

# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*Never settle for less than your best*

## *Newsletter - 21st July 2022*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the image says, quite simply, thank you. It has been a fantastic year for so many reasons, whether that be having parents back in school for parents evening, to whole school events like book parades and picnics on the fields. Clubs and opportunities have gone from strength to strength and I am looking forward to building on those next year. Throughout all of this has been the Colley Lane Community of pupils, parents and staff and when I was told how special it was, I didn't realise just how special it really is. I am very proud to be the headteacher of Colley Lane and look forward to many more years leading this wonderful school. Thank you for all your support and understanding this year.

A large graphic with the words 'THANK YOU!' in a playful, multi-colored font. The letters are in various colors: T (green), H (yellow), A (blue), N (purple), K (pink), Y (blue), O (green), U (orange), and ! (yellow).

Over the summer holiday, we would like you to try to keep up with the reading. Mr Dowling has put together some ideas below:

Dr Seuss's wise words are completely true. If you can, encourage your children to read little and often - 10 minutes daily - the more things they will know! A great way to while away some time is to visit the local library - Cradley Library; it's got some great books and DVDs and really helpful staff. More information about the library can be found [here](#). As a school, we subscribe to Accelerated Reader in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). We have signed up to its free summer offer which allows children to access Accelerated Reader's sister service, the digital book library [myON](#). It has over 6,000 digitally enhanced titles which children can read and complete Accelerated Reader quizzes on. To access it, just: 1) click on the link above, 2) enter School Name: Read On England, 3) enter User Name: ColleyLanePrimary, 4) enter Password: ColleyLanePrimary123. The login details are case sensitive so ensure you follow the upper/lower case details exactly. Children can then read the digital titles in the myON library on any device that has internet access - so this special offer could be particularly useful for children who will be in Years 4-6 in the Autumn term, as they can use their iPads to access it. Have a great summer and keep reading!

A graphic featuring a quote from Dr. Seuss: 'The MORE that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The MORE that you Learn, the more places you'll GO.' The text is in various colors and fonts, with 'READ', 'KNOW', and 'GO' in large, bold letters. There is a small Dr. Seuss logo at the bottom left and a small 'Reading Forward' logo at the bottom right.

Finally, good luck to our amazing Year Six pupils. You have been stars and taught me how to be the Head of Colley Lane. All the staff and pupils wish you every success in your new adventures and as I said this morning at the leavers assembly; Smile, be kind and you will go far. Good luck!

Whatever you are doing over the summer break, I hope you have an enjoyable time. We look forward to seeing everyone back, safe and well, on Wednesday 7th September at 8:40am.

Kind regards  
Mr Dominc Simpson  
Headteacher

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## Key Dates

- Friday 22nd July - Tuesday 6th September - Summer Holidays
- Wednesday 7th September - Children return to school
- Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022 - Autumn Half Term
- Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2023 - Winter / Christmas Holiday
- Monday 6th -Wednesday 8th February 2023 - Year 6 children residential trip to PGL Boreatton



## 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

### Uniform

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

### PE

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

### Parking

Can we remind you that the car park is for **staff only and permit holders**. If you need to use the car-park, please see the office for a parking permit. Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge.

### Year 6 SATS 2023

Just a note to say that Year 6 SATS next year will take place from Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May 2023. Can we ask that Parents DO NOT book any holidays during this time.

## *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*

### School Dinners

Just a reminder that you no longer need to book meals in advance, children can choose what they would like to eat on the day at the counter. Parents will still need to ensure that there is money in their child's ParentMail account but children will indicate they are having a hot dinner on the day in registration. The menu will be **Week 3 Menu for the first week back in September:**

## WEEK 3 MENU

SPRING/SUMMER 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice	Hot Chicken Sandwich With potato wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast Gammon with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce With Pasta	Golden Fish fingers and Chips Crispy fishfingers and scrummy chips
Alternative Dish	Veggie Sausage and Mash With Gravy Fluffy mash with veggie sausage and gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Roast With fluffy roast potatoes	Veggie Lasagne served with a bread wedge Delicious sheets of pasta layered with veggies and tomato sauce	Soft Taco and Chips A soft taco shell filled with a yummy veggie tomato chilli
Salads	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings
Pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta
Vegetables	Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Desserts	Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake	Crispy Crackle Bar

### PACKED LUNCH—AVAILABLE DAILY

HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL WITH VEG STICKS AND FRESH FRUIT OR BEAR YO YO OR DESSERT OF THE DAY

### AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily fish 🌾 Wholegrain 🍌 Fruity! ❤️ Nutritionist's Choice

The menus rotate on a 3 week cycle and all menus can be found on the website under 'School Life' then 'Essential Information'. You can also pick up a copy from the school office.

