

Colgate School Newsletter

June 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer's definitely here! Please continue to provide your child with a hat, water bottle and apply suntan lotion before school if the sun's out or looks like it will be.

We have been looking at our swimming provision and the cost to parents across Years 4 and 5. 4 terms of swimming is more than many schools provide and in most cases children can swim competently by the end of Year 4. As a result, we are changing our swimming to Year 4 children only from September. Miss. Wilson will continue to accompany the swimmers as previously on a Tuesday afternoon.

This half term, the children will be taking part in Relationship Education lessons. This is part of our Personal, Social, Health Education curriculum. For Year 4, 5 and 6 children, there will be elements of puberty and reproduction education taught as part of the lessons. We are using a nationally recommended scheme of work to support the learning. If you would like to view the lesson plans prior to the learning, please speak to your child's class teacher. Lessons will take place in the weeks following July 3rd.

We would like to update some of our website photographs as many of them are looking out of date. If any parent or carer is a keen photographer, we would welcome your help in taking new pictures of our current children. Please let the office know if you can help.

A really big well done to those children who have recently represented the school either at the ASShletics tournament where the children won the Silver award, or at the Country Dancing Festival at Horsham Park. As ever, the children were a credit to the school.

Colgate Pre school have been in touch recently as some parents are parking or turning in their allocated parking spaces. This can make it difficult for their staff to get into work safely and on time. Please use the drop off zone or Dragon pub if you are parking up. Many thanks.

Please note below the change of date for Cedar's class assembly. This will now be held on Thursday July 20th at 9am.

Finally, please see below where we will be featuring a slot from one of our school governors on each newsletter. This will help parents to know who is on our governing body and to understand more about their role in school.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Rebecca Winn

Sports Day June 30th

During the afternoon of Sports Day, the children will change into their PE kits. If your child is in Blue house or Red house they can wear a T- shirt in their house colour. The school PE T- shirt will be fine for those in Yellow house!



Class Assembly dates for the Summer term

All start at 9am

Apple: 14th July

Oak: 21st July

Cedar: 20th July **PLEASE NOTE**

DATE CHANGE

Willow: 30th June



If you would like to share a local community event for children and families on the school newsletter, please let us know in the school office and we'll add it to the next issue.

FCPS/PTA Summer Fair June 30th

Don't forget to stay and enjoy our Summer Fair after the Sports events this Friday. There are many fun activities happening for all the family and all proceeds benefit the school!



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Dates for your diaries

JUNE

30th: Willow Class assembly
30th: Sports Day Afternoon. Starting at 1pm.
Summer Fair after sports day.

JULY

4th: WWO parent meeting @ 2.30pm—All welcome
10th: Yr 4, 5 & 6 Production Performances @2pm & 6pm PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
7th: Reserve Day Sports Day Afternoon
14th: Apple Class assembly
20th: Cedar Class assembly PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
21st: Oak Class assembly
25th:Leavers Assembly @ 2pm
END OF TERM

INSET DAYS AND TERM DATES 2017—2018

Monday 4th September INSET
Tuesday 5th September INSET
Back to school Wednesday 6th September
Half term 23rd to 27th October
Monday 30th October INSET
End of Autumn term 20th December

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
END OF TERM Tuesday 24th July 2018

Governor's news

Each newsletter you will find an introduction to each of our Governing body members. This month we are starting with the Chair of Governors Richard Bantin.

'I have lived locally for the last 15 years but before that we lived in many different countries.

My interest in education started many years ago as a university lecturer and more specifically in attracting students to study Engineering. I have worked over many years to promote engineering as a study course as it is vitally important and largely misunderstood.

On retiring from business I became involved in school governance as a way to have an interface with potential science students.

I have been a governor at Colgate for about 12 years and Chair of Governors for 10 years.

Watching the children flourish under the guidance of our excellent staff has been a great pleasure.'

