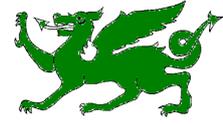


Colgate Primary School  
Newsletter 3  
January 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone and a big thank you for the cards and gifts sent into school for Christmas. They were very much appreciated.

The term has started really well and everyone is working hard at their new topics. Class teachers will be sending home their termly topic information by email by the end of this week. (13th January) Please look out for these in your inbox.

Just a reminder that as most letters are now electronic, please add the email address you would like to receive correspondence to your Parentpay account. More than one parent/carer email can be added per child. If you would like a secondary email address added, please contact the school office.

We have been looking at the flow of morning traffic on the playground. From Monday January 16th, we are requesting that all parents leave from the main playground gate once you have said goodbye to your child in the line. This will significantly reduce the congestion especially around Apple and Maple class and will give the children much easier access to the cloakroom. The children in Apple class have been learning about independence with regards to their belongings so this will also support them with this transition.

We will relocate the message board for Apple and Maple classes to under the canopy so you can come and make a note on it before 8.40am if needed. Of course there may be occasions when you have an urgent message for the class teacher or teaching assistant. These can still be passed to the relevant person in the morning as needed.

This arrangement should result in a smoother start to the day for everyone. The main gate will be supervised until the last parents have left, so the playground will remain secure at all times. Children who arrive after 8.40am should come to the office to sign in.

Please could we request that nobody parks close to the top of Blackhouse Road near the junction with the Forest Road. We have had a couple of incidents at this point in the road. It makes it impossible for cars to enter and exit the road safely. We are also experiencing parking across the entrance to the school car park and neighbouring drives. Inhibiting movement of cars by blocking these areas does impact on the residents, staff and safe movement in the road. The drop off system at the gate is very secure so please be reassured that your child is safe on the playground once you have seen them in. Children can always be left on the playground whilst you park safely if you would like to return to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Many children are bringing their Pokemon cards into school at the moment. Whilst we can see the benefits of talking about their collections, we are not permitting the children to swap their cards during the school day as this can bring about difficult situations. Please could you remind your children if they bring them in that they are only for looking at. Thank you.

We would welcome parent/carer helpers in school to support teachers with hearing children read. If you feel you could offer a regular slot to the school please could you contact the school office. Your help would be very much appreciated.

We have arranged this term's class assembly dates, please see below. We have also set the INSET day dates for 2017/18 for your diaries.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Winn

**Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Winn Deputy Headteacher: Mr Sam Clark Chair of Governors: Dr. Richard. Bantin**

## **Dates for your Diary 2017—2018**

### **JANUARY**

18th: Rescheduled Friends of Colgate (PTA) meeting @8.45am, School library

31st: Friends of Colgate AGM @ 8.45am, School library

### **FEBRUARY**

1st: SAT's meeting for Yr 2 & 6 parents @ 3.30pm

20th – 24th: HALF TERM

27th: Parents Evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm.)

28th: Late Parents Evening (4.30pm – 7pm)

### **MARCH**

9th: Maple Class assembly 9am

10th: Willow Class assembly 9am

14th: English Workshop for Parents @ 3.30pm

17th: Cedar Class assembly 9am

24th: RED NOSE DAY – Non-Uniform Day

Oak Class assembly 9am

31st: Apple Class assembly

### **APRIL**

7th: Easter Service @ 1.30pm

End of Term

(10th – 21st April: Easter Holidays)

24th: BACK TO SCHOOL

26th: Class Photos

### **MAY**

1st: Bank Holiday

8th – 12th: Year 6 SATs Week

(29th – 2nd: HALF TERM)

### **JUNE**

5th: INSET day

12th: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

30th: Sports Day Afternoon. Starting at 1pm.

Summer Fair after sports day.

### **JULY**

5th: Yr 4, 5 & 6 Production Performances @2pm & 6pm

7th: Reserve Day Sports Day Afternoon

25th: Leavers Assembly @ 2pm

END OF TERM

## **INSET DAYS 2017—2018**

Monday 4th September INSET

Tuesday 5th September INSET

*Back to school Wednesday 6th September*

*Half term 23rd to 27th October*

Monday 30th October INSET

*End of Autumn term 20th December*

*Start of Spring term 2018 4th January*

*Half term 13th to 16th February*

Monday 19th February INSET

*Easter break 30th March to 13th April*

*Summer half term 28th May to 1st June*

Monday 4th June INSET

END OF TERM Tuesday 24th July 2018