



## **The Colleton Primary School**

### **Summer Term Newsletter 3 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

#### **Dear Families,**

The end of the school year is almost upon us and whilst the slowing of the government roadmap has meant that restrictions are not as relaxed as we would have hoped by this time, staff have been working hard and thinking creatively to ensure as many as possible of our end of year events and celebrations can take place. Unfortunately, as parents we cannot invite you to join us but we will make sure lots of photos are posted on our Twitter [@theColleton](#) and Instagram [@colletontwyford](#) so please ensure you subscribe.

#### **Swimming**

Curriculum swimming is well underway and we plan to hold our annual swimming galas in Team bubbles weather permitting on the dates below:

YT – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July am

MT – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July pm

OT – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July am

FS – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July pm

#### **Sports day**

Mini sports day events will be held in each team and points will be collected in the usual way and shared in an assembly once all children have competed.

OT – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July am

FS - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July pm

MT-Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July am

YT-Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July pm

## Year 6 Leaver celebrations

Although the traditional Bude trip was not possible, OT teachers have put together a fun packed program continuing many of our other leaver's traditions including:

- a day trip to the Riverside centre, followed by an overnight stay at Oakwood activity centre with two days of exciting activities.
- performing and filming the leavers performance for the rest of the school to view
- a barbeque celebration evening in their bubbles before the end of term –

JH & LP/HE reg group Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – 6.30pm

LH & CT reg group Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – 6.30pm

- a leavers assembly and presentation of their Leavers book and chosen Waterstones book

## Transition arrangements

For those parents with children **moving into** Year 1,3 and 6, Team leaders will be hosting a virtual question and answer session to answer any questions you may have about your child moving team in September, see dates and links below. By the end of today a PowerPoint will be available on our website

<https://www.colleton.wokingham.sch.uk/children/teams/> then choose the team your child is going into on the left hand side - providing an overview of each team.

MT – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 5pm – 5.30pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

OT – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – 5.30pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

YT – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – 5.30pm [Click here to join the meeting](#)

## Year 6

Secondary schools have been advised against face to face transition days and have made alternative arrangements which they will communicate directly with you.

## Swippy Swappy Sessions

The swippy swappy session where children meet with their reg group and teachers has been delayed until 19th July as current guidance advises against the mixing of bubbles. We are hopeful that by waiting until this late in the term we will be able to meet in our new teaching areas. If the roadmap is delayed the children will meet outside with their teaching group for September. New reg group information will be shared in the final week of term.

## Staffing updates

- Miss Harrison will be leaving us at the end of term. Although we will miss her dearly, we are pleased to congratulate her on her new job and relocation and thank her for all her contributions and hard work.
- Mrs Phipps will be joining the Older Team from September and we have appointed a new teacher for Middle Team who will meet the children before the end of term.
- Mrs Black will be retiring from Younger Team and Mrs Cranmer will be re-joining Ms Dobson as job share teacher for that reg group.
- We are delighted and excited to announce that Mrs Hogarth and Mrs Draycott are both expecting babies. Plans are underway to cover their maternity leave and we will update you as soon as we have more information.

## Protecting our children from abuse

Whilst use of devices and the internet has helped to keep everyone including young people connected during the pandemic, there has also been some alarming statistics released recently regarding the rise of on-line abuse of young people that I wanted to bring to your attention.

The IWF report <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/> suggests that since the start of the pandemic, the amount of 'self-generated' child abuse imagery has increased dramatically. In 2020, the IWF confirmed 68,000 cases of such imagery, a rise of 77% on the year before. It accounts for nearly half (44%)

### **In 80% of these cases, the victims were 11- to 13-year-old girls.**

There is a parent carer guide <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/A-guide-for-parents-and-carers-v7.pdf> to for further information. I would urge you all to use the TALK strategy suggested to start the conversation about potential dangers, reiterate family rules around the use and take an interest and gain an understanding of your child's online activity.

You may have also seen that Ofsted produced a report on findings regarding sexual abuse in schools. The findings of this report indicate:

- **Nearly 90% of girls, and nearly 50% of boys, said being sent explicit pictures or videos of things they did not want to see happens a lot or sometimes to them or their peers**
- **92% of girls, and 74% of boys, said sexist name-calling happens a lot or sometimes to them or their peers**

At The Colleton our aim is to have a culture where any kind of sexual harassment is recognised and not tolerated. Our staff model respectful and appropriate behavior, and endeavor to ensure children are really clear about what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior, and are confident enough to ask for help and support when they need it. The teaching of our carefully sequenced RSHE curriculum using Jigsaw which we have shared as part of the parent consultation forms the basis of this and all our teachers have received high quality training to deliver this.

I do want to stress however the importance of us working together to ensure that this kind of behaviour is not normalised and that every member of our community needs to be vigilant so we can immediately address any inappropriate behaviour. If you do have any concerns regarding this please make sure you encourage your child to talk to adults in school or raise them with their teachers directly. Unfortunately, with the best will in the world staff will not always be immediately aware of some of the playground conversations that are taking place between peers.

### **Lego plea**

One of the interventions we run in school is called Lego Therapy. This aims to support children with their language and communication as well as social skills such as working in a team or turn taking. To keep this interesting and exciting for the children, we are always on the lookout for Lego to create new building packs for these sessions. These are not complicated designs and only require basic building blocks in a range of sizes and colours and perhaps some wheels. If anyone has any Lego they no longer require, we would be very grateful to have it to build up our resources.

### **Covid-19 Vaccinations – Open to all Over 18s at Bulmershe Leisure Centre**

The boroughs vaccination offer has been updated. **All those aged 18 and over and living within the Wokingham Borough can now access a vaccination** between 09:30 and 20:30 until the end of Sunday 27 June. The offer is also open to those awaiting their second Pfizer vaccination (please note there must be an 8-week gap between the first vaccination). The vaccination centre is located at Bulmershe Leisure Centre and operates on a walk-in basis. Parking is available at the Woodley United FC/University of Reading car park on Woodlands Avenue. The postcode for this is RG6 1FR.

### **After School Club for Yr 1-Yr 6**

There are spaces available in ASC for September, please visit our website or email [ASC@colleton.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ASC@colleton.wokingham.sch.uk) for further information.

Have a lovely weekend,

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