



Coleman Newsletter July 2023

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

Welcome to the end of year newsletter. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Headteacher at Coleman. It has been a very busy but productive year and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know you all, as well as the pupils, staff and Governors at the school.

This year has seen some changes and I really do appreciate the support and encouragement I have received from you. It is fantastic to see the children in uniform and the pride they exhibit in wearing it. We have also had extremely positive comments about their smart appearance and good behaviour when we have taken them on school trips. The children have been out and about to various places to support their learning and some of our Y5/6 children had a great time on the residential.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you engaging with school events this year. From our class assemblies, to parent workshops, sports days and the school fair- it is great to have so many of you involved with school. We are looking forward to having even more events next year and will be setting up a parent-teacher association to encourage you to get involved in supporting the school with fundraising activities, but also to forge friendships and provide extra opportunities for our pupils.

Other initiatives that have been introduced include our before and after school provision, which is increasingly well attended; our Stay and Play session for pre-school children and the fact that we now offer full time nursery places for all three-year-olds, regardless of funding. Please tell your friends and families about these as we want to support our local families in any way we can and ensure our school supports their needs.

We are also in the process of building a new website which will launch in the Autumn term. This is part of our modernising of the school systems. It will be much easier to navigate and will promote the school in an attractive and meaningful way; portraying the learning that takes place here. You may have seen our new logo at the top of this letter. This tree of life honours the previous Coleman logo but is more modern and the different greens represent our diverse community being one family.

I know that you may be concerned about the recent news that Mayflower Primary School will be temporarily sited on our school field whilst their building is repaired. Please be assured that all of the wonderful activities and educational opportunities the children have benefitted from this year will not be compromised and that as a staff, governing body and community, we will continue to provide the very best education for all of our pupils here at Coleman. We are already planning to include additional enrichment opportunities for the children to ensure they receive a well-rounded curriculum that ensures their success. I will be attending weekly meetings throughout the summer and will update you with further developments when I have them.

Twitter

Don't forget that we are now posting activities on Twitter. If you haven't already signed up, the Twitter account is @Coleman_Primary

I wish you all a very happy summer break and I look forward to seeing you on 29th August when school re-opens.

Mrs Wade

Staff news

We are saying 'goodbye' to two longstanding members of Coleman staff this term.

- Mrs Maclachlan is retiring after 37 years of service at the school and countless children will have benefitted from her teaching and care during this time. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school and hope that she has a very happy and fulfilling retirement.
- You may be aware that Mr Gawera (class 3G) has been absent from school for some time. Unfortunately, his current health condition has resulted in his recent decision not to return to his position at Coleman after the summer. We are hoping that he will be able to come and see us in the new academic year so that we can say a proper goodbye and we will let you know when we have arranged this.

We would also like to thank Mrs Ali for working on supply at Coleman this year (class 1AL). We wish her every success for the future.

We are also welcoming Mrs Lawrence back to Coleman after a year's sabbatical and are looking forward to having her back with us. She will be teaching in Year 5.

Summer Reading challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to use their local library and maintain their reading habit through the summer and aims to mitigate the dip in performance associated with a long break from reading that many children experience in the new school year.

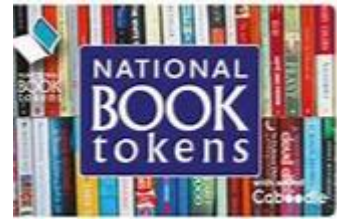
From 1 July until the 17 September, children 0-15 years can sign up to take part and complete the six-book challenge. The offer is enhanced with a range of free family activities, all designed to promote reading for pleasure and the joy of sharing books and stories.

There will be a £100 book prize to the school from which the highest percentage of pupils complete the challenge.

For further information about the full programme of activities please visit leicester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.

Books for our new library

National book tokens are offering 5 schools the chance to win £1000 to help rebuild their school library. We are currently in the process of building a new library at Coleman and winning this prize would make a significant contribution to this.



Please CTRL+ click on the link below to enter our school in the competition and please share this with your friends and families- the more entries we have, the more chance we have of winning!

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Summer Fair update

Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the summer fair that took place on 16th June. We raised a fantastic £766. Thank you, Miss Desai, for organising such a successful event.



Sports Day



The weather was kind to us and the school enjoyed 4 fantastic sports day sessions last week, made even more enjoyable by the presence of the ice-cream van on some of the days. The children competed in house teams to earn points for their houses and participated in a range of sports activities throughout their sessions. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend, enjoy the sports and encourage your children to do their very best. This year, a house point trophy was awarded to Blue house.

The house results are as follows:

1st: blue house 3480 points

2nd: Yellow house 3398 points

3rd: red house 3257 points

4th: green house 3201 points

5th: orange house 3159 points

Next academic year, we are reorganising the houses into 4 teams, named after four Leicester sports teams: Foxes, Tigers, Riders and Panthers. Families will be allocated to the same house so parents/carers can support all their children at events. We are already planning lots of inter-house activities for the next academic year. Children will continue to earn their own house points and receive merit certificates in assembly.

Don't forget: School re-opens on Tuesday 29th August 2023