

College Road Chronicle

Issue 9

Value of the
month:
Honesty



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am feeling very proud of all the children and staff of College Road for all their hard work this term. You only have to look at the photos on the last page of this newsletter to appreciate how much goes on in an average week at our school.

We are trying to build lasting partnerships with organisations outside of school and this fortnight we have had *The Real Ideas Organisation* in working with Y4, *With Flying Colours* working with Y6, Marjons working with YR, Y1 and Y2 and a regular visitor from Plymouth University's Earth Science team visiting Y1.

We are off to a flying start with class assemblies; Y1, Y4 and Y6 have all provided us with wonderfully interesting and entertaining assemblies that have show-cased all the great learning they are doing. Don't forget that we invite families to stay around afterwards to do some learning with the class.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a great half-term holiday and to thank you for all your support.

Mrs Francis

Goodbye and Good Luck

Miss Samphier will sadly be leaving us at the end of the Heatree Residential - 28th February- to move forward in her career. She has been a fabulous member of our staff team and I know that we, and all the children, will miss her tremendously. Good luck, Miss Samphier in all your future endeavours.

Make Time for Reading

The following extract is from the latest Primary Times, which was sent home with your child last week.

'With World Book Day approaching, there's no better time to get back into reading with your child. It can be difficult to find the time to read in busy family life, but there are so many benefits to picking up a book; improving your child's mental health, igniting your child's creativity, increasing their reading age and finding a love of learning.' Making time for reading will help expand your child's vocabulary, improve their writing and promote independent learning. There are an excellent selection of age-appropriate books in your local library, the school library or online.



To help promote reading, Mrs Harvey has been running a very successful book club, where children, who do not have books at home/or would like a book, can select something to read.

If you have any books at home that you would be happy to donate to Mrs Harvey, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 07.02.20

KS1

Mrs Copp - Freddy Owen
Miss Stone - Edie Bennett
Mrs Dinham - Layton Nile

KS2

Mrs Lenden - Scarlett Stringer
Mrs Cox/Miss Corbett - Ava Massey
Mrs Rolfe - Praise Iyehen
Mr Mann - Tristan Tillet

Week Ending 14.02.20

KS1

Mrs Copp - Evelyn McLaren
Miss Stone - Austin Quinn
Mrs Dinham - Felix Mackenzie

KS2

Mrs Lenden - Alfie Lee
Mrs Cox/Miss Corbett - Kayla-Skye Pearce
Mrs Rolfe - Drayk Lee
Mr Mann - Charlie Smyth

Please remember to return the Learner of The Week medals by Thursday 27th February.

Important Dates for your Diary

24th February: First day of Term 4 and the start of Heatree Residential week

2nd March: Year 5 Assembly

5th March: World Book Day - more details to follow soon

9th March: Sports Relief Week

9th March: Year 3 Assembly

13th March: Extra-curricular clubs finish and mid-year reports out to parents

16th March: Foundation Assembly

16th - 19th March: Parent/Teacher meetings

23rd March: Year 2 Assembly

27th March: Last day of Term 4

Comments from our Visitor's Book

Here are some of the latest comments:

'It has been a real pleasure coaching Bikeability to Y5/6 this week. Their riding has improved greatly and their behaviour has been outstanding.'

Tony, Jaz & Pete - PSSP

'What an enthusiastic, engaged and creative class year 4 were. Everyone got stuck into the technical and creative activities and sustained their focus throughout. They were polite and ready to learn and a real credit to the school.'

Gary - Real Ideas Organisation

'Just spoken to Y6 about the Holocaust. Fantastic response from the class who listened attentively and asked some very pertinent questions. Keep those values in your heart!!'

Jonathon Marshall

Sustrans Presentation

The Plympton School's team and Sustrans Big Pedal held an awards ceremony at the Plymouth Guildhall on Monday. College Road were asked to attend and Miss Samphier and five of our children went along to represent the school.

The ceremony was to celebrate achievements of schools in Plymouth who have gone that extra mile, to promote active and sustainable travel in their school communities.

We are delighted to say that College Road won the Lifetime Achievement in Promoting Active/ Sustainable Travel in 2019-2020.

A big thank you to Miss Samphier for taking the children to the event.

Family Support Worker



We have noticed at school that a lot of the children are using the TikTok app. This is a social media app with an age rating of 13. When your child signs up for TikTok their account is public by default which means that anyone can see their videos, send them direct messages and see their location information. It's really important to make sure that your child turns on all the privacy settings for their account so that they can only interact with people they know. There have been reports of online predators using the app to target younger users. As well as sharing their own videos, your child will be able to view all sorts of other videos which may not be age-appropriate.

To make an account private, go to your profile page and select the 3 dot icon in the top right corner, select privacy and safety and then select 'Private Account'. You can also select who can send you comments and direct messages.

If you have any concerns, commonsensemedia.org is a really good website with lots of useful information and advice.

Have a great Half term.

Alex

Class Attendance

Listed below are the class attendance percentages for last week.

YR	- 95.69%
Year 1	- 95.12%
Year 2	- 96.15%
Year 3	- 96.74%
Year 4	- 95.69%
Year 5	- 95.81%
Year 6	- 94.35%

Well done Year 3!



Eat Them to Defeat Them

'Eat Them to Defeat Them' is a campaign from ITV and Veg Power to encourage children to eat more veg. 80% of children and 96% of teenagers don't eat enough vegetables.

Veg Power is on a ten-year mission to turn around vegetable consumption in the UK. The mission: to get every kid in the UK eating one more portion of veg each day. College Road and CaterEd will be taking part in this nationwide campaign, which starts on Monday 24th February and Mission packs will be sent home for families to get involved. For more information look online at www.EatThemToDefeatThem.com



Future Makes - Holiday Club

We have been asked to share some information about an upcoming holiday club for 7 to 11 year olds.

Future Make is a series of immersive digital & tech workshops to help children shape their creative futures - and have loads of fun along the way! From flying drones and creating digital experiences, to designing extreme structures and thinking up new ideas; this is a great opportunity for the kids to gain skills & confidence in an exciting environment.

Half-term is fast approaching and Future Makes will be running a week-long programme of activity at Ocean Studios, Royal William Yard, with spaces available for the whole week or individual days.

Here is a link for more details on the workshops & booking availability -

<https://realideas.org/event/fm-holiday-clubs-os-17feb/>



A Week at College Road

