



30th October 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Coleview pre-school and the second half of our autumn term, one of the busiest terms of the academic year.

This term, as well as following the children's interests and planning accordingly, we will be looking at 'Celebrations, Festivals and Traditions' that take place at this time of year, including:- Halloween, Bonfire night (including fire safety), Remembrance Day, St. Andrews Day and Christmas. As usual a weekly information sheet will be added to your child's 'Home and Pre-school Link Book', detailing the activities on offer to the children at pre-school and ideas on how you can continue the theme and children's learning at home. Further details about our daily plans are available on the pre-school notice board.

Website.

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that our new website is now up and running. A massive thank-you to Russ and Lucie Purdy for their work in getting this together for us, it really is hugely appreciated. The website contains details of fundraising events, newsletters (like this one), diary reminders, Policies and Procedures and lots of other useful information, please visit us at:

coleviewpreschool.org.uk

Morning drop off.

Please could I ask everyone who is dropping their child off in the morning not to stand in the doorway or to chat to the member of staff that is at the door leading into the pre-school room. This time of the day is when we are at our most vulnerable to a child 'escaping' or an unwanted intruder entering, with the door being open and so many adults about. The member of staff on the door is there to prevent this happening and cannot do this if they are distracted by chatting to a parent. I have no objections to parents coming into the room with their children, just please make sure you come right into the room and away from the doorway. If you have a pre-existing accident to record or a message to pass on or you want to speak to someone, please speak to the member of staff in the foyer. Please pass this information on to any other adults that may drop your child off in the mornings. Your child's safety is our paramount concern and I would appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

Fund Raising

Hopefully everyone had a good time at the Spooky Sponsored walk at Stanton Park on Sunday 29th October. This was organised by our hard working fund raising committee who have arranged more events for you to enjoy over the coming weeks and months (see Quiz Night above). Please check the notice board in the pre-school foyer and look out for flyers in your child's bag regarding forthcoming events and activities.

The committee is a great way to get to know other parents of children who your child will be in education with for the next 12 years and is also a way of being involved in your child's education which is beneficial to supporting your child's development.

If you are interested in joining our parents fund raising team, please complete the slip attached and return it to pre-school or alternatively speak to a member of staff. Thank you.

Information is also available on 'FACEBOOK' please search: Coleview Pre-School Fundraising Group.

Please don't forget the 'Book Club' that Nicky runs on a Wednesday morning, 9.00 am. There are a great range of books for the children to borrow each week. Please remember to return books by the Tuesday of the following week in order that a good selection is on offer for each Wednesday morning.

Your continued support and kindness is very, much appreciated. Thank you.

Suggestions Box

We are always open to suggestions and new ideas, particularly if they are from parents as you have a vested interest in our pre-school. Please speak to a member of staff or write in your child's home/pre-school link book/ or if you would prefer please write it down and place it in our suggestions box which is in the pre-school foyer. These can be anonymous if you prefer. Thank you.

Coats and Jackets

Please remember to provide your child with a coat or jacket to wear during pre-school sessions. As outdoor play is an important factor in children's learning and development, all children have the opportunity to access outdoor play during the pre-school sessions and therefore need to be suitably clothed as the weather deteriorates. At pre-school we do keep some spare outdoor waterproof clothing and wellington boots but not enough for all children and most children prefer to wear their own. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you to label all of your children's items of clothing clearly with their names, to prevent any confusion. Thank you.

Photographer

The pre-schools photographers, Terry & Sue Ferris, will be in pre-school on THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER (morning only). All children who attend pre-school on a Thursday morning will be photographed unless you advise us otherwise, please note there is **NO** obligation to buy. If your child does not attend pre-school on a Thursday morning but you would like them to be photographed please bring them along between 9.30am and 11.30am. Siblings are welcome.

Dates for your Diary

WEDNESDAY 1st November – Fundraising committee meeting in Coleview Community Centre Members bar at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome, please come and meet the committee and share any ideas that you have for us.

THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER – Photographer (morning only). Details above.

FRIDAY 17th November – Quiz Night. Book your babysitter, this is an evening for the parents only. More details to follow shortly, check the noticeboards and your child’s pre-school bag

TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER – Christmas Concert, 10.30a.m.in the Towcester Suite of the Community Centre. More details to follow.

*** Please note on this day pre-school will be open after the concert for the afternoon session at 12.30pm as usual. ***

Christmas Party.

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER – Children’s Christmas Party, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Please note there will be NO pre-school session on this day.

All children should arrive at 10 a.m. and be collected at 12 noon, parents are not required to stay. Thank you.

After the children’s Christmas party pre-school will close for the holidays and will re-open at 09.00am on **WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2018.**

School Admissions.

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 will be due to start school in September 2018. Can I please remind you that **school applications must be made by 15th January 2018.**

Applications can be made online at: www.swindon.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces or for further information please call the admissions team on 01793 445500

Yours sincerely

Sharon Roberts

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I would be interested in joining the pre-school fund raising team.

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Tel no.....

Email address.....