



Coleridge Primary School

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Newsletter January 2019

Welcome back to the new term, we all hope you had a good and restful break. The last term finished on a real high with the many wonderful performances of 'Maid Marion and Robin Hood'. A huge thank you to all of you who were able to give up your time to help in making the play such a memorable experience for the whole school community. The children are still talking about how much they enjoyed the experience.

On the last day of term, the staff followed on with a performance of their own, the annual staff pantomime for the children. This year it was our unique interpretation of Aladdin. They had a lot to live up to following on from the children's acting and dancing during the week. I'm sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work and energy that they bring to school each day.

Staffing

Last term we said goodbye to Sinead Garvey who had been teaching in the nursery. We have appointed Anna Koutsopoulou to teach in the nursery until Laura Goodey returns from Maternity Leave.

We are currently training one of our members of staff to become a qualified teacher. Claire Slater has been working in Year 2 last term. She is now undertaking an alternative placement at St Mary's in Hornsey and will be there for 8 weeks; we her the very best of luck with her new placement. We also would like to welcome Jemma Driver who is a trainee from St Mary's. Jemma will be working alongside Kate Ibbotson in 2P.

We also welcome Lisa Thayers to the staff team, who is working as a SEND teaching assistant.

Communicating with school & following us on social media

A positive relationship between the school and our parent body is of paramount importance to us. We constantly thrive to communicate with you as effectively as possible.

The Leadership Team and the Senior Leadership Team are available should you wish to discuss any matters relating to your child, but your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diaries

INSET days – these are training days for staff when school is closed to all children.

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Communicating with school & following us on social media

As well as Instagram, Coleridge, now has a Twitter feed; you can follow the school on @ColeridgeN8. We have our own Facebook page, ColeridgeN8. We are regularly updating all our sites with news and information about what your children are up to each day at school. The staff blog has replaced the headteacher's blog on the website. To date we have published blogs on SATs, emotional wellbeing, teaching and learning in the early years and on school league tables. We will let you know when the next blog has been published.

Following on from our parental survey about the school website, we are currently working on improving what we currently have. We hope that our new look website should be up and running by the end of the spring term.

School Talks

We have organised a talk for parents on 31st January on 'Calmer, Easier, Happier, Screen Time' which is being run by Noël Janis-Norton. Noel is an educator, author, parenting advisor and public speaker. She is internationally known for her unique Calmer, Easier, Happier parenting and teaching methods, which teach families how to become more harmonious and which guide teachers to bring out the best in their pupils. We were overwhelmed by the response from parents and subsequently have reached the capacity of parents we can accommodate on the night. We will be looking to organise more of this type of event for parents by external speakers as well as sessions run by our own staff.

Playgrounds

We are starting to make progress with the redevelopment of our many play spaces. On the East we have nearly finished building a new playground for our nursery children. The playground has been built and designed by our very talented site managers, Paul Baker and Darren Whynn. The project has been overseen by the nursery team and there has also been involvement from some nursery parents. Thank you so much for all your help, time and support.

We are about to begin the process of consulting children, staff and parents, to come up with a concrete design brief for the playgrounds on Coleridge West. We anticipate that this work will be undertaken over the course of this term. Haringey have undertaken a survey of the site, but we are still waiting to hear back from them as to what support they will offer with the renovations.

The playgrounds are now closed after school and we would ask you to leave the school grounds by 3.30pm. Following on from a meeting with parents about the closure of the playgrounds there are a group of parents who are investigating the possibility of organising a weekly 'stay and play club'. More details to follow.

Please can I remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premises, even if they are being carried. Please leave them outside the gates or at home.

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