

Colgate School Newsletter

December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support this term. It has been good to see so many of you at class assemblies and performances.

The Key Stage 1 performance of 'Hey Ewe' deserves a very special mention. The production was superb and we are all very proud of the courage and skills shown by the children. A massive thank you to the staff who worked hard to produce the show; Mrs Forrest, Miss Wilson, Mrs Hilder and Mrs Bicknell.

We hope to see many of you at the Christmas Fair after school on the 14th and also at the nativity service at 9.30am on the 18th. The FCPS have organised many exciting events for the children and adults at the Christmas fair so do lend your support by coming along and by buying raffle tickets. The list of donations for raffle prizes are later in the newsletter.

We would like to welcome Mrs Austin Way as a new parent governor to the school. This is an exciting role in supporting the school to develop and grow. We now have a further vacancy for a parent/carer governor—nomination paperwork to follow. Please give the role serious consideration if you are interested in supporting the school.

The role has become vacant as Deena McCallen has resigned her post. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work as a Colgate governor over recent years.

If any of you can spare sometime during the school day, we would really appreciate some readers to support in Cedar class. Please let Mrs Oakes, Miss Pagden or Mrs Winn know if you can help.

Please do check that your email addresses are up to date on Parent Pay to ensure you receive all correspondence from school. Very few letters now come home on paper and we don't want anyone to miss out. If you are aware that someone is missing the emails, please encourage them to update their information online. All dates and events are also on the calendar on the school website.

As the term is drawing to a close, I want to thank all of you and all the staff for your dedication and hard work in supporting the children and each other to make Colgate School the best it can be.

Have a very special Christmas and here's to an exciting 2018!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Rebecca Winn

Dates for your diaries

December 2017

12th—Tea with Santa (Years R,1,2,3)

14th — FCPS/PTA Christmas fair 3 - 5pm

15th—KS1 Christmas party

18th – Christmas service 9.30am

18th—KS2 Talent show

19th – Christmas dinner, Christmas non uniform day, Christmas hat competition

20th – Last day of term

January 2018

Start of Spring term 2018 4th January

February

Half term 12th to 16th February

Monday 19th February INSET (no children in school)

26th, 27th,28th - Travelling Book Fair

26th—Parents' evening

27th—Parents' evening

March

1st —World Book Day (voluntary Dress up day)

29th—Easter Service 9.30am

Easter break 30th March to 13th April

INSET DAYS AND TERM DATES 2017—2018

Summer half term 28th May to 1st June

Monday 4th June INSET (no children in school)

END OF TERM Tuesday 24th July 2018

Colgate Parish Speed watch

Colgate residents are carrying out local speed watches in order to encourage safe driving through the village. The village has recently had white gates installed at each end of Forest Road, these should serve as a reminder that the village is a 30 mile an hour zone. Please take care when driving and parking in the village—the Dragon Pub is happy to support us with parking and dropping to school.



Working With Others

Our Working With Others skills this term are, taking turns speaking/ listening and resolving conflicts (we are teaching them together as both are intrinsically interlinked). Teaching conflict resolution attempts to instil problem-solving skills amongst pupils who find themselves at odds. It involves allowing both children to express their points of view (through turn taking), interests, and provides ways to find acceptable solutions.

Children can find themselves in situations that lead to escalated conflict with other pupils in school. Often 'conflicts' can range from sharing a resource or toy, working with a particular pattern, standing first in the line or anything in between. As such conflicts arise in the classroom, lunchroom, library, playground, while standing in line, and any place where pupils gather together.

If you have time, please speak to your child about successful ways to resolve conflict and perhaps give example of how you resolve conflict yourself at work or in your day to day life.



Governor's news

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

'I have lived in West Sussex for nearly a decade and moved to Faygate over 3 years ago. I have a daughter here in Year 1 who absolutely adores it. My wife and I are very grateful to the teachers and the great learning environment that is cultivated by all the staff here at Colgate School.

We are very lucky to have a such a school so close by!

I've been asked to provide a bit of background on what I do and my interests, so regards the former...I still struggle to explain to anyone what it is I do - it mainly revolves around digesting a lot of tabular data and translating it into meaningful and easily digestible graphs ... so the grownups can make seemingly important decisions on whether a milestone on a project plan should be red or green!

Interests are mainly keeping fit (the usual of going to the gym 'three times a week') but I'm also an avid practitioner of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and compete regularly.

I've been a school parent governor coming up to a year now and people have asked "Steve - what's it all about?" and there is a nice document on the school website actually (fyi - there is a wealth of information/ archived news/pictures on there so worth a look if you've not already).

The key points to draw out though is that we do not get involved with the daily operational management of the school, but instead provide strategic direction by having a vision for the school, understanding its strengths and weaknesses, identifying targets and priorities, and monitoring progress towards achieving those aims.

If anyone is interested in becoming a governor, or has any questions just give me a shout. You can usually find me - having been emotionally blackmailed into it - playing hopscotch with my daughter in the morning before the school bell.'



Christmas Fair Raffle Donators

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated a prize for our Christmas Raffle. Please see a list of prize donators below and purchase your tickets from the office if you haven't already!

Amberley Museum
The Black Swan
Bocketts Farm
Cottesmore
Denbies Vineyard
Drusillas
Fishers Farm
Godstone Farm
High Places
Horsham Ice Rink
Little Gems Pottery
Katie Battie Photography
Shipley Bridge
Sports Sim
Tilgate Foot Golf
Whizz Fit
Blacklands Farm Campsite
Cherry Tree
The Dragon
Nuffield Health
The Cabin
Smith & Western
Out Of Bounds
Gatwick Foot Golf
Tesco
Capel Military Show (courtesy of Sarah Dale)
Nymans
West Park Contracting Ltd (courtesy of Janine Dunn)
Pavilion Graphics Ltd (courtesy of Bob Dunn)
The Little Salon

