



# Newsletter

## November 2023

### Headteacher Messages

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that your child/ren have settled into their learning this half term. We are well underway addressing the actions on the School Development Plan and have had a very exciting and constructive start to the year. I would like to thank the parents for their continued support.

#### Anti Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week at London Colney with the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Thank you to all the children and staff who wore odd socks to school to demonstrate that we are all different. Lessons took place in all classes which gave children an opportunity to talk about bullying, what it means, where and why it happens and what we, at London Colney, can do to stop it happening. Most children are aware that they should speak with a trusted adult to get advice, but children also talked about standing up for themselves, telling an adult, strategies to deal with situations, helping the 'bully' and generally being kind and collaborative to each other.

#### Jewellery

Please can we remind parents and children that the only jewellery that is permitted to be worn in school are stud earrings, traditional watches and jewellery worn for religious reasons. During PE lessons, all jewellery should be removed for safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, please remove them before coming to school on their PE day. Thank you for your support.

#### Keeping Children Safe

We are increasingly aware of young children playing online games which are not designed for primary aged children. The international PEGI rating gives an indication of the game's suitability. Please consider the suitability of these games leading up to Christmas. As well as PEGI age ratings, game packaging also carries PEGI descriptors that help explain the kind of content that might be found in a particular game. Descriptors appear as a set of icons that cover themes such as fear, bad language, violence and drugs. For more information about PEGI.

#### Staff Update

Chantell will be leaving at the end of this term to take up a position at a school nearer to her home, we wish her well in her future role and thank her for all her hard work and support at our school.

Ciara James will be starting with us after the Christmas break as the new Class Teacher for Reception, she will visit the children in the next few weeks to give them the opportunity to meet her before the term starts.

#### FOLCS

Many thanks to FOLCS for organising so many great fundraising events recently, thanks also to our parents for their kindness and generosity in supporting these events.

We have a keen and dedicated team of FOLCS who are looking for some more parent/carer helpers to join them in future fundraising events. Please do support FOLCS by volunteering to help at future events, any help that you can offer will be very much appreciated and all money that is raised goes towards supporting the children at school.

There are a lot of Christmas events coming up, making it a very busy but exciting time. *Thank you to FOLCS and to you for supporting them.*

I will end my newsletter with a link to an article on Dr Kathy Weston's website, tooled up, this Wednesday wisdom is an article written by Patrick Cragg, entitled "Reflections on Reading". It was a very interesting read.

<https://members.tooledupeducation.com/wednesday-wisdom/reflections-on-reading>

Best wishes

Sarah

### Upcoming Events

Parents Evening	Wed 29 Nov
Christmas choir, Christmas light switch on	Sun 3 Dec
SEND Coffee Morning	Wed 6 Dec
FOLCS Christmas Panto	Fri 8 Dec
Follow up Flu Immunisation session	Mon 11 Dec
Choir at St Peters Church	Tues 12 Dec
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	Wed 13 Dec
Yr 1 Santas Grotto Trip	Thurs 14 Dec
FOLCS breakfast with Santa	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
FOLCS breakfast with Santa	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Choir at St Peters Church	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Menu Change - Options will be Pizza or Fish	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Finish 1.30pm End of Term	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec

### Attendance Figures

*Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am every day. Children should be here by 9.00am at the latest.*

*Registers close at 9.05am and if your child arrives after that time they will be marked as late – thank you*

#### 01.11.23 – 30.11.23

Y1	90%
Y2	96.2%
Y3	100%
Y4	90%
Y5	92.9%
Y6	87%
ALL	92.2



# SILVERSTONE

Year 4 & 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Silverstone Museum. They had lots of fun learning about mechanics, lab technology, engineering, Scalextric and they even got to sit in a real racing car!





A small group of Year 4 & 5 children took on the Bikeability training last week. They had a great time, starting out in the playground, learning how to look after their bikes, then they developed their skills for cycling safely on roads by learning how to manage junctions and traffic, signalling, who has priority on the road and observing other road users.

Then the Year 5 children progressed onto the main roads. It was daunting for them at first but they took on the challenge and all passed their Level 2. Well done.



**Bikeability**  
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century

## Post Box Visit

In Year One, we have been busy writing letters to Santa Claus.



We wanted to show him how amazing we are at using our phonics to help us write new words. We also made sure we included capital letters and full stops (although he already knows how amazing we are at this!) We even wrote his address on the envelopes ourselves!



We had a lovely time walking down to the Post Box in the sunshine, nice and early to post our letters to make sure they reach the North Pole in plenty of time!



Huge congratulations to Sheldon in Year 6 who has passed his Grade 5 Piano exam with a Distinction, well done Sheldon, an amazing achievement.



## Around School

### Year 2

In maths Yr 2 have been working hard and learning how to measure in cm & in metres



Year 1 have been using shapes to help them learn about positional language, here you can see some of the pictures they made, which they then described to their partner, by saying next to, on top of, below, to the right/left, underneath and besides. Without seeing it, their partner had to draw the shape from the description, a great challenge and some great results.

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Year 3 have a lovely display of the Diwali cards that they made.



They are learning about their bodies and made these awesome skeletons out of paper straws.

Some serious rainbow painting going on in Nursery, you can see how pleased the children are with their work.



We are very lucky and grateful to have our 3 lovely Volunteer Readers. They come into school every week and spend time reading with the children, they are a great support to the children who really look forward to them visiting - thank you so much for helping us.

