

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 38 – JULY 2023

Attendance Champions – Week 38

- 1st Place – Year 3: 100%
- 2nd Place – Year 1: 97.33%
- 3rd Place – Year 6: 97.22%
- 4th Place – Year 2: 96.11%
- 5th Place – Year 5: 95.56%
- 6th Place – Year 4: 94.91%
- 7th Place – Year R: 93.75%

Price & Buckland Cut-Off Date

If you are planning to order school uniform from Price & Buckland during the school holidays, we have been asked to advise you that the cut-off date is the 1st August for delivery before the new term. Thank you.

Curriculum Corner

This week, Year 1 children have been talking about their learning.

In history the children have learned Samuel Wilderspin who lived in the Victorian times and is a famous teacher. The children were researching his life and learned that he was one of the first people to build an infant school and include creativity in education. He particularly saw the importance of children playing in the playground.

The children started to think about what they would build in the playground and came up with lots of ideas, like a swimming pool; ice cream maker; a zip line; a bouncy castle with four floors and a waterslide! Although the children produced some lovely plans for their ideas, I do not think we can move forward with these ideas at the present time!

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It has been a difficult week after the sad passing of Mrs Mitchell. It is clear listening to adults and children talking about her, that she was an inspiration to many and instrumental in creating the strong sense of community at Coulsdon. I learned so much about her caring nature and her funny sense of humour. I have been incredibly moved by the support, kindness and understanding that the staff, children and wider community have given at this time.

It was great that some of you had the opportunity to meet Mrs Lambe this week - she was overwhelmed by the sense of community at our school and is looking forward to starting in September.

In regards to staffing, I currently do not have any updates. The candidates due for interview this week unfortunately withdrew from the process. Teacher recruitment is very difficult at this time but we are working hard to fill the vacancies with good staff. I am hoping to have more news early next week after I meet some more prospective candidates.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Old Coulsdon Village Fair last week and I was especially impressed by the wonderful Maypole dancers who entertained the crowds. Well done to the children and staff who took part in this.

Reflection

This week we talked about sadness, hope and moving on in difficult times.

There is a quote from '*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*' by Charlie Mackesy:

“Those are dark clouds,” said the boy.

“Yes, but they will move on,” said the horse, “the blue sky above never leaves.”

