



October Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the first half term already! We have had a fantastic start to the year. Lots of visitors already from Michael Rosen and ITV news to Year 3's Stone Age Camp, Reception Drama workshop and the legendary year 6 residential visit to Tollesbury. Also a huge well done to all of our new children and staff who have settled in really well at Coldfall.

Thank you to so many of you for embracing the no mobile phones on the playground request. It is lovely to see our children received so warmly by their families without a digital barrier at the end of the day.

Please take note of all the dates for Fireworks, Parents Evenings and Concerts - the second half term gets very busy!

Value of the month – Wisdom

Sage is the name of our Friends of Coldfall Owl mascot who pops up at the fireworks, Summer Fair etc. I'm assuming the name is taken from the wonderful word 'sagacious'? Nonetheless, a sound judgement about a situation or problem is often informed by asking pertinent questions and trying to see the big picture to assess the impact of decisions. I feel like I need to get to grips with this value myself! Hopefully age and experience will help. Our assemblies and Golden Book awards this month will focus on this important value.



Parking

I must strongly urge parents to respect the road restrictions on Everington Road at pick up and drop off. I have seen for myself parents parking in residents disabled bays. The individual concerned needs constant access to this space. It is not ok for parents to disregard this. In addition, it is a regular occurrence for some parents to ignore road markings such as double yellow lines or the zig zags outside the school gates. THIS IS INCONSIDERATE. THIS IS ILLEGAL. THIS IS DANGEROUS. I have requested Haringey Council to supply more traffic enforcement officers but it is our behaviour that has to change. Please change this behaviour before someone gets hurt.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be celebrated at Coldfall on Friday 24th October. As usual we will be making a donation of non-perishable food items to our local Soup Kitchen. We also take this opportunity to raise funds for EducAid so this will be a dress up day. Children can dress in Autumn colours and bring in a £1 donation.

OPAL

We are so delighted and proud to announce that we achieved the OPAL Platinum Award! This is the highest accreditation and means our playtimes are in the top 1% of over 2000 OPAL schools internationally. We're so proud of the collective efforts of: Ms Danisi, Mr Coetzee, all of our playworker team, teachers, site staff, Friends of Coldfall committee and contributors, OPAL parent rep Flora Blackwood, OPAL Governor Sebastian Worbs and last but not least of amazing parents who collected tyres and speedboats, built paths and piano sheds, donated time and resources as well as supporting us throughout our OPAL journey. A true community effort – Thank you!



To try to get even more OPAL into our children's lives we are starting a special OPAL homework each month. This is instead of an English or a Maths homework and is intended to encourage our children and families into natural spaces and environment. Use fallen leaves to create your own piece of artwork and think about colour, pattern or shape. You could be inspired by the pictures below or come up with your own ideas. Have fun and please take a photo to upload to your class's google classroom. We'll share some of the best examples on our Instagram account in November.



Please see the final page of this newsletter for more OPAL news!

Fireworks Night 7th November

We are really looking forward to the most exciting night of the year—Fireworks Night at Coldfall kindly organised and run by our hard working Friends of Coldfall committee.

The event will be spectacular as usual with a bar run by school staff lead by Miss Ceri Roberts, sweet treats, hot chocolate and mulled wine not to mention delicious hot dogs! The display itself will be fantastic as ever.

We are so lucky to have wonderful events like this and they simply can't happen without parent volunteers so please volunteer just 30 minutes of your time to assist on a stall. Click here to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/ydrhk2jh>

You can buy tickets here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofcoldfall/1864647>

With best wishes,

Ewan Marshall

We warmly welcome all parents, carers and grandparents to their child's class assembly which take place on Friday mornings at 9.05am. Please stay and have a cup of tea or coffee with us afterwards.

Friday 10th October - Robin

Friday 17th October - Swift

Friday 24th October - Pelican

Friday 7th November - Peacock

Friday 14th November - Puffin

Friday 21st November - Magpie

Friday 24th November - Nightingale

Friday 5th December - Owl

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2025

Community Gardening - 3.45-4.30

Weds 15th October

Weds 5th November



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Halloween Cake Sale Friday 24th October at 3.20 - 3.45

Parents' Evening

19th November 5pm-7.30pm

20th November 4pm-6.30pm

Christmas Dates

Nativities

Dove - Monday 8th December 9.15am

Chaffinch - Monday 8th December 2.45pm

Eagle - Tuesday 9th December 9.15am

Sing-A-Longs

Nursery AM - Wednesday 10th December 11.30am

Nursery PM - Wednesday 10th December 2.30pm

Year 2 Performances

Kestrel—11th December 9.15am

Kingfisher - 11th December 3pm

Kookaburra 12th December 9.15

Year 6 & 6 Concerts 6-8pm

Monday 15th December Featuring **Junior Chorus**

Tuesday 16th December



Sport Success for Coldfall!

We are so lucky to have such talented athletes at Coldfall!

In the recent Cross Country competition our Boys' Team came a very close second and the Girls' Team came first in their race. Well done to both teams for training so hard!

Our Bowling Team were also brilliant in their competition. They achieved second place by only two skittles. So close! Well done team for trying so hard and being wonderful competitors.

Thank you to all the staff involved in giving our children these opportunities, and thank you parents and carers for supporting children to train in their spare time when required.



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Community Gardening

Join us for more Community Gardening sessions with Mrs Greene after school this term. This is a chance to garden with other families and children in a relaxed and informal setting – it's completely **free**, no commitment required, and all welcome. **After the next two sessions, we will take a break and start up again in the Spring.**

Who: Parents / Carers / Grandparents / Staff and up to two children
(adults must stay to supervise them)

When: Weds 15th Oct, 3:45 – 4:30 – planting bulbs
Weds 5th Nov, 3:45 – 4:30 – planting bulbs

Where: School allotment (fenced off area left of the dining hall) behind playhouse

Bring: Nothing required, but bring gardening gloves if you have them



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Road Safety - IMPORTANT



We have noticed lots of children holding hands to cross the road – well done! But we've also seen some drivers making the roads near our school dangerous.

Please **NEVER stop on the zig-zags** outside school as this is against the law (the area needs to be kept clear **at all times** for children to cross safely) and **please do not let children out of cars onto the road** as this is also very dangerous - always park first.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Walk to School Month!

October is International Walk to School Month! We celebrated walking with Happy ShoesDay on Tuesday 30th September, and are glad to see lots of children walking, scooting and cycling to school. **Please help your child to do this as often as possible** – research shows that **children who walk to school** (even just a short walk at the end of a car journey) **do better at school as they arrive refreshed and ready to learn.**



OPAL Corner



Congratulations and well done to Freddie, who won the Golden Welly award for wonderful play. Freddie made this beautiful artwork with the leaves and acorns in our playground during OPAL play.

Freddie's art work is a great example of what we are looking for from our OPAL homework this month.

Children should make a picture using leaves, sticks, acorns and any other materials that could be found on a woodland floor. Please upload a photo of the artwork to Google Classroom.

Here is another lovely example of the homework by Lara, Rory, Sienna and Lily. Well done! What a fantastic team effort!



Well done to Omar who also won the Golden Welly Award for excellent play. Omar always helps tidy up, is always very polite to the play team, includes other children and it a great table tennis opponent. Thank you Omar!



A big thank you to The Flower Seller based in Muswell Hill for their kind donation of flowers. These were a real hit in our mud kitchen! The children have loved making patterns and potions with these.