

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

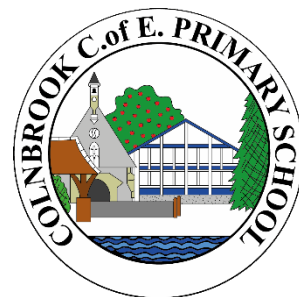
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Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to the 2022-23 academic year! It was great to see so many smiling faces as the children returned this morning and I hope you managed to have a great summer break. I am writing today with some updates as we start the new term that I hope you will find useful.

Our School's Vision

At Colnbrook C. of E. Primary school we have 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, each individual is respected and given opportunities to express our vision themselves in a way that makes them feel most comfortable.

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 8:40am, the gates and classroom doors are open with tasks set up ready for the children to get on with straight away. If your child is late, they will miss out on 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. **Gates close at 8:50am** daily and all children should be in school by this time.

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 by 9am, **selecting option 2** and leave a voicemail to explain your child's absence.

Curriculum Newsletters

Class teachers will be sending home a curriculum newsletter and knowledge organiser this week which outlines what your child will be learning this term. Please take time to read this through and discuss key vocabulary with your child.

Senior Leadership Team

The senior leadership team this year is made up of myself, Mrs Uppal (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Nurmohamed (SENDCo). 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.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to listen to children read, particularly in Key Stage 1. If you are able to commit a few hours every week to come in and support our children's reading, please speak to the office. Please note, that we do not place parent volunteers in the same class as their child. Your support is greatly valued. We will apply for a DBS check for all volunteers working in school.

Communication

Our weekly newsletter, sent out each Friday, is full of important information that will allow you to keep up to date with what is going on in school. It is important we have correct contact details to ensure you receive important

announcements and letters. If your email address or phone number has changed, please let the office know as soon as possible. Our school website is also regularly updated with key information.

Please check the newsletter or school website before phoning the school office for information to help reduce the workload for our hard working admin team. In addition, please look out for important letters and information sent out via Parent Mail as we are aiming to send fewer paper letters this year to help the environment.

And finally...

A big welcome to the new families joining Colnbrook this term; we are very excited to have you as part of our school family. For those of you who have not met me before, I have attached a photo below; come and say 'hello' if you see me on the playground.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Brunson
Headteacher

