



Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome parents back into school this week, as we start to hold our Parent welcome meetings and share information about the year groups. I will be looking at holding meetings at different times to accommodate more parents as the term goes on but I will also be sharing the slides for each year group via Dojo. Please see the times for the parent meetings further down in the newsletter.

This week, the children have been working hard and I have been impressed with the resilience and respect that the children have shown since returning to school. In assembly, we reintroduced the Aspire Mountain which will be the focus for our Learner skills and Character virtues. Each week, we will focus on a different element but also use Dojos feedback to praise those children who are working towards these and going above and beyond.

We have celebrated our first praise assemblies today, where the achievements and efforts of one child in each class were shared. This year, we are promoting reading so each child will receive a certificate and a book that they will choose as a prize. It was lovely to see the smiles of not only the children being praised but also their classmates and friends supporting their special moment. I will share the list and reasons for Praise assembly on the Whole School story on Dojo each Friday



We also started Hot Chocolate with the Head today as a way for the children to get to know me but also for me to get to know the children and more about our wonderful school. Each week, class teachers can choose a child to come down to my room with members of other classes to have a hot chocolate, a story and a chat. There will be one time for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. There were lots of smiles and giggles today, a fabulous way to praise children for just doing the right thing. As the year progresses, everyone will get the opportunity to take part.

If you haven't already signed up to Class Dojo, please do so. It is a very effective way for us to build our community and whilst it will not replace Parentmail and our other forms of communication, it will improve the home/school link. I will start to add messages to the School story and over this half-term, we will look to share class stories but also inform you of how and when we will use the messaging element of the app. For the time being, class teachers are just using the praise part.

We have reviewed the start and end times of the day so please look at the "Other News" section.

Thank you for the support and please come and say hello if you see me on the gate - I am gradually getting to know names and faces. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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Key Dates

28/29/30th September - Year 4 Stone Age to Iron Age workshop in school

12/13th October 2021 -Parents evenings

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October - Half term

Friday 10th December - School closed

Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January - Winter Holiday

Monday 21st February -25th February -Spring Half Term

Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April - Easter Holidays

Reminders

A reminder for all year 2 parents and carers for a voluntary contribution of £1.50 (cash in named envelope) for their children's space t-shirts.

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

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

Please book your school meals every Thursday by 4pm. The booking forms are sent out every Monday via ParentMail and on our website

Iris Parent Mail

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.

General Reminders

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.

Parent Meetings

Our next Parents Meeting will be held on Monday 20th September. Year 2 parents are invited at 4.45pm and year 3 parents are welcome at 5.15pm The meetings will be held in the hall. This is an opportunity to come into the

school to meet Mr Simpson, your child's year group leader and their own teacher and find out more about the year ahead. There will be a short presentation about your child's learning, and opportunities to ask any questions about learning, the curriculum and their wellbeing.

Please be aware that numbers will be limited to one person from each household. Where there are two households involved in caring for your child, one person from each household are of course welcome.

Please see table below for Parent Meeting dates and times:

| Date | Time | Year Group |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 20th September 2021 | 4.45pm | 2 |
| | 5.15pm | 3 |
| 23rd September 2021 | 4.45pm | 5 |
| | 5.15pm | 1 |
| 27th September 2021 | 4.45pm | Nursery & Reception |

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

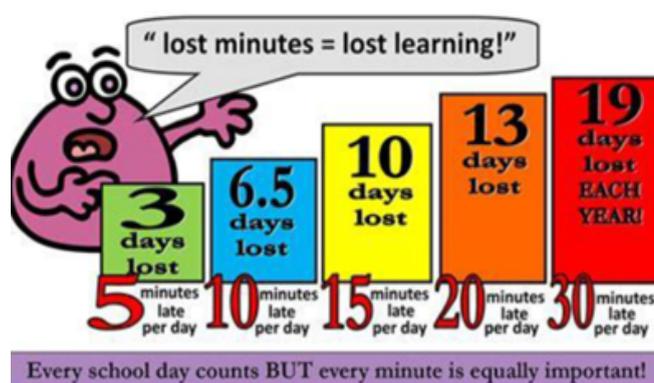
Attendance

Punctuality/lateness

From Monday all School doors are open from 8:40am until 8.55am.

If your child arrives at school after these times they will need to be **accompanied by an adult** into school via the school office where they will need to be signed into school by a member of staff. Arrivals after 9.20am will be marked as an unauthorised late unless they have been attending medical appointments which can be confirmed with appointment cards or letters.

