



The Colleton Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter 1

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Families,

We are pleased that in line with the government roadmap things have begun to feel a bit more 'normal' in school since we returned after the Easter break. The children are certainly enjoying playing with more friends again at lunchtimes and sharing some learning in different groups across their teams.

I hope you received a good understanding of how your children are progressing during the virtual parents evening sessions held this week. I'd really appreciate your feedback as a parent of the experience. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the short feedback survey as this will inform our planning for parent's evenings in the

future. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BLSeD-Mg0-ksIFgN1dXl44K0WuKEmhCol088iKVAJBUNU5FU1k4OFo3WTBHWTFQSzNGUEoxVzRTMC4>

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

Most of our staff and visitors are opting to take twice weekly lateral flow tests at home to help prevent risk of infection with Covid 19 within our school community. As a family with primary school aged children, you too can participate in this testing. Please follow the link for places where you can pick up tests <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/health/public-health-campaigns/lateral-flow-testing/>. They are available for collection from Waitrose carpark in Twyford from Monday-Saturday between 9.30-5.30.

### **Living our school values**

During April we have been considering how we can show empathy to others. As a school, we are planning to join with other Wokingham schools to fundraise for those in India currently experiencing terrible plight due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This is a real -life example of how we can act to show our empathy for their situation. We will be communicating more details regarding our plans to involve the children and how you can support the fundraising efforts over the next few weeks.

You may recall, one of our school priorities is to develop our appreciation and acceptance of diversity. Building on from the work we have done as a whole staff we have now set up a

diversity working party involving staff and governors to make sure that we move this forward. We still have a number of books we would like to purchase on our wish list to support this in school if you are able to support this we would really appreciate it.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/S11SUL2S6K1E?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/S11SUL2S6K1E?ref_=wl_share)

Our value for `May' is Responsibility and we will be focusing on this in teams and around school.

### **RSE follow up**

Thank you to those parents that completed our RSE consultation at the end of term. 53% of those that responded would like further information about the program we offer as a school. In response to this, we plan to run a virtual information session for interested families on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May between 6-6.45 to present an overview and allow for any questions you may have to be addressed. An invitation will be sent nearer the time.

### **Secondary School places**

Those families in older team will be very aware of the concern around demand for places at The Piggott School. I am pleased to report that most of our current year 6 children now have secured a place at their preferred school for September. Through discussions with Wokingham Borough Council, I wanted to make families in other year groups aware that Wokingham are planning to develop a secondary strategy for the next ten years which will review and plan for provision of places for the future. This process will involve a consultation with parents which I would encourage you to engage with. I will provide more information as I receive it regarding how you can get involved.

### **Bag2School**

Just a reminder to bring in your bags filled with unwanted adult / children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains or towels on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, no later than 9.15am** and leave outside the school office for collection. Black bin liners can be used however extra bags are available from on top of the red post box if needed.

### **The Big Ask Survey**

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched a consultation with children in England asking them to set out their priorities for improving childhood post-the coronavirus pandemic. The Big Ask survey, which will be made available to organisations and services working with children including schools, youth groups, local authorities, charities who work with children and young people and others, will run from 19 April to 19 May 2021. The results of the survey will inform the Children's Commissioner's Childhood Commission report due to be published later this year. We will be looking at this with children in school but there is also an opportunity for you to take part at home <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

### **Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural society**

Please find attached competition details for the children's entry to Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural society Summer Show in June. We will be taking part in Registration Groups in school and would love children to take part at home as well.

### **Captain Tom 100**

Following the outpouring of heartfelt messages since the death of Captain Sir Tom Moore on 2 February, his family pledged to celebrate his life with an event that everyone, in the UK and around the world, could be involved in. That event is the Captain Tom 100 and Launchpad is proud to be inviting supporters to take part.

Captain Tom 100 offers Launchpad supporters, of all ages and abilities, the opportunity to raise crucial funds for the charity, while at the same time celebrating Captain Tom's generosity of spirit, the hope and joy he brought to millions, and his sense of fun.

All you need to do is dream up a Captain Tom 100 challenge based around the number 100 and do it at anytime and anywhere over Captain Tom's birthday weekend – starting on Friday 30 April through to Bank Holiday Monday 3 May. The challenge could be walking 100 steps or running 100 metres, scoring 100 goals, baking 100 cakes, – anything at all, inside or out. To sign up and start fundraising, visit Launchpad's Captain Tom 100 JustGiving page and follow the instructions.

<https://captaintom100.justgiving.com/get-involved?charityId=11345>

### **Pyjamarama**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May we will be supporting children all around the country to ensure no child misses out on their bedtime story by dressing up in pyjamas all day long and making a donation! Children have experienced a lot of disruption to their lives in the past year and this will help the children most in need to enjoy the bedtime story they deserve.

Please bring your donation of £1 or more to your class teacher on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May and all donations will be sent to Booktrust to help those in need.



We look forward to the Pyjamarama fun!

### **May Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Monday is May Day and the school is closed for the day. I hope you enjoy the lovely long weekend.

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