

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 20 – FEBRUARY 2024

Attendance Champions Spring 1

1st Place – Year 3: 96.93%

2nd Place – Years 1 & 2: 96.07%

4th Place – Year 5: 96.05%

5th Place – Year R: 94.82%

6th Place – Year 4: 93.93%

7th Place – Year 6: 90.50%

Parent Governor Election

We are very happy to inform you that Leroy McAdjar has joined the School Governors as Parent Governor. Leroy and his family moved to Coulsdon a couple of years ago, joining the community here, both at St Johns Church and now with a child in Year 1 at our school. He underlines a passion for education, development and well-being of our children. Leroy works as Head of IT for large company in London, but you will see him at pick up and drop off in the play ground, so by all means raise any views you may have with him to help him in his role in representing parents in the governing board.

Spring Term Parents Consultations

Please make a note in your diaries that the spring term consultations will take place after school on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March. Further information will follow nearer the time.

Notes from the Head Teacher



Dear Families,
I cannot believe that it is half term already!

On Tuesday the teachers met to review the writing that has been completed by the children since September. We had the opportunity to look at every book and were all very impressed with the progress which has been made since the beginning of the academic year. It was also a great opportunity to see the progress made year on year, and the writing journey children experience as they move throughout the school. There has been a great improvement in handwriting, sentence structure, grammar and writing techniques.

Yesterday, I was shown some amazing leaflets that the children in Year 1 have written about the Tower of London, and in Year 6 I heard some children reading their biographies of famous people. The amount of information the children shared was wonderful and in a short space of time I learned lots of new facts about the Tower of London, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tina Turner!

I hope you have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you when we return to school on Tuesday 20th February.

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of £153 for the NSPCC during our Number Day last Friday. Thank you for your generosity!

School Uniform

As some families may be buying new school clothes during the half term, can I please remind you to check our uniform policy which is on our website. I have also included a list with this Chronicle.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday Mr Johnson visited the classes to see the work they were doing on safer internet day. It was great that the children were able to talk about the dangers of the internet and suggest some ways that these could be avoided.

Although this was just one special day, we take online safety seriously and will continue to address it as part of our curriculum.

As technology progresses so quickly and is more widely available both in and out of the home, I encourage you to also talk to your children at home and review your parental control settings on devices to make sure the children are as safe as possible. Here are some useful websites:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Clothes Recycling

We took delivery of a clothes recycling bin yesterday which now sits in the playground near the gates. This is a fantastic scheme that allows people to donate unwanted clothes which will then be distributed to charities and organisations. The school will also receive some money based on how many clothes are donated, so it is a positive scheme all round. Further information about this and how it can be used will follow after half-term.

Bradmore Green Library

As you may be aware, Bradmore Green Library is currently under threat of closure. We are working with members of the local community to support the case for keeping this valuable and much-loved resource open.

Reflection

What do you see? A duck or a rabbit?

In Monday's collective worship we talked about the importance of listening to both sides of the story when learning all we can about a situation while we seek a just solution. We looked at some optical illusions to help us reflect and discuss that people will often see things in different ways and considered how it is possible to see different things yet both be correct. We learned that there are two sides to a story and that we need to try to see things from the other person's perspective before jumping to conclusions.

"Our purpose is to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of one another."

Corinthian 8.12