We understand that lateness cannot always be avoided. However, children who arrive late can miss out on important information at the start of lessons. Late arrivals can also disrupt teaching and have a negative effect on the whole class.



Absence

If your child is absent it is important to contact the school before 9.00am, each day of their absence.

To do this you can:

- Telephone the school office on 01384 900450, please leave a voicemail if there is no answer.
- Send an email to attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
- Log the absence through the ParentMail App.

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the new children into Nursery this week. The children have settled really well and are beginning to adapt to their new routines. The older Nursery children have been very good role models and have been helping the new children to settle in by inviting them to join in with their play and supporting them if they are unsure.

We have been talking about being responsible and looking after our toys. We have tried really hard to put things away when we have finished playing with them.

Reception

We've had another great week in Reception. Children have started to get used to daily routines and continue to make new friendships.

We have been talking about and looking at photos of our family and extended family this week. If you haven't sent in a family photo, there is still time to do this next week.

Like Nursery, we have been talking about being responsible and tidying up our toys before playing with something else.

In Whole Class Reading we have been learning about pets and what we need to do to take care of them. Why not ask your child more about this at home and also what other things we can take care of?

Year 1

The year 1 children have continued to be happy and settled in school. To launch our History Theme lessons, the children had lots of fun trying to work out which baby photos matched their friends. They had a much harder job matching the staff's baby photos to members of staff! In Maths, they have been busy looking at doubling and halving numbers to ten. The children have enjoyed visiting the computer suite and I how are becoming more confident at logging on using their passwords. In English, they have been practising writing super sentences that have capital letters, full stops and spaces between words. Our budding artists have been experimenting with making lines of different thicknesses, lengths, colours, using a variety of media and tools.

The first excited group of children attended Forest School this week. All of the children will visit on a half-termly rota basis.

We have been impressed by the children's recall of the phonics sounds that they were learning in Reception. Thank you for supporting them by hearing your child read at home.

Year 2

Year 2 have had another wonderful week at school, packed with new and exciting learning opportunities. We began our history topic this week, and children were tasked with designing and decorating their own 'Space' themed t-shirt. We talked about the different planets, who travels into space and how they might get there. It was a great way to launch our big question: 'Will we ever get to Mars?'. In maths this week we have been understanding numbers up to a hundred, recognising tens and ones whilst becoming more confident in our counting. In English, we have been building descriptive sentences using the book 'Whatever Next' to help us. We have also been developing our art skills, focusing on line. We used this to complete some self portraits, building on last week's skill of tracing our portrait.

It has been great to see lots of children reading at home and we thank you for your continued support with this. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Meeting session at 4.45 on Monday 20th September. Have a great weekend.

Year 3

Year Three have been busy again. We have begun our History theme looking at the Victorian period. By the end of our learning block the children will be able to answer the question: would you prefer to live in Halesowen in the C19 or now? The children were historical detectives yesterday using photographs, books and artefacts to generate questions.

We have also been enjoying investigating in Science during the week. We wanted to find out whether wearing a cotton wool coat would make an iceman melt quicker or slower than his friend without a coat! We observed, measured and recorded results. Hopefully your child can tell you what they discovered and why that was!

We have been working as teams in P.E again this week and working collaboratively. Well done children, you have been encouraging and supporting each other and shown resilience.

'Maths Mastery' is the scheme we are following and the children are becoming used to discussing mathematical vocabulary, doing talk tasks and using manipulatives to explore numbers and derive new number facts.

We are looking forward to seeing you for our Parents meeting next week.

Year 4

Year 4 have had another awesome week. Behaviour in all three classes has been impeccable. Well done to all children! We celebrated Roald Dahl day on Monday by reading his autobiography. The children have taken inspiration from this as writers and they have begun to write their own autobiography. They drew pictures of themselves and have written a description about their picture using expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we are following a new scheme called 'Maths Mastery' where the children are exposed to more mathematical vocabulary and spend more time talking about Maths. We have been rounding to 10 and 100 this week using practical equipment and giving our answers in full sentences. In Science, we investigated which magnet was the strongest. It was the wand magnet as it held the most paper clips. We have also started reading 'James and the Giant Peach'.

Year 5

It has been another busy but enjoyable week in Year 5. Children are engaged with our class book (Danny the Champion of the World) and are using ideas from the story to support their writing. Children have also completed their first learning block in our new 'Maths Mastery' scheme and have developed skills to round numbers upto 6-digits. In theme, we have completed our 'Stunning Start' and translated text to discover information about Ancient Greek Gods. It was an exciting afternoon and we are all looking forward to our next theme lesson.

