

Colgate School Newsletter

September 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Colgate. It is really good to see the children settled into their new classes and starting their new topics.

Prior to parents' evening this term, (dates below and on the website) we would like to invite you into your child's class to meet the teacher, see the classroom and to ask any general questions you may have about your child's day and routines. The 'open classroom' dates for each class are below. They are an informal drop in session between 2.30pm and the end of the school day.

All the dates for our Autumn term events are now on our website and below on the newsletter. You will also receive further information regarding events via email. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to Parent Pay and/ or check your details are up to date. Thank you, this allows us to ensure you're receiving all the information you need.

We welcome parent readers in school. If you feel you can offer a slot of your time to read with our children, please let Mrs Oakes know and we will allocate you to a class.

For our new parents, here is a reminder of our new School Development Priorities that were shared in the last newsletter:

- Learning and therefore progress is maximised for all groups of learners
- Our language of learning promotes confident and independent learners across the school community
- The curriculum is driven by hooks for learning and embraces the school environment.
- Leadership, at all levels through the school, promotes the best outcomes for children.
- To work together as a school community to achieve the best outcomes; levels of communication, expectations and trust are high between all members of the school.

This term, we are also launching our new Vision statement of 'Working together to be our best'. This is underpinned by the existing six school values of Independence, Respect, Communication, Happiness, Responsibility and Creativity.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know. We welcome your input.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Rebecca Winn

Dates for your diaries

October 2017

2nd – Oak parents' open classroom 2.30pm
3rd – Cedar parents' open classroom 2.30pm
3rd— PTA AGM 8.45 am library
4th – Willow parents' open classroom 2.30pm
4th—Hindleap Warren meeting 3.15pm
5th – 4 week in meeting, Year R parents. 9am
5th - Apple Year 1 and Maple parents' open classroom 2.30pm
6th - Harvest Festival Service. 9am
9th – Parents'/Carers' evening
10th - Parents'/Carers' evening
16th – 20th Hindleap Warren residential trip
18th Open afternoon – Sept 2018 Year R parents 1.30pm
23rd – 27th HALF TERM
30th – INSET day

November 2017

2nd—PTA disco 5pm to 6.15pm
16th – Open afternoon – Sept 2018 Year R parents 1.30pm
27th – 1st Year 6 Bikeability

December 2017

4th – Year 1,2, 3 Christmas production 2pm
5th – Year 1,2,3 Christmas production 6pm
8th – School Pantomime 1.30pm
14th— PTA Christmas fair 3 - 5pm
18th – Christmas service 9.30am
19th – Christmas dinner
20th – Last day of term

INSET DAYS AND TERM DATES 2017—2018

Start of Spring term 2018 4th January

Half term 12th to 16th February

Monday 19th February INSET

Easter break 30th March to 13th April

Summer half term 28th May to 1st June

Monday 4th June INSET

Colgate Parish Defibrillator

The Council are pleased to announce that Automated External Defibrillator (AED) have been installed in Colgate (outside the village hall) and Faygate (outside the garage on Faygate Lane). A huge thank you to the Sussex Heart Charity (<http://sussexheartcharity.org/>) who donated the AEDs. The Sussex Heart Charity was formed in 1987 to support care of the heart throughout Sussex and work hard to raise the awareness of the effectiveness of the use of the AED and the improvement of survival of heart attack victims if a ADE is used in early treatment. In fact survival rates are as high as 70% when defibrillation pads are applied within 3 – 5 minutes of collapse.

The AED unit can be used by all residents and visitors to the Parish. The ambulance service are aware of the location of the units.

The council will be taking responsibility to ensure the units are in good working order but should you have any concerns please report them immediately to the clerk.

Please find below some information from Mrs George about our new intervention group.

‘Changing the way we think.’

How we think about an event, affects how we feel about it.

Starting from this term, groups of children will begin working on listening to their inner voice and exploring the thoughts which will help them most when they consider a situation to be negative.

Children will also look at how when something goes well, it is due to something that they have done.

The aim of these workshops, is to equip children with life skills to aid them through their primary education, to secondary and beyond.

If you think your child would benefit from taking part in these workshops and have not already been contacted, or would like any more information please come in and speak to Mrs George.



Governor's news

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

Marcus now lives with his wife Daisanne in Horsham having moved there 15 months ago from Wiltshire where they resided for 4 years after returning, after 29 years, from Canada.

For over three decades he ran his own multinational businesses in Singapore and England. The business supplied equipment for the oil and gas exploration industry, constructed aluminium landing decks for helicopters and manufactured tropical roof tiles amongst other things. He was also a well-known speaker and consultant on the international conference and management meeting industry. He was, in the distant past, the Chair of Governors of a church school in his home town of Ashford. More recently, in Canada, He was Executive Director of the Prairies Chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.



His hobbies include travel, photography and music and he is an avid reader. He also writes in a wide range of genres including short stories, business articles and current affairs and has an ongoing love affair with Italy where he spent many weeks a year as a child.

He brings a wide range of knowledge and experience to the role of Governor of Colgate Primary School and hopes to be able to make a significant contribution.

Back to Work Support for parents

Are you a parent looking to return to work but feel that you would like some support? This might include help with:

- Accessing training
- Rebuilding confidence
- Gaining relevant work experience to your chosen career
- Help looking for jobs
- Support with cvs and application forms
- Support preparing for interviews

If this is you, then there's FREE help available through the Volunteering and Employment Coordinators at WSCC. Contact Julie Dutton (Julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk) or Maria Maloney (maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk) for an informal chat.

Volunteering

Do you have some spare time? Want to make a difference to the local community?

We have opportunities for volunteers at our Children and Family Centres and Youth Services across the local area eg administration, operating the toy library, assisting at Play and Learn sessions, Baby Rhyme Time groups, Youth services, Music and Movement groups

The time commitment is usually 2 to 3 hours per week/fortnight. We offer access to free training and pay travel expenses. References are required and a DBS (police check) will be obtained at no charge to volunteers).

To arrange an informal meeting to discuss our opportunities and what you are looking for, please email Julie Dutton (Julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk) or Maria Maloney (maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk)