

Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am starting this week by saying how proud I am of all the children for the lovely manners and respect that they are showing. There have been a number of times this week where staff, visitors and parents have commented on how polite the children are and how well they represent the school. This is fabulous to hear as a smile, kind word and manners cost nothing. Well done everyone.

This week, we have been looking at how to supplement the home learning and will be sending home on Class Dojo theme home learning grids. The grids will provide you with extra activities that you might like to complete. They are not compulsory but enhance the theme. If your child completes an activity they might like to bring it in or send a photo via Dojo to share with their class and receive Dojo rewards. It is a great way to explore wider learning.

As the weather gets colder, a warm lunch is always appreciated and we are aware of a few problems with the current ordering system as you have to order a week in advance and children change their minds. We are reviewing the system and hope to simplify it to allow for greater flexibility for parents and pupils.

It has been a busy week for the HeadBoy and Head girl and their deputies as we held our first meeting. We looked at bringing back the Eco-Committee and the Eco shop as well as how we can support local charities and the community. This year we are supporting Black Country Women's Aid, Black Country Food Bank and Edwards Trust. The children will decide on a national charity to support in a later meeting. We raised £444.79 for Going Purple, which was excellent and thank you.

On Thursday we came together as a school at 11am to mark our respects for all those who have fallen in conflicts and today members of Year 6 took part in a Memorial walk with Caslon Primary School and Cradley C of E. The Royal British Legion will hold an Armistice Parade and Memorial Service on Sunday 14th November - everyone is invited to take part in the Annual Parade at the Parish Church of St Peter, Cradley. More information is attached.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend.

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Key Dates

- Friday 26th November - Y6 Botanical Gardens trip
- Friday 3rd December - School photo retakes
- Tuesday 7th December - Reception RY Trip to MAC Cannon Hill Park Birmingham
- Wednesday 8th December - School meals Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 9th December - Reception RDW Trip to MAC Cannon Hill Park Birmingham
- Friday 10th December - School closed
- Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January - Winter Holiday
- Tuesday 4th January - Inset day - School closed
- Monday 21st February -25th February -Spring Half Term
- Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Summer Half Term
- Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th June - Year 6 PGL Residential Trip
- Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September - Summer Holidays



Reminders

School start and finish times

Start time - All years - Doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.55am

Finish time -Reception and KS1 - 3.05pm. All KS2 - 3.15pm

Please make sure that children bring all their items to school that they need that day, e.g PE kits, lunch boxes etc as the school office cannot guarantee getting them to class on time.

Coats

Now the weather is getting colder, can we remind all parents / carers to make sure their children bring a coat to school.

We do have a special offer on school reversible coats for just £5! One side is fleece and the other is a hooded raincoat. If you wish to purchase one, please come to the school office. Please note we only have limited sizes available (3-4/4-5/10-11/11-12/12-13/13-14/14-15)



Raincoat side



Fleece side

Uniform

Please can all children's uniform, water bottles and lunch boxes be labelled with their child's full name.

PE

All children are to come into school with their PE kits on their PE days.

Year 6 Botanical Gardens Trip

Can Year 6 parent's please make sure they have completed the form on Parentmail and have paid the trip money before Friday 19th November.

School Photos

The deadline for ordering school photos is Monday 15th November. Photos can be ordered online or by completing and returning the form.

Iris ParentMail

ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

We encourage all parents to register if you haven't already. For those who haven't and if you have an email address, you will be receiving a verification email soon via your emails. Please follow the link on the email to register. You will get notification when we send out forms for trips, all payments will be via Parentmail. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

General Reminders

Asthma

Just a reminder that if your child needs an inhaler in school, please can you come to the office to fill in the relevant paperwork. You will be asked to leave one inhaler in school. This week we have sent out the annual Asthma forms if your child has Asthma could you complete and return these to school by Monday 22nd November.

Class Dojo

Please sign up this weekend using the letter provided from school. We are just using the "Classroom" tab at the moment. Class stories and Messaging will be used but staff are not checking these currently.

Parking

We would like to remind parents and carers to park considerately around school. We have attached a letter from the West Midlands Police regarding Dudley's Operation Park Safe scheme. We would appreciate it if you can take a moment to read it and follow the rules set out in the Highway Code outlined in the letter.

Concerned parents/carers now have the opportunity to report unsafe parking via their Self Reporting Scheme. Copies of these forms are available in the office.

