



Coleridge Primary School

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Newsletter February 2017

Welcome back to the start of a new half term. As always, the children have all returned to school with great gusto and enthusiasm.



Fair Funding For All Schools

On Tuesday 21st February, a group of our parents organised and held a meeting to raise awareness about the pending cuts that schools nationally are facing. The meeting was extremely well attended with over 200 parents from Coleridge and from other schools locally. Speakers on the night included Catherine West MP, Jo Yurkey (Fair Funding For All Schools), Madeline Holy (Rescue our Schools), and Rob Kensall from the NAHT.

The campaign group *Fair Funding for All Schools* have also organised a day of action this Saturday 25th February. If you are interested in joining in the campaign, parents and children will be meeting at Hornsey Town Hall between 11am and 1pm. You can find out more about the campaign at: www.fairfundingforallschools.org

Parents have also started an on-line petition, a link to which can be found below: <https://www.change.org/p/all-our-children-deserve-a-great-education-stop-the-cuts-to-schools>

Governor Surgeries

Since the beginning of the spring term, governors have been running regular parental surgeries for any members of the school community who would like to raise issues or offer suggestions. The surgeries are proving to be a useful, new avenue for parental communication and are growing in popularity. Please keep an eye on the school calendar to see when the governors' surgeries are running.

A song for Coleridge

The children are busy rehearsing for a whole school singing competition. Each year group has been allocated a song which will be performed at a concert on the Thursday 30th March. The winning song will be launched as our new whole school song. All the songs that are going to be performed were suggested by the children themselves.

Dates for your diaries

Parents' Evening

Thursday 2nd March

World Book day

Thursday 2nd March

Last day of term

31st March 2017



Young Voices Concert

As On Wednesday 18th January, Coleridge’s Junior Performance Choir joined together with other school groups from all over London and the south east to perform in one of the Young Voices concerts at the O2 Arena in Greenwich. Our 30 talented singers made their contribution to a huge choir that totalled 7,495 children in all!

As well as the choir, there were solo singers, beatboxers and a street dance group who entertained the children and their audience of friends and family alike.

It was a long day that included a two and a half hour rehearsal in the afternoon, but it was an unforgettable experience for all the children and grown-ups that were there and one that we definitely hope to repeat in the future.

The choir will be performing some of the songs they have learnt in both infant and junior assemblies in the next few weeks.

Parking

If you drive to school, please observe the parking restrictions around the school site and do not obstruct access to the homes of our neighbours. We have had numerous complaints about parents parking across residents driveways. There are now parking enforcement officers patrolling the roads around the school before and after drop off.

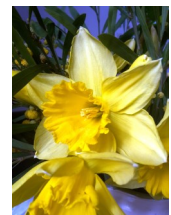
After school arrangements

You are welcome to stay in the playgrounds after school, however please can you ensure that you **leave the school grounds by 3.45pm**. If your child walks home alone, they cannot stay unaccompanied in the playground after school. If your child is picked up by a childminder, please can you ensure they know the above arrangements.

Signs of spring are thankfully starting to show—please be extra careful of the school grounds and protect the spring bulbs and buds from any damage. Thank you

We are looking forward to an exciting half term.

Leon Choueke



Some photos from last year’s World Book Day. This year WBD is on Thursday 2nd March 2017.

