

Colgate Primary School Newsletter

May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to this half term, the children are working hard and we've got several exciting events coming up. Please see the dates below for your calendars. We're also pleased to introduce below some more of our governors. The governors recently had some training led by West Sussex County Council on refreshing our vision for the school and our values. Watch this space for more information on this area as we will be requesting your feedback on this process.

We will soon be updating our website so if you have any requests for changes to the layout or access to information, please do let us know.

Don't forget about our Boardgames club before school and Dragons after school club if you need further child care. There will be information coming home soon about Dragons and also about the linked government voucher scheme which you may be eligible for.

We will be holding a Summer Fair and Sports afternoon this year which is really exciting. The Summer Fair is on July 1st after school and the Sports afternoon is July 4th. More information will follow about both these events.

On Friday May 27th, we will be celebrating the Queen's jubilee with a playground lunchtime celebration. All the children are invited to wear red, white or blue that day and they will be receiving a special jubilee gift funded by the PFC. The PFC will also be selling doughnuts at the end of the day—a great way to end the half term!

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn

Dates for your calendars

9th—12th May: Year 6 SATs week

19th May: Apple and Maple classes to Pulborough Brooks

25th May: Whole school Reading Adventure day

27th May: Queen's jubilee party

Half term: May 30th—June 3rd

INSET: June 6th

21st June: Class photos

22nd/23rd June: Whole school music days

27th/28th June: Dalesdown residential trip for Year 4 and 5

30th June: Transition session—children meet their new classes

1st July: Summer Fair after school

4th July: Sports afternoon

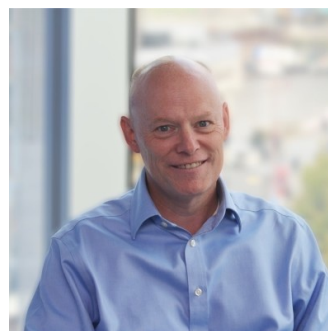
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Governor news

Giles Korner, Associate Governor

Moving to Colgate 8 years ago, I always wanted to become more involved with the Community. With the School being the centre of the community, I jumped at the chance to join the Governing Board. I help run a technology consultancy business with focus on buildings and aim to use some of my area of expertise to support Mrs Winn and her fab Team's vision for the School.



Hugh Mickel, Parent Governor

I'm Hugh, Dad to Xander in Apple Class. My wife and I have been in the area for about 7 years, and have two lovely and wild children Xander, and his younger sister, Rory along with Monkey the dog. We hope that Rory will also join Colgate when she starts school.

I am originally from rural Perthshire in Scotland. The scenery and access to the great outdoors instilled a love of the countryside that has stayed with me. I have to admit I miss the 'proper' hills of home! I was educated in Crieff before going to Dundee University to study accountancy. I currently work for the packaging firm DS Smith as a senior Financial Planning and Analysis manager which involves looking at a lot of spreadsheets!



I joined the governing board last December. My father was the chair of governors at my old school, so I understand the importance of having a strong governing board in place to support the head teacher and the school. I am very much looking forward to getting more involved in the life of the school. I am the link governor for Cedar class and I am looking forward to seeing their learning and development. If there is anything that I can help with then please let me know.

Nick Fox, Parent Governor

I have been a parent governor at Colgate for only a few months, and was really pleased to have been elected. I will try to help wherever and however I can going forwards.

I am a lawyer in the City by trade, and practice in litigation which means I spend all day arguing with people which I do quite enjoy. Whilst I tend to win some of those arguments, I am afraid that that win percentage drops dramatically when it comes to negotiating with my better half at home.

I am a proud northerner, a sandgrown'un (born in Blackpool) as it happens and a loyal and passionate Blackpool fan. A proper club, as my father drilled into me from an early age.

I am very much an adopted Sussex boy though and feel very much at home here in this beautiful forested county, where I indulge in what truly satisfies me which is being a husband and father to my wonderful family.

Look forward to seeing you all at pick up time!



Governor news continued

Julie Watson, Local Authority Governor

Hello! My name is Julie Watson and was recently nominated as the Local Authority governor to serve on the Governing Body. Prior to that I was Associate Governor. I have really enjoyed getting to know some of the staff and also visiting the school to meet children and staff in order to build my understanding of the culture and ethos of the school.

By way of background, I have worked in business for the past 32 years in roles spanning Finance, Sales and Marketing. I worked for two large food and household products manufacturers, Unilever and Danone. During these years I managed several teams both in the UK and Internationally. I have had extensive experience in leadership, people management and budgeting, and over the past year I have successfully set up my own business serving major companies as a management consultant.

For the past 27 years, I have been a member of Brighton Road Baptist Church in Horsham and have been involved in children's work there, helping in the creche for many years, as well as being integrally involved in the redevelopment of the church buildings, where I led the areas of marketing and communication.

I hope to bring some of the skills and experience I have gained through my professional career to the school in support of its development. I am really enjoying becoming more integrated into the school

