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Newsletter—Issue 5

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Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and busy half term. We are absolutely delighted with our recent outstanding Ofsted judgement, and will be working hard to build on this and move the school forward.

Staffing

Pat Roberts who has worked at Coleridge for many years working as a teaching assistant and then supporting children one to one, has decided to retire at the end of this half term. She will be replaced by Trina Sawdy who is currently a teaching assistant in Year 2. We will certainly miss Pat - her dedication, expertise and positivity has been an incredible asset to Coleridge. I am sure she will have a wonderful retirement. Caitlin Koumbas, a teaching assistant in Year 4 has moved on to pastures new and we wish her well.

Special Educational Needs

We are currently in the process of growing our Special Educational Needs provision across the school. Working alongside Ruth Kirsh are two SEND Assistants Michelle Dottore and Trina Sawdy. Sarah Holmes has also joined the team as admin support. The new team structure will enable more children's needs to be met; more teachers will receive support in class for specific children and we will be able to run more targeted intervention and support programmes. The SEND teaching assistants will also now have regular team meetings for training and peer support.

Polling Day

The school has been informed that Coleridge East will have to be used for a polling station on Thursday 7th May. Therefore Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will not be able to come to school that day. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday – no school for children

Thursday 7th May—Polling Day — School closed for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2

Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May - Cultures of Coleridge Week

Friday 22nd May – last day of half term

Monday 1st June – children return to school

Friday 17th July – last day of school for all children

Monday 20th July – INSET day – school closed for all children



Cultures of Coleridge Week

We have begun planning our curriculum week 'Cultures of Coleridge' to celebrate and learn about all the different cultures and backgrounds of our children. We would love to have as much parental and grandparent input as possible. If you would like to be involved in the planning or have something you could do with our children, then please let us know. It could be as simple as reading a story to a group of children, cooking or even something musical. Whatever your talent or interest please let us know that you would like to be involved by emailing the school admin@coleridgeprimary.net leaving your name, child's name and class and a contact number or address.

Spring Dig— Saturday 25th April, 2015



Outdoors

Now that the weather has improved more and more of the children's learning is taking place outdoors. Different year groups are working to improve different areas of the school, making hanging baskets or planting in the allotments. Nursery has spent two days at Queens Wood doing Forest School this term and last term. The new Forest School area at Coleridge is also regularly in use by different classes. On Saturday 25th April we have our annual Spring Dig. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible coming along to help, plant, tidy, weed and build. There will be sandwiches and tea and coffee provided. Coleridge Families will be sending out more details nearer

Playgrounds after school

Waverley playground will now shut once the Nursery closes at 3.40pm to enable our Reception teachers time to set up for the next day. If you would like to stay at school please use the playground on Haselmere Road. The gates on the Haselmere playground shut at 4pm. Again you are welcome to use the grounds but please do ensure you are able to see your children at all times, we have had incidents of children playing on their own around the back of the school with no adult supervision. Please note the MUGA is out of bounds after school and is reserved for after school clubs. Please make sure that any rubbish is put in the bin.

Water

We are looking to repair the water fountains in the playground, constant use and children climbing on them have meant that they are currently out of action; we will hopefully have them back up and running as soon as possible. In the meantime please make sure your child has a water bottle. All classrooms have filtered water taps in their middle areas to fill them.

Headteacher's Blog

Each month I update my headteacher's blog on the school website. If you are interested in having a read it is on the front page of the school website. www.coleridgeprimary.net

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 to make an appointment or email me head@coleridgeprimary.net

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