PE Days

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 - 4R & 4K Tuesday and Thursday, 4H - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 - 5C & 5A Monday and Friday, 5W - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Attendance

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If your child is ill with any of the following 3 symptoms they need to self-isolate immediately and you must carry out a Lateral flow test or book a PCR test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

Please let school know any test results, or if your child is going to be absent for this or any other reason by;

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
- Reporting their absence via the ParentMail App.

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence every day that they are unable to attend school.

Please note if someone in your household has tested positive, children must still attend school as long as they have no symptoms or have tested negative.

Lates

A reminder - all children should be at school, ready to learn at 8.55am, doors open at 8.40am

Leaving school early

In order to ensure there are minimal disruptions to the children's learning at the end of the school day, children should not be leaving school early unless:

- it is for an appointment that we have been made aware of beforehand and we have been given or shown a letter/medical card/medical appointment text.
- if school has asked you to collect your child early due to them being ill in school.

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

Nursery children have explored the celebration of Bonfire Night this week. This has also been the focus for their phonics lessons, listening to different sounds they could hear and using musical instruments to make firework sounds. Children have also explored Remembrance Day through making poppies and listening to a short animation during the minute silence to help explain. All the children sat well and showed respect. Well done!



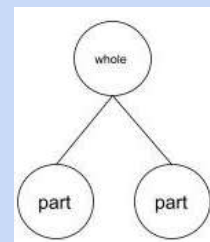
Next week they will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week, focusing on learning and retelling nursery rhymes. We will be encouraging the children to speak and sing clearly and confidently to others.

Reception

In Reception the children have explored the celebration Bonfire Night and learnt new phrases such as loud explosions and firework display. They have also learnt about Remembrance Day, made poppies and watched a short animation during the minute silence to help explain. All children showed respect by sitting still and watching quietly.

In numeracy, they have been looking at the part part whole model for addition. Children have learnt that there are two parts and one whole. They have also learnt taught phrases such as *my part is 3, my part is 1, my whole is 4. 3 plus 1 is equal to 4.*

Next week they will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week, focusing on retelling nursery rhymes, listening to rhymes from around the world and listening and recalling the rhyming words they can hear.



Year 1



We began the week by sharing a short clip from the story 'Lost and Found' which showed a penguin knocking on the door of a small boy. The children had wonderful ideas about what the story might be about and why the penguin was there, which they recorded on post it notes. They then found out information about penguins and used globes to locate the South Pole. Later in the week, they used amazing vocabulary choices to describe a scene where the characters were in a boat in a storm.

In Maths, the children have been comparing and ordering numbers. They then learned to recognise increasing and decreasing number patterns. At the end of the week the children were investigating doubling and halving numbers. In RE, the children have been learning



that giving and receiving are important to Christians and have been drawing and writing about special gifts which they have received. In Science, the children were learning to classify animals by what they eat. As part of the lesson we shared the story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' and then thought about what real tigers eat and that this means they are carnivores. They then had lots of fun thinking of their own favourite foods so that they could classify humans. Well done Year 1!

Year 2

We have had another fantastic week in Year 2, filled with lots of new learning opportunities. In Science, we have been working scientifically, undertaking numerous scientific experiments. We had a hole in a bucket and we had to investigate which materials would be best to stop it from leaking. We were also sorting and grouping materials according to their properties. In maths we have been working practically to measure different objects in the classroom using cms. We also got to show off our descriptive writing skills by writing about a setting. We used lots of descriptive techniques including expanded noun phrases. We also commemorated Remembrance day by holding a minute's silence, and learnt more about Remembrance day in a special assembly, showing our ASPIRE values of being respectful and compassionate at the same time. We have all worked incredibly hard this week, and we hope everyone has a lovely weekend.



Year 3

We have been using the columnar method when adding and subtracting to help solve word problems this week in Maths. We then drew bar models to support our findings. We are continuing to work on knowing our number bonds and three times tables through lots of chanting!

In English we have been reading, analysing, planning and writing diary entries with a focus on different emotions. We wrote some funny ones which had Mr Simpson chasing a dog around the playground!

The children have begun to read 'The Nothing to see here hotel' and they are loving the disgusting characters we've met so far. They enjoyed retrieving from the book what Granny Regurita might look like!

In Science we have explored different soils and seen how to find out soil type. We drew and labelled a soil sample mixed with water which had then separated into layers of clay, silt and sand.

