

Colgate School Newsletter

March 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been such a productive term (that has gone very quickly!) The children have made really big steps in their learning and I have seen so much progress in their work. The author visit was a great success, we sold 60 copies of his books on the day. The children were also generally inspired by our Book week and in turn have produced some amazing writing in all classes.

We all enjoyed being Crawley Town's school of the week and they will be running an after school Multi Skills sports club after Easter.

Our Twitter feed @colgateprimary is picking up pace. If you are a Twitter user (or considering it) please request to follow us to see further photos of our learning as it happens.

The West Sussex County Times visited last week and have published an article and photo about our Ofsted visit, please have a read.

<https://www.wscountytimes.co.uk/news/education/head-s-praise-for-staff-after-positive-ofsted-report-1-8434512>

When collecting children from Apple class, please be mindful of the learning that will be happening in other classes at the end of the day. The younger children have been running behind the huts and into the quiet garden which can distract class reading time for the children in Oak and Cedar classes.

Finally, a really big thank you to our PTA who have raised substantial funds to support the school this term. Thank you to all of you who take part in their fundraising events, it is very much appreciated by the school community.

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday April 16th.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Rebecca Winn

Dates for your diaries

March

Easter break 30th March to 13th April

April

18th—Year 2 parents/carers SATs meeting 2.30pm

23rd—Class photos

26th—Apple, Maple class trip to Ladyland Farm

May

3rd—ASSH football tournament

3rd—PTA Quiz night

8th—Horsham Music Festival (Year 6) 7pm

14th—17th Year 6 SATs week

Summer half term 28th May to 1st June

June

Monday 4th June INSET (no children in school)

12th—Country Dancing Festival (Year3)

22nd—ASSHletics

28th—Year 5 camp

July

2nd—Cedar Class trip

6th—Sports Day/Summer fair

17th—ASSH Rounders

END OF TERM Tuesday 24th July 2018

Parent/ Carer working party

If you are interested in becoming part of a group of parents and carers to discuss before and after school provision in Colgate and here at school. Please could you contact Gail Martin who would like to hear from you. She can be reached by email at gailmartin101@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you.

Sport Relief 2018

We had a fun session to support Sport Relief 2018. The children took part in a round of events which included running, tag pairs, playground games, Jump Start Johnny and meditation. We hope to include a daily run for Key Stage 2 next term as although muddy, the children really enjoyed it. Thank you for your donations—we raised £146.84.



Governor's news

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

'I have lived in Colgate village for 28 years and became a co-opted governor in 2017.

I was born and educated in Northern Ireland which I still visit frequently as all my siblings are there. They visit me regularly and love the beauty of West Sussex. After university I worked in the travel industry abroad and returned to the UK to take a directorship with the company. I left work when children came along and while the children were growing up I took my degree in Maths Education. I have taught in 2 of the 3 secondary schools in Horsham. I am very passionate about education and do miss the classroom practice. I would want every child to have the best opportunity to learn. I hope I can contribute to that in my role as a governor at Colgate school.

After retiring from teaching I worked with my husband in his travel company before heading off to Australia for 3 years.

I chair the Colgate Memorial Hall Committee and lead on the project of putting the community back into the village. I am a keen gardener and with Mrs Winn will be running the gardening club for the children at the school.

In my free time I enjoy cooking (produce from our allotment) and now and then find time to have a game of bridge at the Horsham Bridge Club of which I am a member.'



Working With Others

At Colgate School we are incredibly lucky to be a member of the Working With Others (WWO) 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.

At Colgate, our focus is not only on helping achieve academic success, but also on improving their character by making them more resilient. Resilience in learning, as in life, is about being able to persevere through setbacks, take on challenges and risk making mistakes to reach a goal. Those who are resilient can do well despite adversity and we aim to support our children in being resilient when working with their peers within group situations. At school we have been using vocabulary such as: How can we include everyone? How do you think you / others might feel if your/their idea is not chosen? I can accept feeling disappointed + move on. Please take the opportunity to speak to your child about this WWO focus and talk to them about our Egg Drop Day!



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!

Jumble Sale 14th April
Celebration of the Royal wedding 19th May
Village Festival 1st July

