

Coly Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017 – The teaching personnel in Coly Class are now, Mrs Quick, teaching all the English, Mrs White and Mrs Burleigh teaching the Maths with all 3 teachers delivering the foundation subjects.

The Curriculum Plan for the year is to be found on the school website.

Tuck Shop - We run a healthy tuck shop at school, it operates during morning play. The bags cost 30p and include: yoghurt banana, carob ginger, carob banana, diced pineapple and yoghurt sunflower seeds.

Rewards - When children have worked particularly hard or made a special effort they are rewarded with a 'Well Done' card, building these up eventually leads to a non-uniform day.

Naming clothes - Will you please name all of your child's clothes – indelible pen or name tags are best. It is **impossible** for us to keep track of clothes that are unnamed. This includes shirts, vests etc when we have swimming or PE

Timetable - The class timetable has been given to each pupil, they have stuck it into their Reading Diary. So they can check what they need to bring to school each day before they leave home in the morning.

Equipment and Independence – We expect the children to come prepared for lessons and that means having their writing equipment ready for the start of the day. The children should have a small pencil case they can fit in their drawers and we are expecting the contents to be checked by **them** before the day starts. We are also expecting them to have their reading books ready and any other specialised equipment they have been asked to bring in. Being responsible for their own equipment will benefit them greatly as they prepare themselves for secondary school.

Homework

Maths – We are planning to use Mangahigh for maths homework which has been extremely popular in the past. The children will have various activities that they can access via a login and the activities are designed to be done several times – practice, practice, practice!!

On Thursday the children will receive a piece of Literacy homework, designed either to reinforce or introduce areas of literacy covered in class.

Mrs Quick will sometimes set Science Homework, this will be given out on Wednesday and be expected back the following Wednesday.

The children will also be given spelling homework at times, they will be told clearly when it will need to be completed by.

PE kits – It is paramount that children have the correct PE kit in school AT ALL TIMES. The children usually leave their PE kit in school, only taking it home to be washed at half term. We will get changed for both Tuesday and Friday's PE sessions, so if PE kits are taken home for any reason it will need to be back for these days. Children need a blue t-shirt, black shorts for indoor PE and possibly tracksuit trousers for outdoor PE while it is cold. Also if girls wear tights they will need a pair of socks to wear since they will need to take their tights off for PE. They all need a pair of trainers that fit – please check these regularly as feet seem to grow very quickly! We do have a few spare items of PE kit in school, but this can't be relied on and children will not be able to do PE without appropriate kit. (If you do have any old bits of spare PE kit to replenish this box we would be most grateful.

Collecting children – The same arrangements apply to collecting children as previously... They will come out of the side door, if anyone different is collecting them then please write it on the whiteboard in the cloakroom.

Uniform – Jewellery is not permitted for Health and Safety reasons, the only exception to this are watches and stud earrings. Again for the same reasons any long hair should be tied up not only for PE but for general classroom work as well.

The children are required to wear well fitting shoes and not 'trainers' in school. The latter do not provide the support for feet needed at this age and should only be worn for PE. On Non-Uniform Days these rules are relaxed.

Here's to another successful term!

Mrs Quick , Mrs White and Mrs Burleigh