



The Colleton Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 3 – Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you to all those that attended parents evening this week and for the positive feedback we received. It was great to be able to welcome so many of you into school to discuss your children's progress and to look at their learning.

Covid-19

You may have seen in the media or heard that there has been an increase in local positive cases of Covid-19 particularly affecting school age children and their parents. As a school, we have this far, only had a few positive cases and as such we are keen to maintain focus on learning routines.

We are monitoring risk closely and are continuing to ensure control measures we have had in place since the start of term such as regular hand washing and drying, increased cleaning and ventilation continue. In the event of an in-school outbreak, we would review and make changes which could include how we manage lunch and breaktimes and minimizing movement between teaching teams. As a precaution after half term, we will return to virtual, outside or team assemblies for the first few weeks while we assess the local numbers as well as the impact of these on our school community. Staff will continue to engage with lateral flow testing and we encourage all those over the age of 11 to participate in this too.

Thank you to those who have helped keep our community safe by following advice to keep children at home and await the results of PCR tests on days 3-5 after having a positive case in your household.

Please see attached a leaflet and letter from Wokingham Borough Council regarding how we can all do our bit to keep safe over half term and in the coming weeks.

Additional Testing Provision During Half Term -

In response to issues raised with accessing PCR test sites, WBC have arranged for two Mobile Testing Units (MTU's) to come into the borough for the half term period to assist with access to testing. Tests should be booked in the usual way, via the Government website, selecting either Wokingham venue: A) Shute End or B) Thames Valley Park. It will be possible to access testing with an appointment as a walk-in or drive-through.

Please encourage close contacts or anyone with symptoms to access PCR testing.

Christmas CPTA

Many thanks to those who were able to attend the Cheese and Wine event last week. During the evening I shared my vision of the CPTA being a facilitator of social interaction amongst our community and providing opportunities to meet with other families first and foremost. With this in mind, we are planning to hold two events including a Christmas jumper swap ahead of Christmas jumper day (bring and buy style with no cash exchanged!) on Friday 3rd December and an outdoor Christmas Fayre which we hope will take place on Thursday 9th December from 4-6 pm. Christmas Jumper Day, when the children wear their jumpers and make a donation to Save the Children will be on Friday 10th December. Please put these dates in your diary and more details will follow after half term.

Online safety

As we enter the half term holidays, please take the time to talk to your children about acting responsibly and safely when using electronic devices and accessing online content. We have discussed in team assemblies the importance of accessing age appropriate content in order to keep them safe from information or content which may harm or upset them and what to do in the event that they hear about or come across something which upsets them. See <https://static.lgfl.net/LgflNet/downloads/online-safety/posters/LGfL-DigiSafe-Poster-A3-scares.pdf> for more guidance on how you can support this.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is now closed for the winter. We would like to say a very BIG thank you to Mr Higgs for keeping it clean, chemically safe and running through the season. Also to the following people who worked tirelessly making bookings, checking chemicals at the weekend, collating payments and without their voluntary work swimming would not happen -

Mrs Wilson

Mrs Finnie

Mrs Burke

Mrs Steele

Mrs Robilliard

THANK YOU!

Road usage and Parking

Please can we remind all drivers to be vigilant of children walking on the pavements and to park responsibly. Children have been frightened by cars mounting the pavements to get through when cars are parked on the opposite side.

Bag2School

Don't forget to fill your bags over half term and return to school by 9am on Wednesday 3rd November. Thank you.

Photos

Children have been given their photo proofs this week so please check bags if you haven't received it. If your child was away then please collect from the school office after half term.

School Lunches

The new menu for after half term is available on our website. For children in Yr 3-6 please ensure there is credit on their account before they order a meal.

Poppies

We will be selling Poppies for remembrance day after half term, more details of how to donate will be sent after half term.

Request for old suitcases

The school council have asked if reading books can be provided for children in the playground at break times. We thought this was a great idea and to facilitate this would like to request donations of any unwanted suitcases that we can use to keep the books in outside. 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/>

Enjoy a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 1st November.

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