

# College Road Primary School Newsletter



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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## 'Values based Education' is coming to College Road!

We are pleased to invite you to a meeting for all parents on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm in the school hall.

Values based Education is an exciting new approach that **we need your help with.**

### What is Values based Education (VbE)?

*VbE aims to underpin our learners' lives and curriculum with universal positive **human values** such as respect, integrity, honesty and compassion. These can be nurtured to help children discover the very best of themselves, which enables them to grow up to be good citizens and prepare them for the life of work and adulthood.*

"Values help me to be the best person I can be." Year 2 pupil at Fielding Primary School, London

Please come along to an informal meeting with Mrs Francis and Mrs Dinham to learn more about VbE and how you can help us, and your children, to embark on this exciting new learning journey.

VbE was founded by Dr Neil Hawkes, and sets out his core thinking about the importance of teaching children about values. Here are some reasons to adopt a VbE approach:

- Values based Education now reaches over 1 million students around the world, inspiring children, young people and adults to adopt and live positive human values.
- VbE transforms schools into exceptional environments for learning and teaching.
- The focus on ethical and emotional intelligence, deepened relationships, social cohesion and a strong values-culture give students the best chance of academic success.

*Caring*

compassion

Respect

## Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 09.03.2018

KS1

Miss Corbett - Ryan Yu

Miss Stone - Zara Pearce

Mrs Copp - Brooklyn Prentice

KS2

Mrs Dinham - Oscar McKesseeck

Mrs Jewell - Blazej Laczmanski

Mrs Rolfe - Jack Harvey

Mrs Francis - John Clark

Please remember to return the Learner of The Week medals by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

## Important Dates for your Diary

w/b 12<sup>th</sup> March - parent/ teacher meetings

15<sup>th</sup> March - school governors' Parent/ Carers Drop In

w/b 19<sup>th</sup> March - last week of clubs

World Book Day - date to be confirmed

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Y3/4 performance (tbc)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - First day term 5

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs week (No absence)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Last day of term 5

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June: PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June: first day of term 6

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: last day of the school year



## Outstanding arrears

Parents/carers are reminded that the school's debt policy is there to provide clarity and consistency regarding outstanding money. School money is administered via [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk). If debt exceeds £15 then parents/carers will be asked to send their child to school with a packed lunch. Anyone wishing to discuss this further can speak with our family support worker, Mrs Blom.

## Speech, Language and Communication

Welcome to the Speech, Language and Communication section of our newsletter. In this newsletter we are going to look at television and computer games.

### **Television and computer games.**

We've all heard before that it's not good for children to watch too much television, and the same is certainly true of computer games. Research shows that the amount of time spent watching TV and/or playing computer games has a significant impact on a child's speech, language and communication development (the less the better). When your child is watching TV or playing a computer game, try and talk about it with them, commenting on what's happening and encouraging them to ask questions about what they don't understand. Turn off the TV or radio when you are talking with your children, so they can really listen. Please don't allow your child to play a computer game which is designed for older people as this can lead to lasting damage.



## Family Support Worker



Parents/carers of children with autism, you might be interested in a new autism friendly games evening taking place at Devonport Park Activity Centre on the second Friday of the month between 4 and 7pm. It is for children aged from 10 to 16 and costs £5 which includes snacks and drinks. For more information contact Rose on 07920 558543 or see the notice on the parent board.

There will be a letter coming home in the next week or so about another course for parents - Family Maths. This will be a 5 week course, starting after Easter, aimed to teach you some of the methods your children are learning at school which should then enable you to help them at home. I know many of you have come along to the Maths lessons after your child's class assembly so, if you feel you'd like to learn a bit more, watch out for the letter and return it asap as places will be limited.



On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am till 12.30pm, come along to the school and support our new community business and join in the fun and creativity at Dandelion Pop. Beyond Face, a local performance company will be working with the children to investigate the idea of 'home' and what it means to be a good neighbour in Plymouth. Refreshments will be available plus there will be stalls to browse.

If you would like a stall, please contact Mrs Muldoon on 567660 option 2.

Tickets are £1.50 and can be purchased in advance from the school office, or on the day.

## Class Attendance

Listed below are the class attendance percentages for the week before half term.

YR	-	94.93%
Year 1	-	96.31%
Year 2	-	95.16%
Year 3	-	95.54%
Year 4	-	97.95%
Year 5	-	98%
Year 6	-	98.3%

Well done Year 6.



## Parent teacher meetings

Just a reminder that you can book your parent/ teacher meeting at the school office, for parents evening w/b 12<sup>th</sup> March.

All after school clubs are cancelled next week.

## Meet our Governors

Parents and carers are invited to meet our governors, who will be in The KEEP on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. You are welcome to discuss any issue you may have regarding the school on this date.

## School Closure

Many thanks to all the parents and carers for your speedy response when we had to close the school due to bad weather recently. It really was not safe around the school. Hopefully, our systems for informing you of closures worked well.

We really try to keep the school open for as many days as is possible, of course, and this was an unusual occurrence - we've only had to close for one day previously in the last 11 years.

We hope everyone kept warm during the freezing weather, and we know the children enjoyed the snow! Hope you did too!

## Children's Learning

Isabelle in Year 5 used her 'planning' and 'imagining' learning muscle, to describe the island of Maui.

Well done Isabelle!!

The island of Maui is a picture post card view, which has golden and dusty sand that melts beneath your feet. Shimmering blue oceans frame the awe-inspiring island. The whistling warm wind catches the sea, creating rippling waves against the crumbly rocks. In contrast to this, towards the shore, the waves lap, like the swish of a skirt, onto the tropical island. Further in from the shore, lush green grass freshens the wonderful island. A whiff of juicy mango hangs in the sweet air. The hum of cars zooming past fills the island. Sun bleached soil appears in parts of the breathtaking place. In the peaceful, teal sea, boats and buoys bob up and down the water.

Well done, excellent planning and imagining

