Coleridge Primary School



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November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Weekly Overviews

Please see the Weekly Overviews for information about the areas of learning we are covering each week; these are posted weekly on Parent Hub. This will include the phonics, maths, key text and wider curriculum areas that we are exploring throughout the week in class. Parent Hub is also a space for you to interact with your child's learning and view pictures/videos of what has been happening in class. It is also a space for the class teacher to post messages and information related to the class so please do check in regularly.

Stay and Play

On **Tuesday 21st November** and **Wednesday 22nd November** we will be inviting parents/carers into the classrooms for a Reception open morning. These will run from 8:50am - 9:25am and will be a chance for you to spend some time in the classroom and interact with your child's learning. Your class teacher will put up a sign-up sheet at the classroom door from next week.

School play

This term we will be getting ready for the school play, 'A Tale of Two Scrooges'. Each Reception class will learn a dance and perform it on the stage in Coleridge West – more information about costumes etc. to follow! For your diary the performance dates are:

Dress rehearsals:

Thursday 7th December: Red cast – AM, Blue cast – PM Friday 8th December: Orange cast – AM, Purple cast – PM

Performances:

Tuesday 12th December: Red cast – AM, Blue cast – PM

Wednesday 13th December: Orange cast – AM, Purple cast – PM

Thursday 14th December: Blue cast – AM, Red cast – PM Friday 15th December: Purple cast – AM, Orange cast – PM

Performance start times:

Morning performances **9:45**Afternoon performances **13.30**

Reading

Please remember to bring in your child's reading bag (complete with the 2 reading books and 1 library book) on their designated book swap day, this information can be found displayed in your classroom window. We are unable to send home new books if the previous ones are not returned. We will be reading with every child each week in small guided reading sessions as well as 1-2-1 over the half term.

Headteacher Leon Choueke

Louise Foulkes, our school Deputy Head and Reading Lead, will be posting some *bitesize* 'how to' guides to support parent/carers with reading. These will be short videos that you can watch in your own time to understand our ethos around reading at Coleridge, how phonics is taught and useful tips and ideas for you to support your children at home. Please look out for more information on Parent Hub for when you can access these.

Cooking

Thank you for all the cooking money donations made last half term. We will continue to cook with the children each week and ask parents to give a voluntary contribution. This enables us to buy the ingredients. Please give the money directly to your Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant. Please do remember that this is completely voluntary, any amount is appreciated!

Junk Modelling

We are always in need of junk modelling materials but please can we ask that you do not bring in milk containers or glass items. If possible, we would prefer to have cardboard boxes or clean and dry plastic containers.

Start and end of the day

For security reasons, we lock the classroom doors to register the children at 9am. It can be very disruptive for children who have already been dropped off if there are parents/children still at the door at this time, so please say goodbye and leave by 9am so that we can ensure a calm start to the day for all children. If you arrive at school after 9am, please register your child at the office.

The playgrounds will be closed and the school gates will be locked at 3.30pm every day.

Very important information

Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances - it is vital that we have accurate information about any medical conditions or food allergies/intolerances your child may have. Please report any changes to the school office.

Contact details - on several occasions, when trying to contact some parents/carers if their child is unwell or has had an accident, we've been unable to get hold of anyone, usually because mobile numbers have been changed but we have not been notified. Please make sure you have informed the office of any changes to your contact details.

Absence – for safeguarding reasons, it's essential that you inform the school of the reason why your child is not in school. Please phone school or email admin@coleridgeprimary.net

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. We are looking forward to a busy and fun half term.

Yours sincerely, The Reception Team