

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 28 – APRIL 2023

## Attendance Champions – Week 28

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 3: 98.67%

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year R: 96%

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 4: 95.56%

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 2: 95%

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 5: 93%

6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 1: 92.76%

7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 6: 92.67%

## Reflection

This week in collective worship we have begun to look at Peace. On Wednesday Miss Tansley and Mrs Soltau explained that 'jelly babies' were first launched in 1918 to celebrate the end of the First World War. They were called 'Peace Babies' and quickly became popular. The children reflected on how we can all work on peace by the way we interact with each other and the community.

*“Happy are those who work for peace: God will call them his children!”*

Matthew 5.9

## Parking at drop off and pick up

Please can I remind all parents to park in a safe and respectful way when dropping and picking up children. We have had a number of complaints from residents regarding parking over drop curbs and carrying multi-point turns which inevitably causes traffic blockages. The community we serve is extremely precious to us at Coulsdon. Please help us to maintain positive relationships with those we share space with.

## Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week and to meet lots of parents and families. Thank you very much for such a warm welcome - I am looking forward to working with you all to provide the best opportunities for the children.

The children have come back full of smiles and enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to start getting to know them. I am looking forward to learning more about them and celebrating their successes, both academically and socially.

I will usually be available on the school playground at the beginning and end of the school day - if you haven't done so yet, please feel free to come over and have a chat.

Mr Garratty

## Curriculum Corner

Not many children have the opportunity to experience maypole dancing, but on Monday that is what the children were learning thanks to a specialist teacher who was in for the day. It was wonderful to see every child participating and working with each other to perform their maypole dances. Maypoles used to be used to celebrate warmer weather, so the children must have done a great job as Monday was a lovely sunny day. Let's hope more nice weather is on the way!

## Coronation Bank Holiday

As you may already be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced following the Coronation of King Charles III. This will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, and the school will therefore be closed on this day.