



Newsletter September 2017

I hope you all had a restful summer break.

It has been lovely seeing the children coming back in to school filled with energy and enthusiasm, and settling well into their new classes. The staff have been working hard, preparing and planning an exciting and enjoyable autumn term.

I would like to welcome all our new families to the school; I hope you will be extremely happy during your time here.

Changes to the Staff Team

A number of new staff have joined the Coleridge staff team this term; Jessica Razimbaud has joined our teaching team in Year 5. Alba Valverde is working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1, and Ta Woranuch is working as a Teaching Assistant in Reception. Katie Block has also joined our Admin team and will be working on both Coleridge East and West. 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. Our other Assistant Head, Louise Foulkes, will continue to develop teaching and learning across the school, especially in maths.

Each year, the Deputy Headteachers 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 the East.

Your class teacher should always be your first point of contact should you need to. This year the leaders are:

- Nursery - Laura Goodey
- Reception - Maria Daniels
- Year 1 - Tim Ibbotson
- Year 2 - Kyle Grimadell
- Year 3 - Natalie Thorn
- Year 4 - Lizzie Davies
- Year 5 - Jenny Leung
- Year 6 - Simon Shiel

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School Improvement

We were very pleased with our SATs results. Both Year 2 and Year 6 results highlighted some real improvement in areas that we had been focusing on, in particular our results for reading and writing in both Key Stages. We are currently analysing our assessment data and will be identifying new areas for development and improvement. The SATs results for this year will be published on the school website in the next few days.

Each year the school identifies and plans actions for improvement through our School Development Plan (SDP). This year we have identified 3 areas for our SDP:

- 1.To refine and strengthen the school's assessment procedures.
- 2.To raise the attainment and progress of our Pupil Premium Children.
- 3.To develop the outdoors and play space on Coleridge West.

I will be holding my annual talk for parents and carers where I will go into more detail on the above priorities on each of these areas of school development and other areas for improvement which have been identified by our data. This will take place Thursday 26th September at 9.10am after drop off and then again at 7.30pm in the hall on Coleridge West.

School trips

This year we are changing the way in which we organise school trips and how they are paid for. The DfE state that contributions for school trips have to be voluntary. However, last year we did not receive enough contributions for certain trips and consequently, they had to be cancelled. This year we are asking for a £30 voluntary contribution per child which needs to be paid by **6th October**. Once each year team knows how much they have collected, they will then be able to budget and book trips accordingly. A letter detailing this will be sent out to you over the next week. Please do look out for it in your inbox.

Learning Enhancement Fund

A huge thank you to all those of you that made a donation to the Learning Enhancement Fund last year. We were overwhelmed by the generosity. We spent the money that was donated on replacing some of our interactive whiteboards that were very dated and ineffective. The new technology is extremely expensive; we will be looking to replace more and more of the older boards with new boards. To date, we have replaced all the boards in Year 5 and 6. They are already making a huge difference to the children and their learning.



Learning Enhancement Fund

If you would like to contribute to the Learning Enhancement Fund you can do so in one of the following ways:

1. If you are a U.K. Taxpayer and want to gift aid a donation to Coleridge Families please email them at coleridgefamielstresury@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.

2. 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

3. Making a one off payment at the school office, by cheque (please make 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.

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.

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.

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

Yours sincerely, Leon Choueke

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 26th September 2017 - Leon Choueke will be presenting information to parents and carers about plans for further school development and the forthcoming year; we hope you are able to make one of the meetings. The meetings will be in West hall at 9a.m. and repeated at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 17th October – photographer in for sibling groups

Thursday 19th October – Parents’ Evening – 4-6pm and 6.30-8pm in West hall (for all year groups)

Friday 20th October – last day of half term

Tuesday 31st October – children return to school for Autumn 2 half term

Monday 13th November – photographer in school for individual photographs

Thursday 23rd November – Sets Parents’ Evening – 4-6pm and 6.30-8pm in West hall (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 only)

Tuesday 12th - 15th December 2017 – performances of the school play – more information will be sent soon.

Wednesday 20th December – last day of school for children

Thursday 4th January 2018 – children return to school for Spring term