



Coleridge Primary School

Learners for Life

Newsletter—Issue 2

November 2014

The first half term seems to have flown by but it is lovely to see all our children settled into to their new classes and year groups.

Over the next half term the staff will be continuing to develop and evaluate our Behaviour Policy. We will be spending the first part of the INSET day on the 24th November refining and developing the policy so that it is ready for implementation in January 2015. Groups of children have also been consulted to ensure that their views are included.

As I wrote in my October blog on the website, “Any good behaviour policy needs to allow for children to feel safe and to help develop respect and empathy for others. It needs children to understand the consequences of their behaviour and the impact it may have on those around them.” This will be central to our new policy.

The Play

The play this year is ‘*James and the Giant Peach*’. There is already a buzz of excitement around the school. The annual play is such a corner stone in our calendar and it is always wonderful to see so many children, staff and parents working together in so many different ways, preparing for the numerous performances. The children get so much out of the play, and I can’t wait to see the finished product. Performance dates and details have been posted on the school website.

Trips

This year the children have been on a variety of trips, children have been to Queens Wood, The National Ballet, The Tower of London and Lego Land. We have also had visitors in the school - some of our Year 5 children have been working with the National Theatre learning about Romeo and Juliet, and Year 6 will be working with the Fresh Water Theatre Company.

Dates for your diaries

**INSET Days - Staff training days -
School closed for all children**

Monday 24th November 2014 –
Behaviour and Raising achievement in writing

Monday 26th January 2015 –
Evaluation of formative assessment procedures in school

Monday 20th July 2015 – School
Development planning (SDP)

Friday 28th November – Winter
Bazaar (am)

Thursday 18th December – Class
Parties (pm)

Friday 19th December – Toy Day

Last day of Autumn half term –
Friday 19th December

First day of Spring term –
Monday 5th January 2015





Halloween Party in Nursery

Learning Together

We are hosting our annual Learning Together sessions on the 11th, 12, and 13th November. The aim of these sessions is for you to spend time with your child in school and to gain a better understanding of the way in which your child learns. The sessions are always fun, informative and do give you an insight into your children's lives at school. Sign-up sheets are up in classrooms.

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Maths Curriculum Evening

We are also running a Maths Curriculum evening on the 27th November just before the Advent Fair. This is another opportunity for you to gain insight into how we teach Maths across the school. Teachers will be on hand to talk you through what is taught in each year group, and of course they will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

School Lunches

The new School Lunch Menu is on the school website in 'Downloads.' The menu, which has been created through consultation with the children, offers a wide range of exciting and healthy meal choices. If your child currently has a packed lunch and you would like them to have our school lunches instead, please see the office.

School Lunch Bills

The school is currently owed a significant amount of money from unpaid lunch bills. Can you please ensure that you pay any outstanding amounts you owe the school by the end of this month? If you would like to discuss any issues around paying your bill, please visit the school office to make an appointment to see me.

Pupil Premium Funding or Free School Meals Funding

If you are receiving certain state benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals and Pupil Premium Funding for your child. Pupil Premium Funding is money which the school receives in order to offer additional support to children whose family receives state benefits.

The amount per child is £1,300 and this entitles you to subsidised rates for before and after school clubs (not the private clubs), free or subsidised instrumental Haringey music lessons and instrumental hire. The money also assists the school to run a number of intervention programmes for reading, writing, maths and developing children's social skills.

If you do meet the criteria then we ask that you apply or renew your application with Haringey Council. If you choose to provide your child with a packed lunch it is still important that you apply, as without the application the funding will not be allocated to the school.



Outdoor Learning Week

Pupil Premium Funding or Free School Meals Funding — continued

You can telephone the Haringey Contact Centre on 020 8489 1000.

Or for more information please visit the Haringey Council website.

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.htm#fsm-clothing-grant>

If you would like a printed application form you can collect one from the school office or from a Customer Service Centre.

Coleridge Families

This year as well as organising the usual fundraising events for the school, Coleridge Families are running a number of new events designed purely as a social gathering for parents to get together, mix, and get to know each other. This term they have run a number of very successful coffee mornings in the Boffey House. Their next coffee morning is on Friday 5th December at 9 o'clock in Boffey House (entrance on Waverley Road). There will also be an informal Committee Meeting in the Staff Room on West on Thursday 13th November @ 7.40pm.

Coleridge Families are also going to be organising events to raise awareness around different issues, the first of which will be on the 17th January 2015. In conjunction with Team Margot and Delete Blood Cancer UK, Coleridge Families are hosting a 'Swab. Save a Life' day in memory of an inspirational 2 year-old girl called Margot who sadly lost her fight with leukaemia on 27th October 2014. We will be sending out more details shortly.

Coleridge Families now have a Facebook page which they use to communicate, advertise their events and share ideas. They currently have over 200 followers but are looking to expand this to include as many Coleridge families as possible. If you would like to join the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/coleridge.families/>

Thank you for all your support this year and I look forward to another successful half term.

Leon Choueke