



## November 2024

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.

### School play

This term we will be getting ready for the school play, 'Matilda'. 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 5<sup>th</sup> December: **Purple cast** – AM (*Blue classes watching*), **Blue cast** – PM (*Purple classes watching*)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: **Orange cast** – AM (*Red classes watching*), **Red cast** – PM (*Orange classes watching*)

#### **Performances:**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: **Purple cast** – AM, **Blue cast** – PM

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: **Orange cast** – AM, **Red cast** – PM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: **Blue cast** – AM, **Purple cast** – PM

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: **Red 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.

Louise Foulkes, our school Deputy Head and Reading Lead, has posted some *bitesize* 'how to' guides to support parent/carers with reading. They are 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

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for you to support your children at home. There is a QR code on every classroom door to access this site and it has been posted on Parent hub. We will also be sending home a link to the Little Wandle e-library website where your child will be able to access an eBook within the same book band as they are reading at school.

### **Trips**

We are currently in the process of booking three school trips for the year ahead. More information will follow shortly.

### **Cooking**

Thank you for all the cooking money donations that you have already made. 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, clean and dry plastic containers, bottle tops, toilet tubes ...

### **Start and end of the day**

For security reasons, we lock the classroom doors to register the children at 8.50am. 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 8.50am, please register your child at the office.

Please make sure that your children do not play with the resources and equipment in the Reception playground after school has finished.

### **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. If your child is going to be absent, you can either phone the school, email [admin@coleridgeprimary.net](mailto:admin@coleridgeprimary.net) or register the absence on ParentHub.

**Date for your diary** – Christmas Carol Concert – 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

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