

# Colgate School Newsletter

## October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been joyful to see all the children back in school. They are settling really well to their routines and engaging happily with their learning and their new classes. Attendance is high which is really positive. There have been inevitable colds and we continue to monitor temperatures daily which may result in a call home if they exceed 37.8 degrees. There is further guidance for what to do if you see any Covid-19 symptoms in the email you will have received this week.

As we won't be able to welcome parents and carers into school for the near future, class assemblies will be recorded by staff and shared with you by Tapestry or Seesaw. Please do make sure you have accessed these accounts as many messages and pieces of work are shared this way. We will also be producing an Apple and Maple Christmas nativity which will be recorded for you to see.

Parents' and Carers' evenings will take place by phone appointments this term. More information will follow for how to sign up to these.

Mrs Simpson has kindly recorded a Harvest Festival assembly for the children and sent it into school. In the absence of our visit to the church this term, the children will watch the Harvest Festival assembly and share a Harvest poem or song via Tapestry and Seesaw. Thank you for all the donations for Crawley Open House that you've sent in so far, please send any further donations into the school office.

We are sad to say goodbye this term to Mrs Stacey, our super Business Manager. She has helped us keep the school building and budget running smoothly and effectively. We will miss her and wish her well for her return to the city.

Finally as we aren't able to offer prospective new parents tours this term, we will be creating a video to share our school and uploading it to the website. If you would like to contribute to this video with a short clip about your child's experience at the school, we would welcome your input. Please send any clips to the [office@colgateprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@colgateprimary.org.uk) address.

Although the country is still in a very different place to this time last year, we hope your children feel happy and settled. We are still making changes to systems as they may be needed but are confident that the children are having the best learning experience they can. If your child has any worries about school, please do let the class teacher know so that we can support them further. Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Bicknell has increased hours to work alongside any child who may need some time to talk. We are also shortly receiving some funding from the government to provide catch up learning time to children who may need it.

Have a good weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs Winn

## **Dates for your calendars**

October 21st— Flu vaccinations

**Half term—Oct 26th to 30th**

November 4th—School photographs

**November 30th INSET day—School Closed**

**End of term—Dec 18th**