

Colgate School Newsletter

December 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're looking forward to lots of lovely events on the run up to Christmas. Please see the dates below for your calendars to make sure you don't miss anything!

A **really big thank you** to the parents who are using our walk to school route. Our highest number on a walk into school has been around 40 children. This is brilliant and continues to improve the congestion in Blackhouse Road. It's such a good way to start and end the school day and good for the environment. This was our view on this morning's walk.



Our Read and Lunch sessions for parents continue after Christmas for parents in **Oak** class. This can now be any day of the week and costs £3. Please arrive for 11.45 and you'll leave once you've had lunch with your child. Due to safeguarding requirements, parents won't be joining the children on the playground. Oak class parents are invited until February half term when the allocated class will change.

Thank you very much to the PFC who have recently raised £850 through the neon disco and the smarties challenge. This has directly supported improvements to reading corners and a Christmas gift for each child.

Please come and check the lost property box as we have a fair amount collected. Any un-named items will be taken to charity over the holidays.

Thank you for all your support this term. The children have settled really well and made really good progress in their learning. We have had prospective new parents visiting this term and they have spoken very highly of the children and the school. We are all very proud of the children's achievements.

Have a wonderful Christmas break,

Kind regards,
Mrs Winn



Dates for your calendars

December

December 6th—Cedar class assembly

December 11th—KS1/Oak Christmas performance (afternoon)

December 12th—KS1/Oak Christmas performance (evening)

December 16th—KS1 party

December 17th—KS2 party/talent show

December 19th—9am Christmas service at the church, parents welcome.

December 19th—School Christmas dinner and Christmas hat competition.

December 20th—Last day, non uniform. PFC raffle, mince pies and mulled wine in hall from 3pm.

End of term—Dec 20th

Back to school—January 6th

Governor news

We would like to welcome **Tony Lintern** to our board of governors. Please see his information below:

I became a school governor in September this year. My two grandsons Elijah and Ethan are in year 2 and reception class respectively. I have often taken Elijah to school since he first started and I have been very pleased with his progress and development during his time at Colgate. Ethan has only just started school life but I have seen him settle in reception and I have been impressed by the way that his enthusiasm for learning has been stimulated. His genuine excitement in acquiring new knowledge and abilities says a lot for the teaching methods employed, and the general ethos of the school.

I am now retired, but previously my working life mainly revolved around adult mentoring and training. For over 25 years I ran my own business, providing management and training and consultancy services to a variety of organisations in both the public and private sectors. Now that I have the time, I am hopeful that some of the lessons I have learned during those years will help me to assist the school in continuing to achieve its educational objectives.

I have had a lifelong love of sport, particularly athletics and have been an active member of Crawley Athletic Club for over 40 years. My particular interest is long distance running and I have completed seven London Marathons in addition to many other track, cross-country and road competitions. I am a qualified athletics coach and have been coaching young athletes at Crawley for a number of years. I have always enjoyed working with children and this is one reason why I wanted to become involved with Colgate's Governing Body.

My recent interactions with the school on an educational trip and during an English learning walk-around have given me a very positive initial impression of what is being achieved at Colgate. I am looking forward with optimism to the continuing development and improvement of the school and will endeavour to actively contribute to its success in the future.

