

Colgate School Newsletter

April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

All is settled at school and the children are working really hard as ever. We've recently opened our trim trail as the area has grown in with grass for now and we didn't want to wait any longer to use it. We will be fencing the area with a low fence and are in the process of purchasing rubber matting which will also allow the grass to grow through for extra safety. Classes are playing on it one day at a time to avoid overcrowding—it's great to see the children using it!

After school clubs are underway again and a reminder that our Dragons after school club is available for booking **by the Friday before the coming week** if you would like child care until 4.45pm or 5.30pm. These sessions run every day except the later session on a Friday which is currently not requested by enough children to staff.

We are really pleased that so many of our families are now using the Dragon car park to walk to school. This has made Blackhouse Road much safer at drop off and pick up times. Please remember if you are still driving to school **not to park or stop on the zigzags** as this can create jams for staff using the car park and an unsafe crossing for those walking down.

The pub is beginning to open so will shortly have many more public cars parking there each day. In the mornings, please be aware of safety here and to ensure that Year 6 children meet in the corner car park annexe, not to wait in the main car park area. Another request with regards to safety is to **keep to the left of the lane when walking down to the school**. Due to the sharp bend by the top of the footpath, it is safer to keep to the side of the houses when walking back to the car park too. With more electric cars on the road, approaching cars cannot always be heard and residents are sometimes finding groups of walkers spread across the road rather than keeping to one side. Thank you so much for helping by using the walk down—we are working hard to keep all groups safe whilst using the route and also are mindful of the local residents and owner of the pub who also has the car park to monitor.

As some Covid restrictions are beginning to lift, we are looking at ways to run summer events. We are hoping to run two Sports afternoons near the end of term for parents and carers to attend on the field if we can. More information will follow.

We are also looking for any safe fundraising ideas for our PFC to be involved in. If you have any thoughts about this, please do contact the school.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend,

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn

Dates for your calendars

Start of term—Monday April 19th

Bank holiday—May 3rd

Oak class swimming starts—Monday May 17th

Half term—31st May to 4th June

Dalesdown residential trip, Cedar/Oak—28th, 29th June

INSET day—June 7th

Bowles residential trip, Willow—14th, 15th, 16th July

End of term—July 23rd