



Newsletter

Tuesday 22nd September 2017

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Executive Head Teacher: Mrs R Osborne

The term so far...

So where have those weeks gone? Can you believe that we are approaching the fourth week of term? Our school continues to be an exciting place to be — so far this term, our Phase 3 pupils (Years 4, 5 and 6) have met Robin Hood in our woods; Phase 2 (Years 2 and 3) have received a note from a “Wild Child” and Phase 1 (Reception and Year 1) have seen something amazing being built in their playground, whilst our youngest learners in Reception have had a staggered start and stayed for lunch this week (they start full time next week). It's been incredibly busy but we wouldn't have it any other way! I'll also take this opportunity to congratulate the wonderful Mrs Bedi in her promotion to Assistant Headteacher and at the same time, the amazing Mr Leighton in his promotion to Phase 1 & 2 Leader. Welcome to the Senior Leadership Team!

Mr Albert

Developments



Hopefully you've had the chance to see the wonderful new, immersive classrooms and our redesigned hall. This week, something else exciting has arrived—our new, fantastic outdoor learning environment in the Victorian Block. Our Reception and Year 1 classes already have a fantastic provision but we were always concerned with the lack of 'greenery'. As such, we decided to have the 'Dragon's Den' built. This will allow the classes to work outside, away from the weather, all year round. If you



get the opportunity, take a look at it—and especially the (fake) grass covered surface!

PE Kit

Can I pass on a polite reminder from the Teachers to ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school, including warm clothing (ankle length bottoms and long sleeved top) and a change of footwear for outside. This also applies to Miss Starmer's Girls Football Club. Can we also ask that earrings are not worn on PE days.

Musical Instruments

Another reminder—if your child has a music lesson and needs to bring their instrument in, please help them to remember this. We still have spaces in our guitar and brass lessons—ask the office for more info.

Headlice

We have had a few reports of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair and treat any incidents. We also suggest that long hair is tied back at all times. Thank you for your support in this.

Prokick Challenge

You'll have seen and heard that we have the Prokick Challenge in school on Monday 25th September. Run by ex-professional footballer, Junior McDougald, this competition sees sponsored children see how hard they can kick a ball into huge inflatable goal! It measures the speed of the ball following the kick and is great fun. This fundraiser helps raise money for the school and also for Sports Connections charity work in Burkina Faso so if you can help by sponsoring your child it'll be for a worthy cause.



Reading

I'm sharing this reading picture again. It's a really powerful graphic to share the importance of reading. Over the next few weeks, the adults in school will begin to further show themselves as role models for reading. I have started a story group myself—I began sharing "The Nowhere Emporium" by Ross Mackenzie—and will hold it in the woods, once a week!

Safeguarding Matters

A few of our young people have been discussing social media and online activities in school. We remind you that pupils in our school should not have Facebook or Instagram accounts (or anything similar) and would like to make you aware that the game "Roblox" does have a chat facility, leaving our children potentially exposed to talking to strangers. Please try to be aware of what they are doing when on mobile devices and computers, whilst at the same time talking to them about the dangers of talking or sharing information with people they don't know.

If you are concerned about the well-being of any child or adult please speak to either Mr Albert (safeguarding lead), Mrs Osborne or Mrs Bedi (deputy safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on: 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or out of hours: 01604 626 938.

Dates for your diary

25/9 - Reception pupils begin Full Time

25/9 – Prokick Challenge

29/9—McMillan Coffee Morning

5/10— Friends of Collingtree Parent Group AGM

5/10—School Census Day

13/10—School Photographs being taken

19/10—Harvest Festival

19/10—Open Day for prospective parents

20/10—Immunisations

20/10—End of Term 1

30/10—Teacher Training Day

31/10—Start of Term 2 (Tuesday)

Reflections and prayer

As we continue to focus on Community as our School Virtue, please talk to your child about the importance of belonging and sharing, and also in caring for one another. We feel that this is fundamental in helping our young people grow into responsible adults.

Gracious God,

We pray for peace in our communities this day.
We commit to you all who work for peace,
And those who work to uphold law and justice.
We pray for an end to fear,
For comfort and support to those who suffer.
For calm in our streets and cities,
That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.
In your mercy, hear our prayers,
now and always.

Amen



WHY CAN'T WE SKIP READING TONIGHT?

Student A reads 20 minutes each day. This equals 3600 minutes a school year. Student A will read approximately 1,800,000 words.

Student B reads 5 minutes each day. This equals 900 minutes in a school year. Student B will read approximately 282,000 words.

Student C reads 1 minute each day. This equals 180 minutes a school year. Student C will read approximately 8,000 words.



By the end of the school year, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read only 12 school days. Which student do you expect to be the better reader? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Website

Please visit our website, www.collingtreeprimary.org.uk. It's being updated regularly and has lots of information for you, including the current news blogs.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow our twitter account — @CollingtreePri. We'll be using it even more moving forward; sharing photographs of the children at work, news updates and useful links. It's quick and easy. Come on—give us a follow!