## Schoolreaders

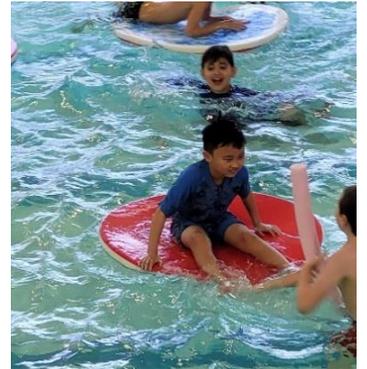
improving literacy • increasing life chances



"Reading is  
the gateway  
to Learning."

Web: [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org)

Registered Charity Number: 1159157



This term, Year 4 have been building their swimming skills. Every Tuesday morning, the children have been very eager to jump into the pool to develop their swimming skills. This has been a wonderful experience for everyone, and the swimming teachers have expressed how fantastic it has been to see their confidence grow. We have now finished our lessons for this term; however, the children are really looking forward to return in the new year!

Our School Choir will be singing at the Christmas Light switch on, it would be great to see lots of local families there to support them and enjoy the activities.



### **FOLCS (Friends of London Colney School)**

Friends of London Colney School are a small but dedicated group of relatives of pupils who organise events to fundraise for the school. If you are interested in joining in, in any way you can, please get in touch with us via the School Office.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our Bag2School collection, this raised an amazing **£100**. Our hot chocolate and Cookie sales also raised **£98.56** - all money goes towards equipment for the school. We have a number of upcoming events that we hope you can support us with. Our online auctions and raffles are currently live but finish on the 30th November and 4th December. You can view the lots and raffle prizes and purchase tickets using the following links

<https://app.galabid.com/folcsfundraiser/items>

<https://app.galabid.com/folcsraffle/items>

On the 8th December we have our Pantomime performance of Red Riding Hood performed by the Magical Story Elves, there are still some tickets available and these can be purchased via classlist or by taking the correct money to the office.

We are also holding 2 breakfast with Santa events on the 14th and 15th December and tickets for this can be purchased via classlist or by taking the correct money to the office.

Lastly there will be a non uniform day on 1st December in exchange for a donation to our colour raffle. Each class will be given a colour and you can bring in an item of that colour which will then be used to make up hampers. We will be drawing the colour raffle on the 15th December and details will be sent home soon.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you would like to support us with any of our upcoming events then please contact us via our Facebook page, Classlist or [folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](mailto:folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)

Thank you, FOLCS

*Please be mindful of the building work that is still going on across the road from us. It changes daily, but there are always heavy construction vehicles manoeuvring and various different parking restrictions in place. We ask that you park away from school and walk up to the gate to help ease any congestion and keep it safe for all of the children. Building work will continue for the foreseeable future so please be patient and mindful of others – thank you.*

**REMINDER – DO NOT PARK OR STOP IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE GATES.**

It is dangerous, illegal and inconsiderate to our school community and puts our children in danger. You may think it's ok to do it for a few minutes but it is not, thank you.

**We'd like to thank you all for your continued daily support, please do come and speak to us about any issue, good or bad.**

**Our school website is: [www.londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](http://www.londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)**

**Our school email is: [admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)**

**Our school telephone no is: 01727 823283**

London Colney Primary & Nursery School - Term Dates 2023/2024



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Summer Term  
18.07.24  
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Calendar Key	
Term Time	
School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	
Inset Days	
Occasional Day	
Secondary Transition Day	
Swimming Year 4	

Notable Dates	
1 Sept 2023	- Start of 2023/2024 Term
11 July 2024	- Secondary Transition Day
23 July 2024	- Last school day of 2023/2024

Autumn Term =	1 September - 20 October 2023	36 days
	30 October - 21 December 2023	38 days
Spring Term =	4 January - 16 February 2024	32 days
	26 February - 28 March 2024	24 days
Summer Term =	15 April - 24 May 2024	29 days
	3 June - 23 July 2024	37 days
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190 Pupil Days, 5 Inset/Teacher Training Days, 1 Occasional Day

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School Holidays	
5	Bank Holidays
5	Inset Days
1	Occasional Day
1	Secondary Transition Day
30	Swimming Year 4

Notable Dates	
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190 + 5 inset + 1 Occ = 196 days

## HERE IS A REMINDER OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

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Our school uniform gives our children a sense of belonging. It is designed to be both smart and practical. It is expected that children attending London Colney Primary & Nursery School comply with these guidelines.

### **Winter Uniform**

- Grey or black trousers, plain black leggings, skirt or pinafore
- Plain white, royal blue or sky blue polo shirt
- Royal Blue jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece with school logo (logo optional)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights
- Flat black shoes or trainers, no logos or colours on footwear  
*If children cannot tie their own laces, they should have shoes with Velcro fastening*
- Small plain blue, white or black hairbands or ribbons

### **Summer Uniform**

- Grey shorts or trousers, white or royal blue polo shirt and grey or white socks
- Blue and white checked or striped dress, blue cardigan, white or grey socks
- Sensible shoes (no sliders, flip flops or crocs)
- Hat or cap
- Sun lotion to be applied before school

### **Active PE Uniform**

- Black jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings (*these must be plain, no logos or stripes/colours*)
- White or royal blue t-shirt
- Blue or black sweatshirt if it is cold (no hoodies)
- Plain black trainers, no logos, stripes or patterns

### **Important Information**

- Make up, false eyelashes, nail varnish, false nails must not be worn in school.
- Smart watches must not be worn.
- No tattoos or temporary tattoos are allowed.
- Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons and to help prevent the spread of head lice.
- No jewellery to be worn, only small stud earrings are permitted.

Uniform is available from Smarty Schoolwear, 65 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0JJ, email, <https://www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk/> 01707 263909