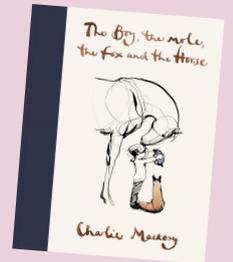
iPad information – At the start of next week there will be an essential update taking place on all iPads. Due to this, it is recommended that any important documents or photos are backed up before Monday. iPads will be returned once the update is completed.

Year 6

This week, year 6 have enjoyed a creative theme in their lessons. In Art, they have studied Pablo Picasso and have created their own Picasso inspired portraits. We are sure you will agree that they are very colourful and unusual. In English, they have read 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' by Charlie Mackesy and have created their own metaphorical proverbs and illustrations in the style of this inspiring author. You must read this book as it is a heart-warming, emotive text which certainly warmed our hearts this week. This recorded read-through is incredible:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81b4i9jQhck>.

Well done year 6 for your imaginative and creative work.



Other News....

New school start and finish times from Monday 20th September.

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

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



During the summer Daniel Grainger in year 2 achieved his first red stripe on his Jujitsu belt. Daniel works very hard at jujitsu. He trains 4 times a week after school and at the weekend. His parents are very proud of him. We are too Daniel, well done!

Pippa Grainger in 4K was awarded star dancer at the weekend. Pippa attends Halesowen Dance Academy. She does Tap, Ballet and Modern dance. Wow Pippa, you are a star!



Well done to the following children who were chosen to attend Hot Chocolate with Mr Simpson.

| RDW | RY | 1H | 1MS | 2D | 2E | 3H | 3W | 4H |
|-------|-------|------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Harry | Wendy | Evan | Emily | Yaseen | Rama | Sasha | Leelan | Eshara |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 4R | 4K | 5W | 5C | 5A | 6H | 6O | 6S | |
| Ziann | Clara | Leo | Amelia | Muhammad | Tatyana | Harvey | Amelia | |

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

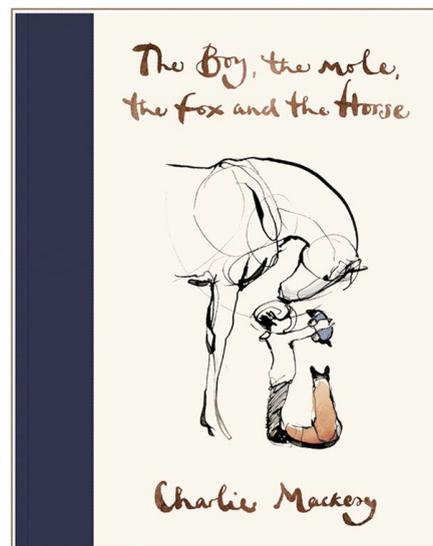
From next week we will be adding pupils' achievements in school here too.

The Kindness Corner

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy



Eva and William Burke in 1MS and 2D ran 5k at the weekend at the Rotary Club of Halesowen & Rowley Regis 'Black Country Family Road Run'. Some of the proceeds from the event go to keeping the vans on the road at the West Midlands food bank, as well as other charities the Rotary club support.

They ran the 5km in 37minutes and 20 seconds and they ran the whole way round with lots of people clapping them on (and mom and dad trailing behind!). They got medals and are looking forward to the next one! Fantastic achievement Eva and William and well done for showing kindness by helping raise money for a great charity!

Diary Dates

Autumn Half Term

Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021

Return to school Monday 1st November 2021

School Closed Friday 10th December 2021

Winter Holiday

Monday 20th December 2021 to January 3rd 2022

Return to school Tuesday 4th 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

It has been lovely this week to have all the clubs running before and after school. We will be teaching the children plenty of new skills in the hope they can play fixtures against other schools in the near future. There are still places available in most clubs so if you have not signed up yet speak to Mrs Bevan, Mrs Parsons or Mr Blount about joining us and trying something new.

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> |
|------------------|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| Monday | Y4 & Y5 Cross Country (8.00) | £1.00 | Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) | £1.00 |
| Tuesday | Y3 & Y4 Tri Golf (8.10) | £1.00 | Y5 & Y6 Netball (4.15) | £1.00 |
| | | | Y3 & Y4 Dance (4.15) | £1.00 |
| | | | Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30) * JSB | £3.00 |
| Wednesday | Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00) * JSB | £2.00 | Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby (4.15) | £1.00 |
| | Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00) * JSB | £2.00 | | |
| Thursday | Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.10) | £1.00 | Y5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15) | £1.00 |
| | | | Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15) | £1.00 |
| | | | Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30) * JSB | £3.00 |
| | | | 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.