

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 17 JANUARY 2022

Attendance Champions – Week 17



1st Place: Year 1 - 99.17%
2nd Place: Year 3 - 98.56%
3rd Place: Year 2 – 97.48%
4th Place: Year 6 - 96.12%
5th Place: Year 5 – 93.33%
6th Place: Year 4 – 84.03%
7th Place: Year R – 76.25%



Friends News



We're very pleased to announce that we raised a total of £2,500 last term! Most of this was raised at the community events where so many of us were able to get together – the fireworks display, and the Rotary collections where we went out and supported the wider Old Coulsdon community. With this money we have been able to contribute towards the school staff phonics training in Read, Write, Inc, we were able to pay for the Christmas books each child received from our special visitor at the end of last term, we funded the virtual Christmas panto, and we are hoping to enhance the outdoor area later this year. None of this would be possible without the generosity of the parents, and hard work of the committee members and school staff. Thank you everyone!

Reflection:

You cannot force raging water to be calm. You have to leave it alone and let it return to its natural flow.
Emotions are the same way.

Notes from the Head Teacher



Happy Friday! Thank you for your continued support with helping us to manage the recent rise in cases of COVID in school. Unfortunately, more staff have been infected this time which has made covering classes more of a challenge, so thank you to those who have stepped in to ensure that we can keep the children in school. If you haven't had a chance to read the letter sent earlier in the week which includes advice from Public Health Croydon, please do so.

On a positive note, we had a planned visit from our Croydon Advisor on Tuesday who looked at the teaching of phonics in Reception and KS1, maths in KS2 and also at our wider curriculum across the school. She commented positively on the children's levels of engagement and attitude to learning and the way in which children are supported by teachers and teaching assistants. She also met with our Maths and Literacy Leads to discuss the implementation and impact of the provision in their subjects. We now await the written letter of feedback.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you all again on Monday.

Parking

Once again we have had complaints from our neighbours in Tollers Lane and Bradmore Way about inconsiderate, dangerous parking and the unpleasant attitude displayed by parents when they are approached about it. Sadly, this negative behaviour by adults is often in front of the children. This needs to stop as it doesn't reflect the school's ethos and character.