

Colgate School Newsletter

May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst the weather is good (long may it last!) please make sure that your child has a hat, water bottle and sunscreen either applied or in school for them to use. Thank you, we try to get the children out onto the field as often as we can whilst it's dry. There is shade but the children love the open space and full sun available!

Please make a note of key dates coming this term (see next page). Class assembly dates have also been added to these.

Good luck to our Year 6 children who are sitting their SATs next week. They have worked really hard this year and we are very proud of them. Rehearsals will be starting soon for the KS2 production, we have extended this to three performances this year so that there are enough seats for those who'd like to watch.

Just a reminder re snacks at break time, please only provide a healthy snack for your child including fruit, veg, rice cakes, crackers and cheese etc.

Please could I request that any outstanding trip payments are made. We realise that the contributions can be significant but our last two trips and visits have cost the school £122.50 as an example. It's not too late to go back and pay for previous trips and visits on ParentPay, your support is much appreciated.

Next half term, all classes will be covering their Relationship education lessons. If you would like to see the lesson plans for these units, please speak to the office, Mrs Winn or your child's class teacher.

Have a great weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs. Rebecca Winn

Dates for your diaries

May

14th—17th Year 6 SATs week

Summer half term 28th May to 1st June

June

Monday 4th June INSET (no children in school)

15th—Cedar class assembly

22nd—Maple class assembly

22nd—ASSHletics

28th—Year 5 camp

July

1st—Colgate Festival at the Parish Town Hall 1pm

2nd—Cedar Class trip

5th—Oak class cornet assembly

6th—Sports Day/Summer fair

10th—KS2 Production, matinee and evening show

11th—KS2 Production, matinee only

13th—Willow class assembly

17th—ASSH Rounders

20th—Apple class assembly

24th—Leavers' assembly

END OF TERM Tuesday 24th July 2018

Autumn term INSET dates:

Monday September 3rd—INSET

Tuesday September 4th—INSET

Children back to school Wednesday September 5th (NB. Year R have a flexi start)

Autumn half term 22nd to 26th October

Monday October 29th—INSET

Colgate Parish Council events

There are a number of local events coming up that you may like to attend to support the local community. We would like our Year 3 country dancers to perform at the summer fair. More details to follow later!

Celebration of the Royal wedding 19th May
Village Festival 1st July



Working With Others

At Colgate School we are incredibly lucky to be a member of the Working With Others (WVO) schools partnership. Working With Others is all about teaching children the skills they need to work as part of a team. It raises attainment in learning but also helps children to be more motivated, engaged and happier at school. It isn't just about learning at school though, it's about providing children with the fundamental skills they will need to succeed when working and interacting with others throughout their lives.

Our Working With Others skills this term is learning to **compromise**. This is a skill that requires practice for children. Sometimes the skill itself needs to be specifically taught before compromising is possible and often, early on, children may need adults to help them remove emotion from a situation so that compromise is possible. Once helped to see both sides, children are quick to accept mutual concession and then forgive and forget. One of the most important concepts for children to understand is that conflict and compromise can be very productive. When people disagree, they must work together to find a solution that works best for everyone and result in a stronger outcome. At Colgate we have been using vocabulary such as: what would you be happy with? What would be acceptable to you? How can we both be winners? This is my idea.. Please take the opportunity to speak to your child about this WVO focus and see how compromising works at home!



Governor's news

Each newsletter you will find an introduction to each of our Governing body members. This month we are introducing Stacey Lawrence.

'I was elected Parent Governor in January of this year. My son Marshall joined in September 2016 and is very settled and happy in Year One, Apple Class.

My desire to become part of Colgate's Governing Body derives from a genuine interest in school improvement at all levels and a deep rooted belief in the importance of education for all.

My own background is embedded in childcare, having worked in Early Years and with primary school aged children for 15 years. I hope that some of my skills will be useful to support Mrs Winn, the teaching staff and the Governors, as they continue to develop what is already a 'good' school into one that is 'outstanding' in every way.

I am an active member of the school PTA and enjoy contributing to the planning and organising of the marvellous fundraising events and activities that go on here, at Colgate.

We are a musical family and much of my free time is dedicated to performing live with my band, along my guitarist husband, John. The musicality also seems to have reached Marshall because at 5 years old, he is already Grade 1 in drums!

I have a keen interest in health, fitness and nutrition. I love cooking 'from scratch' and much of what I cook at home has influences of the traditional Welsh Valleys culture in which I was born and raised.

I am an avid member of Cottesmore Golf and Country Club and after recently taking a shine to golf, I joined a Ladies Beginners class. I have found golf at Cottesmore offers the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful surrounding nature of our village as well as being extraordinarily beneficial to body and mind! I highly recommend it!

Please continue to support our wonderful school; I am, as I'm sure you are, looking forward to watching our brilliant school go from strength to strength.'



Trees and flooring.

Thank you so much to ACC Leisure (Sienna's dad) for help with resurfacing our hall floor—it looks amazing.

Thank you also to Sussex Tree Specialists for their maintenance work on our oak trees.

