
January 2020

Coates Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to all the families and friends of Coates School. I hope you all had a wonderful break. It has been a brilliant start to the term and the children have all enthusiastically started their new topics showing a super attitude to their learning.

The Red Kites children have already been on a fabulous trip to the Space Centre to start their amazing topic on Space. It was wonderful to hear how well they represented the school and how much fun they had.

The ECO Warriors have already met and planned a range of exciting environmental projects which the school will take part in this year. (More details will follow from the group.)

It has also been wonderful to welcome Mrs Sarah Gore to the EYFS team and also Miss Chloe Blyth our trainee teacher to the year 4 team.

Don't forget to visit our school Facebook page and school website to find out information of what's going on in school.

Kind regards,

Lindsey Boucher

Clubs

You will have received an after school activities club letter for the Spring term. All after school clubs and sensory circuits (invitation only) will start week beginning 13th January.

Don't forget we also offer our Out of School Club afterschool from 3:15 – 6pm each day (3:15 – 5pm on a Friday). Please speak to the office for more details.

Parent drop in sessions

Our parent drop in sessions take place on the last Tuesday of each month. Parents are invited to share a learning experience with their child which will cover a variety of subjects over the year. The next Drop In will be held on the 28th January 2:15 – 3:15 with a focus on Science.



Upcoming Events

13th January – FFFG Meeting
2:00pm

15th January - Italian lunch
(Census Day)

17th Straw Bear Presentation

3rd February – FFFG meeting
2:00 pm

10th February – NSPCC
Assembly

12th February – FFFG Valentines
Disco – times tbc

17th – 21st February – Half term

Playtime Snacks.

Pupils in Reception and Key Stage One receive free fruit for snack as part of the Government scheme. Pupils are all allowed to bring a morning play snack which may consist of fruit or vegetables. Pupils will not be allowed to have crisps and biscuits as part of their playtime snack.

School uniform and lost property

It is essential that all children come prepared for all weather. This means they will need a waterproof coat at all times preferably with a hood as the children will be going outside in the rain etc.

There was a huge amount of lost property at the end of the term. This will be kept in school until Friday 17th January. Please ensure if your child has lost something last term you go to the school office to look before this date.

Reading

It has been fabulous to see so many children move within the reading reward system every time they read a multiple of 25 and also rewarding pupils who have read a multiple of 100. Please ensure you read regularly with your child (at least 4 times a week) to support their learning and record this in their reading record.

School Security

We have recently been updating our security CCTV around the outside of school to ensure it is effective in keeping the premises safe. It is essential that school security is a high priority and I am sure you will share our commitment to this. Although we have always had CCTV I would like to take this opportunity to inform/remind parents that this is securely monitored by the school within our Data Protection and safeguarding protocols.

Attendance and holiday requests

This year we are aiming for our overall attendance figure to be above 96%. If your child is off due to sickness, we ask that you contact the school office on a daily basis to report the absence. The attendance of the classes will be shared weekly and a reward will be given to the class with the highest attendance.

Can I please remind all parents that holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and may be subject to a fine if taken when unauthorised

Please see our school attendance policy for more details.

Collection of children.

Please ensure that if your child is to be collected by somebody not authorised to do so, permission needs to be given in writing to their class teacher. If it is unplanned then please ring the school office to inform them. As part of our safeguarding procedures it is paramount that children are only collected by authorised people. (By written or telephone message.)

Term dates for 2020 – 2021 are available on the school website.