



The Colleton Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 1 – Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic start to the term. The children are settling well into their new registration groups and enjoying being able to mix and socialise together more during learning breaks. We are so pleased to be able to re-introduce teaching within and across teams where the children benefit from learning within different groups.

During our inset day we worked on refining and developing our curriculum vision and offering which we summarized as 'Inspire, Enquire, Acquire'. Our commitment is to ensure that during their time at The Colleton we inspire children to learn, so that they enquire and ask questions and acquire the skills and knowledge for the next step in their lifelong learning journey. Curriculum maps will be available on the website today to provide you with an overview of what each team is learning this term.

Colleton Heritage Day

One of our school development priorities is to celebrate and understand more about the cultural diversity and identity of our school community and the wider world. As part of this we plan to spend time on Friday 24th September learning more about each other's family background, identity and heritage. Mrs Estrada will lead an assembly next Friday 17th September to explain how the children will spend the day working together across teams to learn about each other and collaborate to produce some artwork for a whole school display. Please support us and your children with this exciting event:

- Help your child to think about their family background, ethnicity, language, by researching and filling in the form that will be provided to the children after the assembly next Friday
- Contact the office if you or a family member are available on 24th September and would be prepared to come and share some information with a reg group about your family's heritage (using a similar template to the one the children will use)

and either share a story or song/nursery rhyme that you enjoyed as a child and even teach them a few words of a language that you speak. Ideally this would be in person but could also be arranged virtually via Teams.

- Let us know if you are not available on the day but can support in some other way; we are keen to reengage our community to support/ volunteer in school and would really welcome this

Control and Contingency measures Covid-19

I just wanted to remind you of the measures that we are continuing to operate in line with government guidance to keep our school environment as safe as we can:

- hygiene measures remain with regular hand washing and hand sanitization taking place throughout the school day
- cleaning regimes remain frequent particularly for touch points such as door handles and light switches
- ventilation of teaching areas - doors and windows open to ensure air flow
- twice weekly voluntary lateral flow testing for staff and immediate isolation and PCR test for anyone who exhibits symptoms of Covid 19
- notification to families in the event of a positive case within your child's registration and/or team so you can arrange a PCR if necessary

Further information can be found at :

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/07/06/parents-pupils-teachers-and-students-find-out-what-step-4-of-the-covid-roadmap-means-for-you/>

I have been asked by Wokingham Borough Council to remind you when and how the different covid tests should be used:

- Lateral flow tests (LFT) should only be used for asymptomatic individuals; lateral flow tests **should not** be used to confirm covid in anyone with symptoms
- LTF tests for regular asymptomatic testing are not currently recommended for use in children under secondary-school age, therefore children should only be tested as a close contact of a known case or if they are symptomatic; in both cases this should be by PCR test.

Healthy Snacks

Please remember that children need **one** healthy snack each day for break time i.e.

- Apples
- Bananas
- Carrots
- Cucumber

- Grapes
- Raisins
- Pumpkin seeds or similar but **NOT sesame seeds or nuts**
- Bread sticks (unflavoured)
- Rice cakes (Plain)
- Plain bread e.g. pitta

Please remember that ‘NO NUTS’ in any form are allowed in school or in the school grounds.

Please note that children in FS and YT are provided with fruit by the government.

Diary Dates

Please see below our first confirmed dates for the Autumn term. These can also be found on our website and will be added too as the term progresses. Further information on these dates will be sent out nearer the time:

September

Thurs 23rd – Open morning for Prospective families (see website for details)

Fri 24th – Celebration of Colleton Heritage Day

Wed 29th – Individual photos

Thurs 30th – Sibling photos

October

Fri 1st – Start of Black History month

Tues 19th – Family / Teacher meetings

Wed 20th – Family / Teacher meetings

Fri 22nd – INSET DAY – School closed to children

Mon 25th – Fri 29th – HALF TERM

November

Mon 15th – Friendship week

Thurs 11th – Bag2School pick up

December

Thurs 2nd – Open morning for prospective families

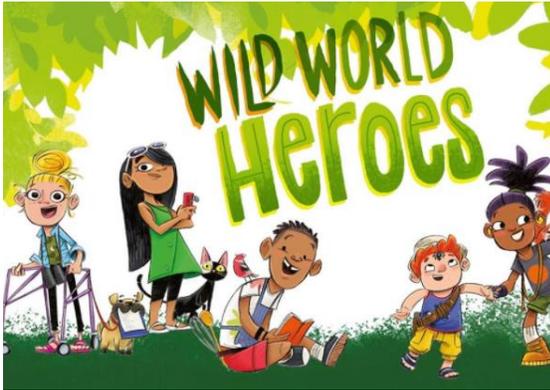
Tues 14th – Butterflies Church service

Thurs 16th – Dragonflies Church service

Thurs 16th – Whole school Christmas lunch

Fri 17th Dec – End of term 2pm (ASC runs till 5)

Summer Reading Challenge Celebration Assembly



On **Tuesday 21st September**, we will be holding a special celebration assembly for all those children who participated in this year's summer reading challenge. If your child would like to bring in his/her medal (named) and certificate on the day of the assembly to share, that would be great. There will also be some time for children to recommend a favourite book that they read for the challenge. If your child would like to do this, please can they contact Miss Earl before the day. Thank you.

Income related Free School Meals

Children registered as pupils at a school from FS to OT and whose families receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance;
- An Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs - HMRC) that as of 6 April 2010 does not exceed £16,190; or
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

(Note the income threshold for free school meals eligibility for parents receiving Child Tax Credit is revised annually, and at present is from £16,040 to £16,190.)

If you fall into this category please read the further information attached and complete the application form and return to the school office. Thank you.

Twitter and Instagram

Lots of photos are posted on our Twitter [@theColleton](#) and Instagram [@colletontwyford](#) so please ensure you subscribe.

Community Page

On the community page of our website you will find information from external local companies and sports clubs, please visit -
<https://www.colleton.wokingham.sch.uk/newsletters-calendar/community-news/>

Have a lovely weekend!

Michelle Law
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