



# COLLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

9th July 2010

### **Yr 6 LEAVERS' BBQ and SCHOOL JOURNEY PHOTOS**

A reminder to Yr 6 that the Leavers' BBQ will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 6.00 to 8.30pm. It will include a swim in our pool, games in the field, disco and BBQ.

Parents are asked to collect children at 8.30pm at which point we will show a range of photographs from the recent Isle of Wight trip, in the new hall. I hope you all will be able to attend.

### **CHANGES TO THE OPENING TIMES FOR SCHOOL GATES**

As many of you are already aware, the school has been reviewing some of its security procedures over the last year. This includes the opening and closing of the school gates at both points of entry - Fairfax Road and Cromwell Road. As a result of this review, and in the light of the Local Authority's Safeguarding Agenda, the school will be implementing the following changes, effective from the start of the new school year in September.

#### **Fairfax and Cromwell Road Gates:**

- Open from 7.30am to 9.10am
- Open from 11.45am to 12.35pm
- Open 3.00pm and closing when the school site is clear (after CATS)

The Fairfax Road gate will be controlled from the school office. All visitors requiring access to the school outside the gate opening times will need to ring and be 'buzzed in'.

The Cromwell Road gate (at the school end of the passageway only) will be kept closed outside the above times. There will be a sign at the pavement end to redirect visitors to the main school gate on Fairfax Road.

The decision to implement this change has not been taken lightly and has been discussed by both the school Leadership Team and the Governing Body. While we acknowledge that the new policy may not suit everybody, we would stress that both gates will be open at ALL drop-off and pick-up times.

As I am sure you will agree, the school's first priority is to ensure the security of all our children and staff, and we would therefore ask for your support in this matter. If you have any queries, please address them to the Business Manager, Lindsay Brodin, or the Premises Committee via the school office.

- *Sian Hardy, Premises Committee*      - *David Butterfield, Headteacher*

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

As the end of term approaches we are recalling all our Junior Library books, in order to stocktake. All books should be returned by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you. - *Pam Fursdon, Junior Librarian*

### **ACADEMIES**

Collis is constantly striving to move forward and look at ways in which we can further improve the education and opportunities for our children. It is therefore important that we keep abreast of any changes in education and, for this reason, we have registered an interest in the Academy programme. We know very little about the Academy proposals and are therefore keen to gather information. As an already 'outstanding' school, with a supportive local authority, there are not currently obvious benefits to us in becoming an Academy. However, we will continue to monitor this as schools take up the government's offer and the programme moves forward. - *Amanda Fergusson, Chair of Governors*

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

The cost of school meals is rising to £2.20 per day, from the new term in September 2010.

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### **SPORTING SUCCESS - SOUTH EAST REGIONAL SEMI FINALISTS!!!**

The Yr 6 Boys' Cricket Team and supports travelled to Hove yesterday, to take part in the South East Regional Finals which were played on the Sussex County Cricket ground. They were all real assets to the school and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing cricket in such a super venue.

The standard of cricket on the day was very high and Collis played superbly until they were knocked out at the semi-finals stage, beaten by the eventual overall winners. Collis came 4<sup>th</sup> in the competition, on the day, out of 8 other schools from 3 other counties. But overall that now means that Collis is the 4<sup>th</sup> best cricketing school out of 600 schools in the South East Region! THIS IS FANTASTIC. We are all so proud of you.

### **AFRICAN 'FOOTY' DAY**

The aim today was to celebrate the World Cup being held in Africa, and to extend the children's knowledge of African countries alongside making a contribution to the African development charity 'Send a Cow'. The children looked suitably colourful in their chosen nation's colours and used their recycled balls to have a kick about! School Council will let you know soon just how much we have raised. Thank you all so much for your donations today. - *Nikki Connor, School Council*

### **TOILETS**

A reminder that the toilets in the year group bases are designated for children's use only. Adults can access the adult and disabled use toilets on the ground floor of the new building, next to the lift (near the end of the Yr 3 corridor) and next to the changing rooms (near the end of the Yr 4 corridor). There is a further adult and disabled use toilet next to the school office.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS**

As we have several activities and clubs taking place at the end of the school day, over the Summer Term weeks, we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that you leave the site promptly at the end of the school day.

We particularly ask that parents and carers who remain on site during these activities, because their children are taking part, stay well back from the activities and do not allow their other children to use the field or the play area during these times.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **CYCLING COURSES FOR NON RIDERS**

The Safety Education Team will be running two courses to teach children to cycle, at Orleans Park School on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010. These courses are usually open to children in Yrs 5 and 6 but, due to a lack of take-up, on this occasion they are also being offered to children in Yrs 3 and 4.

Children must bring a safe bike of suitable size and it is advised that they wear a cycle helmet. Please contact the Safety Education Team on 020 8487 5131 or email [safety-education@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:safety-education@richmond.gov.uk) for more details and an application form.

### **VINCENT DYOS**

You will recall that at this time last year Vincent Dyos died following a sudden illness and hospitalisation. His mother, Sally Dyos, was a Teaching Assistant here. She has since left Collis but of course we remember Vincent at this time and wish to inform you that there will be a special Tribute to Vincent on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010, when Marc Dyos and his band are playing a night of 'Queen' music at The Peel in Kingston upon Thames. Tickets are available from The Peel (020 8546 3516) and cost £7 in advance and £10 on the door. All profits will be donated to Kingston Hospital who cared for Vincent.

### **PARENTS MEET THE YEAR 3 TEACHERS - WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY AT 2.30pm**

There will be an informal meeting for the parents of current Year 2 parents, at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, to share general information about your child's transition into Year 3. We look forward to seeing you.  
- *Yr 3 Team*

### **VISIT BY THE POPE TO ST MARY'S COLLEGE**

The Pope will be visiting St Mary's College in September. Four children from Collis have been invited to attend. If you would like the opportunity to be chosen to go and you are a CURRENT YEAR 3, 4, OR 5 child, please supply the following: Reasons why YOU should be chosen to attend, in about 100 words. Closing date is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010. All entries to your class teacher.

