



Welcome back everyone! This week we have a 'basic' newsletter as we have only been back a few days. It still has lots of information in it though so please give it a good read.

Well three days in and it feels like we have never been away. The children (and adults) have settled back into the routine of school amazingly well and despite the early starts everyone has been smashing the first few days.

Thank you for your cooperation with the gate times and uniform. Everyone looked super smart. It was also so adorable to see our new reception children - they came to assembly on the first day and everyone loved meeting them. Welcome to all our new families!

Curriculum Overview:

This week you should all have received a curriculum overview for your child's class for this half term. This outlines the things they will be learning about; book they are reading and also may help you guide your discussions at home. Teachers will also be letting you know what days your PE sessions are on. Remember, send PE kit in now so that it is in school ready. Years 5 and 6 wear theirs in but this must include a school jumper and black or blue joggers/shorts with no logos or patterns.

Reading:

Your child will also be bringing home their new reading books and reading record books. At the front you will notice that we have the Colyton 'Super 6'. This is a list of 6 books in 6 different themes that we encourage the children to look for in the library and read. They are to help focus on things that are important to us such as our history, sustainability and being kind. Please tick them off as you have read them...how many will you read this year?

Next week we will be starting up the Friday book boxes again, so many children have already asked about these. If you do get one, please make sure it comes back by the following Friday and SEND PICTURES of you enjoying them together.

It is VITAL that you read each day with your child. We also have an aim to read with every child in school, at least once a week, from reception to year 6. We mostly achieve this but it does rely heavily on volunteers. So **WE NEED YOU!** Please, please sign up to volunteer in school to listen to readers, even for half an hour a week. It makes a huge difference.

Trips:

This year we have already got some trips planned. However, we must be firm about payment and permission for them. Last year, we made a loss of just over £1500 on school trips and this did not include residentials. That money came from the school budget. This meant we could not spend it on valuable supplies like paint and paper or fun art/PE equipment.

If you do not pay for trips we may need to make the decision to not permit you to go or even cancel the trip completely.

Upcoming Dates

Saturday 14th

September

Colyton Carnival:
School Entry

Monday 16th

September

FAFA AGM
New Parents welcome

1st October

Black History month

Friday 4th October

Reception Class
Vision Screening

Tuesday 8th October

FARM Wise - Devon
Country Ground
Year 3 & 4

Thursday 10th October

Wear Yellow for
Mental Health

Friday 18th October

Flourish Friday

Tuesday 22nd October

Join Us -9am



Lockdown (not COVID!):

I know that over the holidays there has been some information about schools having 'Lockdown Policies'. This half term we will be introducing our 'Ready for Anything' policy to the children. This is in case there are things like swarms of bees (again) or a loose dog on the playground. I will be sending you more information in the coming weeks and having a practice with the children, in the same way we practice a fire drill. There is nothing to be alarmed about.

CARNIVAL!

Don't forget that the Colyton Carnival is on Saturday September 14th. The theme for our walking entry is 'Knights and Princesses' I understand there may be a dragon with us and music. Do come and join in, dressed up to walk around the town. Meet in Gover's Meadow at 6.30pm. I can not wait!

Attendance: Towards the end of last half term you had a letter about attendance. This new policy came in to effect in August and does mean some big changes. This includes fines for unauthorised attendance that is not just linked to holidays. Please do not take holiday in term time and avoid medical appointments too. If there is something that your child needs to attend then send them for the majority of the day so that they only miss a little bit of school. I will send a simplified version of the policy soon once we have fully digested it too.

Parent Workshops and Diary Dates:

I am attaching to this newsletter the diary dates for the whole year. This is so that you can plan ahead. Please be mindful that some of the dates may change due to the weather or last minute emergencies but we do our best to stick to them. Please be aware that a couple have changed from the FAFA calendar as the half term date changed last year so we are sorry about this. You will also notice that on these dates are **parent workshops**. These have been spread throughout the year linked to maths and reading for each year group and are designed to help you with strategies at home to support your child with their learning in a fun way. Please do attend. We used to run these years ago and they were always a huge hit. You will be working alongside your child. They start at 9.00am in the school hall and tea and coffee (and biscuits!) will be available. You can even send a grannie or grandad if you can not attend! We are so excited about these.

Finally, have a great weekend and onwards and upwards next week!
Mrs Mills

Colyton Primary FAFA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Monday 16th of September.

7pm for 7:30pm start in Colyton Primary
School.

Please come along to help shape the plans for the
2024/25 school year and support the school.

Find out what FAFA did in previous years and elect the
committee members.

Refreshments available!

Can't make it but want to help? Please contact Mrs Mills or Louise
Satterley. Email admin@colytonprimary.org.uk





Photo Competition

Start sending in your childrens photos to take part in the termly prize winning.

fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk

*Competition runs until
September 2024*

A competition for the children of Colyton Primary to showcase their photography skills in next years school calendar.

This year the theme is:

Animals in Nature

(Animals in their natural habitat in the local area - does not include pets)

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