

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

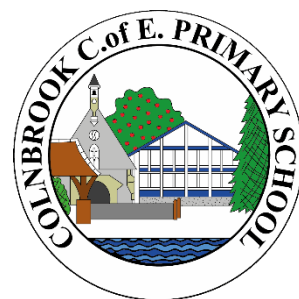
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Thursday, 5th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope you had a wonderful summer, and it was great to see so many smiling faces as the children returned today. I am writing with some updates as we start the new term that I hope you will find useful.

Our School's Vision

Our school has a shared Christian vision, taken from the Bible: ***“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”*** (Joshua 1:9). This vision is central to everything we do and knits our community together. While we have a strong Christian vision, we are inclusive of all. Whether children have a faith or not, everyone is respected and given opportunities to express our vision themselves in a way that makes them feel comfortable.

Communication

Thank you for your patience as we get up and running with Teachers2Parents. If you have not already, please download the app and create a log in. If you have any problems, please let the school office know, and we will do our best to resolve them. School lunches can be ordered via the app, and we can now accept online payments.

We will not be sending home parental signature booklets this year, but all the annual forms will be sent electronically through Teachers2Parents. You will be able to complete all permission slips and forms online, book club places and make parents evening appointments. This should make these processes much quicker and simpler. Look out for important forms coming out very soon, including forms for local area visits, flu vaccinations and photos. Please bear with us as we get used to the new system too!

Punctuality and Attendance

Every minute in school really does matter and we aim to help children do their best from the moment they walk through the door. From 8:35am, the gates and classroom doors are open with tasks set up ready for the children to get on with straight away. **Gates close at 8:45am** daily and all children should be in school by this time.

If your child is late, they will miss these learning opportunities, and it can be embarrassing for children to walk in when their friends are already working on tasks. Please ensure your children are on time every day to give them every chance at success.

Regular attendance at school is also vital for children's success. Registers are monitored daily by the senior leadership team, and we will contact you if we have concerns about your child's attendance. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please phone the school office before 9am, **selecting option 2** and leave a voicemail to explain your child's absence. We do follow up absences or complete home visits if we have concerns.

Senior Leadership Team

The senior leadership team this year is made up of myself, Mrs Bharj and Mrs Uppal (Assistant Headteachers), Mr Thomas (SENDCo) and Ms Broderick (Early Years Lead). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to one of us before or after school at the gates or contact us through the school office.

Uniform and PE Kit

We take pride in our appearance at school and our uniform is an important part of life at Colnbrook. We expect children to be in full uniform each day, including ties for all children in Y1-6 and correct school shoes. PE kits should be in school every day and children will be expected to change for PE lessons.

Curriculum Newsletters

Each term, class teachers will send home a curriculum newsletter with a knowledge organiser that outlines what your child will be learning. Please take time to read this through and discuss key vocabulary with your child.

Upcoming Dates

There are several important dates coming up over the next few weeks. Important dates are included in the weekly Friday newsletter. Do make sure you read this each week to keep up to date. We have included some important dates for your diary in the table below.

Finally...

As always, we are always happy to help. If you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to your child's class teacher or office staff in the first instance. I look forward to another successful year working with you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Brunson
Headteacher

Important Upcoming Dates	
11 th September	2:45pm – Reception Parents Information Sharing (Hall – <i>parents should only attend one date</i>)
12 th September	9:00am – Reception Parents Information Sharing (Hall – <i>parents should only attend one date</i>)
12 th September	2:15pm – New Beginnings Church Service (Y1-6) at St Thomas' church – parents invited
18 th September	2:30pm – Year 5 and 6 Residential meeting (Hall)
18 th September	3:30pm – Year 6 Parents Information Sharing (Hall)
19 th September	All day – Flu vaccinations – information to follow
26 th September	All day – Individual photos
27 th September	3:15pm – Cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care Charity