Theme has been looking at maps and symbols this week. The children used Ipads to research some symbols they were unsure about.

We had a visit from our school nurse and found out our hands weren't as clean as we thought! She used a special glitter spray on our hands then we all held our hands under an ultraviolet light and saw the bacteria was often still there!

The children were all very respectful at 11am on November 11th when we stood in silence for two minutes to remember those who had died in conflict.

The children have all worked hard across the week. Enjoy the weekend.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning how to multiply three digit numbers using a variety of strategies, such as, short multiplication and mental multiplication. The children learnt to be resilient when they applied these skills to solve multiplication problems. The children have also been practising their 6x tables this week and should now be well on their way to knowing these facts off by heart, in fact 4R won the first tournament of the term last week on TT Rockstars, 4K were second and 4H third! In English, Year 4 have been creative by writing simile and metaphor poems about the wardrobe in 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. We have also read the first few chapters of the book and the children are enjoying it immensely. Well done to all children who are reading their Accelerated Reader books at home and then completing the quiz in school. Keep going! In Science, we have created posters about endangered animals after researching them on our iPads. Our new theme is 'Italy or Iceland' and we have self-quizzed by learning about the capitals of these countries and used our iPads to try and name different countries in Europe. Try the quizzes we did here;

<https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3007>

<https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3093>

<https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3688>

Year 5

During this week, Year 5 have discussed the importance of taking a short moment out of our day to reflect and think about others. This was evident in our Remembrance day two minute silence, which was respectfully observed. Thank you to Braiden (5A) and Jorgie (5W) for their creative approach to showing their respect, using Lego blocks during Breakfast Club.

Our maths focus this week has centered around improving our confidence in using division strategies. This has included short division with remainders. It is pleasing to see the progress made during our lessons and misconceptions being tackled and supported by teaching staff and peers.

Times Tables Rock Stars: A special well done to **5A** who finished as the **24th** highest scoring class (out of over 28,000 classes) in England during a national competition this week.



We are really enjoying reading our new class book: Holes by Louis Sachar. We held discussion about the importance of the embedded story within the book. We have also made a fact file on yellow-spotted lizards.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 launched our new librarian project. Librarians were chosen and have now been given their roles, supporting pupils with changing Accelerated Reader books as well as organising and maintaining the school library area. The children have been incredibly enthusiastic about this and are really loving their roles.

Also this week, 15 children had the opportunity to visit the Remembrance Memorial. They attended a short service with children from other local schools to read poems and hear prayers for Remembrance. They were so respectful and were fantastic representatives of Colley Lane.



In lessons, Year 6 have started our new light topic for Science. The children began to understand how light travels and how this is shown using diagrams and scientific designs. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to finding out more about this exciting topic. In Reading, we have really begun to delve deeper into our new book. The children are loving learning about graveyards and ghouls and this has also inspired some excellent setting descriptions in our writing lessons. In PE, it has been great to see the children demonstrating their fantastic gymnastic skills. Well done this week Year 6!

Other News....

Active Autumn - Family Learning, Dudley Council

Family Learning are encouraging parents to spend time with their children, explore the great outdoors and embrace community cohesion and sustainability through a series of six challenges in the autumn months. The short course entitled Active Autumn is available to anyone who has access to the Internet and parents can find out more and register an interest by telephoning 01384 818143.

There is also the option to upload comments and photographs of their achievements. As with all Family Learning courses, there is no charge to participate.

Family Learning free courses

Family Learning are offering free courses every Monday 1pm-3pm at Our Hive, formally known as Little Colliers. We have attached some details of the courses on offer. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the office with the name of the course you are interested in.

Netflix Age Ratings

You will be aware that Netflix is hugely popular across all ages but there have been concerns in relation to age ratings and the type of content that is recommended to viewers. Like many other services, Netflix uses algorithms to determine what you might like to watch based on viewing history, what you have liked etc.

Since last year, Netflix has been working with the BBFC and 100% of the content on Netflix is now age-rated to BBFC classification standards. It is the first UK streaming service to accomplish this.

Here is a guide on how to set up a child account and choose maturity ratings. [Parental controls on Netflix](#)

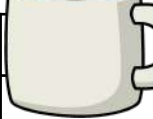
Colley Lane Website

If you haven't already, please take the time to look at our new website at <https://www.colley.dudley.sch.uk/>

You will be able to find all the information that you need about our school including key information, news and dates and parent information.

