



The Colleton Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 2 – Friday 1st October

Dear Families,

We have had a busy and enjoyable start to this term! The children are benefiting from learning together in a combination of different teaching groups. They particularly enjoyed working across teams to share details of their culture and identity with each other whilst producing self-portraits during our Colleton Heritage day. Many thanks for supporting the home learning research, to those who came in and shared information with the children and to Mrs Estrada for organising the event.

Hot Chocolate Celebration

We are pleased to bring our hot chocolate celebration back to the staff room. Congratulations to: Zara, Tabitha, Joshua, Kitty, Dylan, Ruby, Harry, Caleb, Liam, Tallulah, Anfisza, Nina and Willow who enjoyed a hot chocolate with Mrs Neale this afternoon. Look out on Instagram or Twitter later for a picture of this and make sure you subscribe for regular updates on learning and events across the school.

CPTA re-launch event

During the pandemic our CPTA (Colleton Parents Teacher Association) has not been able to be as active as in previous years. We are keen to relaunch and reinvigorate the group and encourage new members of our community to join. Please come along to our first social and AGM cheese and wine evening on Thursday 14th October from 7-8.30pm.

There will be time to enjoy a drink and a snack (we have lots of wine, bubbly, and cheese to share) and to meet and chat with other parents and CPTA members. It's a great opportunity to find out more about our work and consider how you might be able to help in the future, if you so wish.

We will hold a very short AGM, reporting on the CPTA activities, and the money raised to help provide resources for our children. We want to ensure we communicate with as many people as we can, all about the CPTA, and its part in The Colleton school life.

What better way to come together in person after such a long time and celebrate the achievements to date with a glass or two of wine and delicious food. We hope to see many of you there!

Christmas Event

Depending on the outcome of the CPTA AGM we are hoping to hold an outdoor Christmas event on Thursday 9th December so please keep this date free! Again, more information to follow soon!

Football Match Report

This a report on our most recent school football game against St Teresa's. Everyone played their best and we created a lot of chances. The result could have gone either way in the game. We would also like to thank our coaches Mrs Thorpe and Mr Axford for helping us do well in the game. Although we lost, we are all looking forward to our next game that's coming up soon.

Thank you, and hopefully we do well this season. By Dylan T and Thomas H.

Book covering support needed

We encourage all of our children to read for pleasure and are very proud of our growing book collection! During the last few months, we have been gifted via the Amazon wish list some lovely new books as well as many secondhand books that families have passed to us. This year we have also invested in additional books to support the teaching of phonics and early reading. We are keen to put these books into circulation as soon as possible however before we can do so, they need to be covered to ensure that they can be used and enjoyed by many children!

Can you spare a few hours to help us cover these books so that our children can start to enjoy using them in the library? We can offer free tea and coffee in the staffroom and some company or if you would prefer, you could take some home and do it whilst watching your favourite TV programme? Either way we would be very grateful. Please contact the office if you or any family members are in a position to help.

Forgotten Items

Please can you ensure that your children bring everything they need for school with them when they come in. A lot of time has been spent recently having to call home for books, PE and swimming kits!

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 15th October and are collecting again this year for Wokingham Food Bank. Please see list of items requested below and please ensure donated items are well within their use by date. These can be brought in at any time until 15th October and left in the box outside the school office. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

- Long Life Milk
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Soup
- Long Life Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Hot Dogs
- Pasta Sauce
- Biscuits
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Confectionery
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Razors & Shaving Foam
- Adult AND Childrens Toothbrushes
- Antibacterial Cleaning Spray

FS News

The children have settled in really well in Foundation and we have been able to share many lovely pictures on Instagram. Today the photographer was in from The Maidenhead Advertiser and this photo will be in the Thursday 14th October edition. However, prior to this it will be on their website www.baylismediaphotos.co.uk where copies can be purchased.

Don't forget we have a Q & A session online for FS families on 11th October (details emailed today).

Lunch Menu Change

Thursday 7th October is the annual school census day where government allocation of funding is decided by the number of children have a school meal. Therefore, we are hoping to entice as many children as possible (especially FS, Yr 1 & 2) to have a school meal on this day by changing the menu.

Thursday 7th October will be:

M = Fish & Chips

V = Quorn Hot Dog and chips

J = Jacket potato

Friday 8th October will now be:

M = Ham & Pineapple Pizza

V = Vegetable Keema Curry & Rice

J = Jacket potato

Family/Teacher meetings

These are being held on:

Tuesday 19th October 3.45pm – 6.25pm

Wednesday 20th October – 4.30pm – 7.10pm

We will be holding the meetings in person this year and they will be in your child's registration area. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate children on these evenings.

Bookings can be made via the Scopay system from 6pm on Tuesday 5th October until 6pm on Tuesday 12th October.

Children Centre

The buggy shed by the children centre is fine to use while dropping off older siblings but all buggies and scooters should be removed by 9am as the children centre need this space. Thank you.

Supporting your child with reading – Free App

We wanted to share with you that 'Teach Your Monster: Reading for Fun' is now available on iPads and iPhones and is completely FREE for a limited time!

This new game gets children reading for fun and inspires a lifelong love of reading something we are keen to foster in our children. 'Teach Your Monster: Reading for Fun' gives kids the chance to collect over 70 books for their monster's bookshelf! It's the perfect follow-up to Teach Your Monster to Read.

Once downloaded there's nothing to pay to continue playing on your device, even after the free promotion ends! No subscriptions, no in-app purchases and definitely no ads. It's also free to play on the web and an Android version is coming soon.

To click on the link to get your FREE copy of the brand new game from the makers of Teach Your Monster to Read! <https://apple.co/3m27oLi>

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/>

Keeping it Green

Twyford Together is 'keeping it green' at this year's [Charity 5K and Fun Run](#) and would love you to get involved. There's the option of 'dedicating a tree' or receiving a medal, there will be a Terracycle drop-off point for recycling any old pens (just no crayons or pencils please!) and Tash will be there with Martha the Van aka [The Refill Hub](#), so bring some containers to stock up at this wonderful mobile refill shop. Plus, [My Journey Wokingham](#) are bringing their awesome smoothie-making bike. To enter and for details of all the stalls and prizes, visit the [Twyford Together website](#).

Zero Gravity Outreach Competition

Every year the European Space Agency run a programme called Fly Your Thesis which challenges university students to design an experiment to test in microgravity on-board a series of parabolic flights. This year, the LEOniDAS team from Cranfield University are developing an experiment which will help reduce the amount of future debris in space.

As well as developing the experiment itself, the LEOniDAS team really want to work with primary school students, both to highlight the benefits from satellites and to make them aware of the amount of junk in space. With the help of their flying squirrel mascot Leo, their Little Earth Orbiter, the team has launched the Leo Competition, which will run until Friday 8th October.

Students are asked to fill in a worksheet where they are asked to show the team how they would clean up space. The worksheet is available through this link:

https://f0d63199-d85949f1aed28e1896a9b235.filesusr.com/ugd/a89af6_767611a5fc334f9da8b939faae3

[203b9.pdf](#). As part of the worksheet, they're also asked to colour and customise their own version of the Leo mascot.

The LEOniDAS team will take the winning design, bring their mascot to life and bring their version of Leo on the parabolic flights in October. The top designs will be posted on the LEOniDAS website, students will be sent certificates and the winning student will be sent their Leo teddy as well as footage of them floating in zero gravity!

More information is available on the website.

<https://www.leonidasfyt.co.uk/leo-competition>

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Law
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