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Happy New Year! It has been lovely seeing all the children returning to school with such energy and enthusiasm.

Staff

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Jason Bichri at the end of last term; we wish him all the best with his travels and look forward to hearing all about his adventures travelling the world. We have appointed Chris Grieve who now joins our Year 6 team. Chris has experience of working with children and teaching tennis at Coolhurst Tennis Club. He will also be teaching certain classes PE.

We were also very sorry to say goodbye to Sue, our School Crossing Patrol person, who retired at the end of December. I am sure that, as well as missing the children, she will be relishing the opportunity to relax each morning and not have to deal with wind, rain and some tricky commuters.

The crossing between East and West

While we are waiting for Haringey to find a replacement for Sue, please can you ensure you are extra vigilant and careful whilst crossing the road, it does get terribly busy at both drop off and pick up time.

Peter Pan

The play this year was a phenomenal achievement. It had us 'hooked' throughout all the performances. I felt incredibly proud watching all the children perform with such confidence and gusto. The children, staff and parents/carer helpers encouraged and supported each other throughout and this was truly impressive. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that supported the school with your involvement in the run up and throughout all the performances. The show would not have been the success it was without you.

INSET

On Monday 4th January the staff spent an extremely valuable day sharing good practice and receiving training on two areas of our current School Development Plan: Reading and Philosophy for Children. The morning was dedicated to reading, looking at our practice across the school. Staff had the opportunity to hear about, and discuss new and innovative practice that our English team delivered with passion and expertise. Staff spent time looking at how we develop children's reading comprehension and inference, critical thinking skills, how we develop fluency, and how best to nurture our children to have a love of books and literature.

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 21st January - Reading Evening 7pm

Parents' Evening 3rd March

Last day of half term - 12th February 2016

Children return to school - 22nd February 2016



More photos on the website



INSET

In the afternoon the staff spent time revisiting how we teach Philosophy for Children (P4C) at Coleridge. Teachers from our Values and Citizenship team lead the session and staff had the opportunity to learn about best practice for both infants and junior children. Research into the teaching of P4C has shown evidence in developing critical reasoning skills and dialogue in the classroom, improvements in pupil's communication skills, confidence and concentration and helping pupils learn to self-manage their feelings appropriately. It was an inspiring afternoon with very positive feedback from the staff.

Safeguarding of children at drop off and pick up

Over the course of this term, we are going to be looking at how we can improve the security of the school both at drop off and at pick up time. Currently there is a lot of movement of adults in the corridors and around the school during these times. We will be writing to you during the term about our planned changes and we would appreciate your support and cooperation. Any changes that are made will be done with the safety of your children in mind.

Reading Evening - 21st January 2016

We ran a very successful and informative reading evening for parents of children in KS1 last term which was well attended. We have another reading evening on Thursday 21st January, starting at 7pm. The evening is primarily for parents of children in years 3 to 6, however Year 2 parents may well find it relevant and all parents are more than welcome.

During the session, staff will be talking about how we teach reading in the juniors and how you can support your children with their reading at home. The evening promises to be extremely informative and I would strongly recommend that you attend if you are interested and able to do so.

Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our questionnaire on Home Learning. It was clear that most parents do see a value in home learning, however there was a real divide in opinion between those parents seeing a value in more formal homework and those who enjoy a more informal and open ended approach.

The Leadership Team are currently looking at developing the current format in light of all feedback received from staff, parents and children. We will keep you informed of the developments.

Website

We are extremely pleased with our new website and over the last 30 days we had over 10,000 hits! The site has been designed to give you as much up to date and relevant information about life at Coleridge Primary School. However it is work in progress and there are still areas we need to populate which we are currently working to fill. Please bear with us.

Thank you for all your support and understanding regarding my up and coming absence. I look forward to seeing you all next half term.

Leon Choueke