Pupil Achievements

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RDW	RY	1H	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Ryan	Ayah	Violet	Matthew	Sienna	Alyvia - Mae	Violet	Dalton	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	6O	6S
Aabid	Taylor	Laxmi	Chloe	Travis	Scarlett	Hasnain	Lily C	Grace

We would like to celebrate our pupils' achievements both in and out of school. If your child has achieved something out of school that they are proud of whether it be learning a new skill, sports or club certificates or overcoming a fear or obstacle for example, we would love to know.

Please email them to info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

The Kindness Corner

We went purple on the 22nd October 2021 and we raised ...

£444.79

For Black Country Womens Aid.

Thank you all so much for your support and donations to help this wonderful charity.

How your money makes a difference

Black Country Women's Aid supported over 9000 women, children and men last year who had experienced abuse and violence. Our refuges offered a safe place to stay, our advocates and counsellors helped people to get back on their feet, cope with trauma and look towards a safer future.

This year's Go Purple fundraising will go towards our Crisis Fund, which we use to help women and children when they leave our refuges.

With your help, they can:

- buy the essentials for their new home
- avoid having to choose between a bed or a washing machine
- have a bed and clean linen to sleep in

With your donation, they can have the new beginning they deserve.

Black Country Food Bank



The collection box for Black Country Food Bank is now in the school foyer where donations can be brought in at any time throughout the school year.

If you are able to donate any non-perishable food items please bring these along to the school office where we will collect them before donating them to help our local food bank and community.

Diary Dates

Autumn Half Term

School Closed Friday 10th December 2021

Winter Holiday

Monday 20th December 2021 to January 3rd 2022

Inset day - School closed Tuesday 4th January 2022

Children return to School - Wednesday 5th January 2022

Spring Half Term

Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Return to school Monday 28th February 2022

Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022

Return to school Monday 25th April 2022

Summer Half Term

Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Return to school on Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Holidays

Monday 25th July 2022 to Friday 2nd Sept 2022

Return to school on Monday 5th September 2022

Bank Holidays

New Year – Monday 3rd January 2022

May Day – Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset days to be confirmed

Sports Clubs

Colley Lane Sports Club News

Another great week at clubs the children are really enjoying all the different sports available to them. There are still opportunities for children to join most clubs, especially morning ones and new faces are always welcomed. Please remember warm clothing for when we are outside. Several children have lost hoodies at clubs, can you please check you don't have any at home that don't belong to your child.

The price of clubs is £1 per club to a maximum of £3 regardless of how many clubs attended per week (this doesn't include JSB clubs.)

Unless your child has PE on the same day as a club they must come in school uniform and bring their kit to change into. If they are participating in a club before school they can come in their kit and bring their uniform to change into if they don't have PE that day, this also applies to JSB clubs.

Sports Clubs

	<i>Before school (Start time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>After school (Finish time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Y4 & Y5 Cross Country (8.00)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15)</i> <i>Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£1.00</i> <i>£3.00</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Tri Golf (8.10)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Netball (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Dance (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Basketball (4.15)</i> <i>Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£1.00</i> <i>£3.00</i>
	<i>Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>		
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.10)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>

			Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
Friday	Y1 & Y2 Football (8.00) * JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB	£3.00

Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria.

However if you do meet the criteria listed below then you will need to submit an online claim in order for your child's school to receive Pupil Premium funding.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals. Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be entitled to receive free school meals.

Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in: reception class, year 1 and year 2 Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child's school can get extra funding if you do. If you wish to apply for Free School Meals click here [Free School Meals](#) or collect a form from the office.



Please see the below information with links to a host of really important safety advice.

With many organised displays cancelled again this year, many families will be thinking of having displays at home.

But do we all know how to buy safely and avoid unlicensed sellers?

Do we know what precautions to take to avoid a serious accident?

And would we know what to do if the worst happened?

Our new [fireworks advice hub](#) makes it easy for you to share safety messages with families. You'll find:

- [Fireworks buying guide](#) – to help families avoid dangerous fireworks.
- [Fireworks safety tips](#) – essential tips for families doing their own display.
- [Lessons for little ones](#) – a downloadable resource to help you teach children about safety.
- [Warning to parents](#) – a real story to share.
- [In an emergency](#) – good first aid will reduce the likelihood of lifelong scarring.



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm



the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday
7pm - 9pm

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