COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 39 – JULY 2024

Attendance Champions

2023-2024

1st **Place – Year 5: 96.40%** 2nd **Place – Year R: 95.8%**

3rd Place – Year 2: 95.70% 4th Place – Year 3: 95.67% 5th Place – Year 4: 95.52% 6th Place – Year 1: 95.21% 7th Place – Year 6: 92.50%

Staffing

It is with regret that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Ward at the end of this term who is pursuing a different career path. Mrs Ward has worked with many children and is dearly loved by all that know her. We will miss your calm, caring nature and we are grateful for the support you have given our children over the years. We wish you the best of luck and hope you stay in touch.

Miss Spain is also leaving us to begin a TA training course. She is a kind, caring and very popular member of staff and we will miss her energy and sense of fun. We wish her luck with her course.

As previously mentioned, we are also saying farewell to Miss Kinsley who is also leaving us. I know Year 3 have really enjoyed having her as a class teacher and we have loved working with her in the school. Again, we wish you the best of luck.

Notes from the Head Geacher Dear Families,

As the end of the school year approaches I would like to say a big thank you for the ongoing support you have given the school. Many events that are so important and beneficial for our children can only happen due to the volunteering of parents to help run them, so on behalf of the children - a huge thank you.

This will be the final Chronicle of the year, so although we do not break up until Wednesday, I would like to wish you a very happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Garratty

Reflection

We looked at Jonah and the Whale this week and thought about courage. Sometimes we all have to do something that we find difficult and we may feel nervous about, but with belief in ourselves and faith in God we gain strength to do the best we can.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

School Reports

You should have all received school reports today. This year they are in a new format and we hope you find them informative. We are very proud of the children's achievements and the progress they have made in different areas.

Year 6 Production

The children in Year 6 treated audiences to a fabulous show this week. Their performance of "Shakespeare Rocks" was full of dance, song and comedy and was thoroughly enjoyed by all that watched it. It was amazing to see the children performing with such confidence and gusto. It takes a lot of courage to perform on stage and the children really pushed themselves to come out of their comfort zones and deliver an incredible show.

A huge well done to the children and the staff for providing such an entertaining evening.

Free Dentist Appointments

Taunton Lane Dental Practice is offering free NHS dental examinations for children during the summer holidays. Please contact them for more information.

Clothing Bank

The playground clothing bank is currently full and we are awaiting collection. Please do not leave any further donations until after the summer holidays. Thank you

Charity Day

On Thursday, we held our first "Charity Day". This had been planned and the activities and charities chosen, by the children and school councillors which was very exciting. I would like to thank the children and all of you for your generosity and enthusiasm; all of which helped to make the day a huge success. The three charities chosen were: World Wildlife Fund, RSPCA and Cancer Research. Although we don't have a final total yet, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you all! Huge thanks, too, to the Year 3 parents who baked and donated so many wonderful homemade cakes for their cake sale. We will announce the final total next week.

Miss Tansley