



3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the summer term. This term is one that we look forward to and dread coming at the same time. It is one of the busiest terms of the year, with lots of fun events taking place and hopefully we will enjoy some summer sunshine! However, it's also the term we say goodbye to our older children as we prepare them for their transition to school, which we hope to make as smooth as possible for all.

### Staff Team

We are pleased to welcome Jade back to pre-school after her maternity leave. Jade will be working on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon, I know the children will be pleased to have her back (as will we).

### Fund raising team.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sponsored walk on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Stanton Park. We had a great turn out for this event, the weather definitely helped. Those children that attended talked about it with great enthusiasm for the following week. Thank you also to everyone who donated despite not being able to attend the walk, it is really appreciated. Keep a look out for the next Committee newsletter for the amount raised, money is still coming in for this event.

Thanks also to the committee for arranging the Retro Music night in the Coleview Community Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> May, a great night was had by all and the amount raised was over £600, the final total will be in the next committee newsletter.

The children will be making their Father's Day gifts this term, if you would like your child to make one please speak to a committee member or a member of staff as soon as possible as the closing date for this is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

I would like to once again thank our brilliant fund-raising team for organising such wonderful events, they work so hard for us, it is really appreciated, I don't know how we would manage without them, thank you, thank you, thank you.

At the moment we have some parents on the committee whose children left us long ago and who have done a sterling job of raising funds. They don't want to let pre-school down by leaving without anyone to take over as they are aware of how important the fund-raising side of pre-school is. Unfortunately, they are beginning to feel like they will never be able to leave as no-one is coming forward to take over. We have abused their kindness for long enough, we need new members please. We currently have 55 children on roll and of these we have only 9 parents on the committee out of a possible 102.

The committee need some parents who can join and commit to arranging and running events. It is not as scary as it sounds and the more of you that come forward the easier it is. It is a great way of getting to know other parents, make new friends and most importantly you get to have a bit of fun whilst supporting your child's education. We appreciate how busy you all are but the committee really doesn't take up too much time; one meeting and event per term. We would struggle so much without the valuable funds the committee raise and without the committee we would have to make cut backs or bring in additional charges which none of us want to happen. Please give it some serious thought and come and find out more at the **'meet and greet' on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** or the **next committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the pre-school room**. Give it a go, you have nothing to lose!

### Pyjamarama Day.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June is the National Booktrust's Pyjamarama day. This day is to highlight the importance of bedtime stories for children and is also a fundraiser for the Booktrust. As not all children attend on a Friday we will be participating throughout the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the children can come into pre-school wearing their pyjamas any day throughout the week but particularly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. There is a £1 fee for this which can be given to any member of staff, there will also be a donations box in the foyer. Please help to support this good cause. Thank you.

### Sound of the Week.

<u>w/c</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>w/c</u>	<u>Sound</u>
3/6	<b>h</b>	24/6	<b>Z</b>
10/6	<b>o</b> – as in 'octopus' not 'oats' or 'out'	1/7	<b>W</b>
17/6	<b>u</b> – as in 'umbrella' not 'uniform'	8/7	<b>V</b>

### Sunshine!

As the children can move freely inside and outside during our sessions, we would be grateful if you could supply them with a sun hat and apply sun protection before they come into pre-school. Where children are in for full days we will need to re-apply their sun cream. In order for this to happen we must have a permission slip signed by the child's parents and you will need to supply sun cream, labelled with your child's name. Permission slips are available on the parents' noticeboard in the foyer. Chilled drinking water is always available and the children are encouraged to drink this frequently during warm weather. Can you please also ensure that your child has suitable footwear that allows them to move freely, take part in outdoor activities and use the large play equipment, flip flops and some canvas shoes, although pretty, can be unsuitable and make feet sore, especially if worn with no socks.

**We would also be grateful if all jackets, hats, cardigans, jumpers etc. could be labelled with your child's name to prevent any confusion at the end of sessions. Thank you.**

If you are missing any items of clothing please have a look in our 'Lost Property' box in the pre-school foyer.

### Absence forms.

If your child is going to be absent from pre-school for any reason (other than sickness) you will need to fill in an absence form. This is in case we are audited and need to show why children were not at pre-school. You can download a form from our website: [coleviewpreschool.org.uk](http://coleviewpreschool.org.uk) or you can pick one up in the foyer on the Parents' noticeboard.

Parent/Keyworker consultations (Children going to school in September only)

These consultations are taking place between Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Some parents have not yet made appointments with their child's keyworker, please do so asap, the appointment list is on the wall by the door into the pre-school room. This is an important part of your child's transition to school, if you have a problem please speak to your child's key person.

**Dates for your diary**

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – Pyjamarama day

MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – Parent/Keyworker consultations.

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June – visits to Colebrook Infant Academy (older children only)

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY - LAST DAY OF TERM (for all children returning to pre-school in September 2019).

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY - LEAVERS CONCERT ONLY (see below).

Pre-school will open for the Autumn term on: **TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.**

Leavers Concert

This year's concert will be held on **FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY** at 10.00 a.m. in the Towcester suite of the Community Centre.

**Please note: On this day we will hold the leavers concert ONLY there will be NO pre-school sessions.**

This is a special event for all the children leaving pre-school this summer so we would be grateful if all the leavers could arrive at pre-school by 9.30am, a letter with more details will follow nearer the date.

Everyone is welcome to come along and watch the show and hopefully make the children's last pre-school concert fun and memorable. As always, we are happy for parents to take photographs or videos at these events unless we are informed otherwise, so if you DO NOT want your child photographed please inform a member of staff prior to the event. We do however ask that you do not share any photos/videos containing images of other people's children on social media network sites (e.g. Facebook, Instagram) without their permission. Thank you. Don't forget the tissues!!

And finally

After 16 years of working at Coleview Pre-School and after much deliberation I have decided to leave at the end of this academic year. It has been a privilege to have had a hand in the development of the children who have passed through the pre-school during my time here and I have enjoyed every minute. I will continue in my current role until the 19<sup>th</sup> July. You will be informed of my replacement when it is known.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Roberts

- Are you interested in joining the Fundraising Committee? (**You are needed**)
- Do you have any ideas or suggestions? Would you like to meet other parents?
- Please complete the following and post in the Fundraising Box in the Foyer at pre-school.

Thank you.

We look forward to meeting you.

Name:	Child's name:
Telephone & email:	
Any ideas or comments:	