Haringey

Account Number: 10 45 45 63

Sort Code: 30-99-86

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

General Election

Due to the snap General Election on Thursday 8th June 2017, we have been informed that Coleridge West will be used as a polling station. Unfortunately, for the safety of the children, Coleridge West will have to be closed for all junior children.

I have challenged this decision in the past and have repeated my request that the Electoral Service Officer at Haringey find alternative premises for polling. However, the Electoral Commission states that Head teachers cannot refuse to allow their school to be used as a polling station; therefore I am left with no choice.

I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

After school and the playgrounds

The school playgrounds are open until 3.45pm daily. If you are staying please can you 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 taken away with you, that children do not climb trees or fences, and that dogs do not enter the playground.

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

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday – school closed for all children

Friday 26th May – last day of half term

Monday 5th June – first day of half term

Thursday 8th June – Polling Day West closed for Children

Saturday 24th June – Coleridge Summer Fair

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

Tuesday 11th July – Sports Day (please note this new date)

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