

Coates Way School



Newsletter No. 5

31st March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has flown by and hopefully we can enjoy a decent break with some good weather. We have slowly managed to get back to some normality this half term with the removal of bubbles, parents back onto the playground and we have even managed to fit in few class trips out. Year 6 made a visit to Sea City in Southampton, Year 2 visited North Watford library and Year 4 made a visit to Kew Gardens. In the summer term we have residential trips booked for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 so fingers crossed that these can all still go ahead. We are also planning class visits in the summer term for Nursery, Reception, and Years 1, 2, 3 and 5.

We would like to thank you all for helping us to keep the number of Covid cases to a minimum but we must remember that the virus shows no sign of going away so please continue to keep yourselves safe and please do not send your children into school if they show any of the symptoms.

Parking

Yet again we have received a number of complaints from the local residents and parents regarding parking at drop off and collection times. We had very few complaints whilst we were operating on staggered start and finish times but since we have reverted back to our 'normal times' the complaints are endless. As we have said many times before, virtually the whole of the road along Coates Way is available for parking, yet so many of you feel the need to park as close to the school as possible and on yellow lines. The yellow lines are there for a reason and that is to make sure that that the area around the school is safe for our children. By parking on these yellow lines you are showing no concern for the safety of other children or adults that use the paths. In addition, the parking bays opposite the school in Coates Dell are private property and for use by residents only. **Please do not park in these bays.** It was reported to the school that one parent actually physically threatened one of the residents when they were informed that they parking is not permitted in this area. This is not acceptable and we have informed the residents that they should photograph any offending vehicles and report any threatening behaviour to the police.

Coates Way Fundraisers

Now that the Covid restrictions are being eased, the Coates Way Fundraisers are once again being active in organising fundraising events. This term there was the gift sale, clothing collection, Key Stage 1 Easter party and the Key Stage 2 disco. Next term there is another gift sale and clothing collection planned along with the Summer Fayre. If you want to be involved to supporting the Fundraisers, please make yourself known to one of the committee members. The school office will be able to provide you with this information. Please remember that all money raised goes towards providing the school with additional resources.

Healthy Eating

May we remind all parents that children's snacks at break time must be of a healthy option i.e. fruit or vegetables. Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes will be provided with fruit as part of the Government's 5 a day initiative. Please do not send your child in to school with chocolate bars or sweets as these are not permitted.

This is also a good opportunity to remind parents that we have a number of children who suffer from nut allergies. It is totally unacceptable and not permitted under any circumstances to send children into school with nuts. This includes peanut butter spread and Nutella spread. Please respect this rule as we have children, and adults, who are at risk. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 1st April – End of term. **School ends at 1.30pm**

Tuesday 19th April - School open for pupils

Thursday 5th May – **School closed for voting**

Friday 6th May – **INSET day. School closed for pupils**

Monday 9th May – Year 6 SATs week

Monday 16th May – Year 5 residential trip to PGL Caythorpe Park

Monday 23rd May – School photos

Friday 27th May – End of half term. **School ends at 1.30pm**

Monday 6th June – School open for pupils

Friday 10th June – Fundraisers gift sale

Monday 13th June – Year 6 residential trip to France/Belgium

Saturday 2nd July – Fundraisers Summer Fayre

Monday 4th July – Year 4 trip to Bushcraft Cuffley

Wednesday 6th July – Fundraisers clothing collection

Tuesday 19th July - End of term. **School ends at 1.30pm**

Thursday 1st September – INSET day. School closed for pupils

Friday 2nd September – INSET day. School closed for pupils

Monday 5th September – School open for pupils

Please note that this is a change to the previous date for the end of the school year. All schools have been allocated an additional day's holiday as an extra bank holiday has been added for 2022 as a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.