### 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.

### Class Dojo

Please sign up to Class Dojo this weekend using the letter provided from school. For more information please see your child's class teacher or the school office.

### Road Safety Awareness

The Road Safety & Travel Awareness Team provide road safety education and advice across the borough of Dudley, provide cycling and Bikeability advice and training, again across the Borough, both in schools and within the community as a whole. The team also coordinate the School Crossing Patrol service in Dudley

Please see links below for more information.

Road Safety & Travel Awareness Web Page - <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/>

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyDudleyCouncil>

### Beat The Street

The winner of the Beat the Street Prizes was Marni Lea. Well done!

Well done to everyone who sent in photos and who have already taken part in the challenge.

Remember to keep taking part over the summer holidays to help Colley Lane move up the leaderboard as well as win prizes for home and school.



## *Attendance*

If your child is going to be absent from school **at the start of the new term** for any reason please let us know as soon as possible by;

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to [attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Have a happy and fun-filled 6 weeks holiday!**

## *What's been happening in school this week?*

### *Nursery*

What a fabulous year we have had in Nursery! It has been a pleasure to spend the year with all of the children and to help them to learn and develop.

Throughout the year, all of the children have worked really hard and made lots of positive progress. They have been able to form positive relationships with their peers, started to understand the importance of good personal, social and emotional skills and worked hard on their physical development. Children have also been able to improve their maths and phonics knowledge and lots of them can now successfully write their own name! As well as achieving academically, children have made a lot of personal progress this year and it has been lovely to see children meeting milestones and being proud of their own growth. The children have also worked hard to understand the ASPIRE characteristics and have started to climb the mountain which I am sure they will continue next year.

We have enjoyed a range of different experiences throughout the year such as seasonal trips to the glade, our trip to Birmingham Conservation Wildlife Park, celebrating different festivals and religious occasions, visits to the library as well as sports days and parties!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in Nursery and hope that the children have to. I wish the best of luck to the children that are moving onto Reception at other schools and look forward to hearing all about how well the children moving into Reception at Colley Lane are doing. I can't wait to have another year with the children staying in Nursery for another year and I will see you all in September.

We want to say a massive thank you for all of the kind words, cards and gifts that we have received from the parents and a huge thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a lovely Summer break and have a safe return to school in September!

### *Reception*

We would like to say well done to Reception for completing their first year at school. They have been fantastic!

Throughout the year they have learnt a variety of skills which they will now build on year on year. Children can now read, write, add and subtract and now have a greater sense of number. They have all worked really hard to learn and apply this new learning preparing them well for Year 1. They have made some great friendships which they will develop further next year and they have also developed their knowledge of their emotions and self regulation strategies. Children have also worked hard each week to reach the top of our ASPIRE mountain, which they have done through being courageous, responsible and resilient.

The children have had some great experiences and 'firsts' this year, with school trips to the theatre and the library as well as their first sports day where the children really excelled and worked collaboratively.

It would be great if the children continued to visit the local library throughout the holidays and keep practising their reading and writing through keeping a summer diary which they could share with their new teachers.

Thank you parents and families for your support this last year and we hope you all have a lovely summer holiday.

## Year 1

Wow, what a wonderful year! It's been lovely to have the children back in the classroom full time and be able to begin to do all of the lovely things that we used to. Since September, we have set fire to little Tudor houses in order to re-enact The Great Fire of London; hunted for clues around the school for our Easter egg hunt, ending up with a chocolate treat in Mr Simpson's room; had a great trip to the Sycamore Centre and taken part in our Year 1 sports day where, for the first time in 3 years, parents were invited to watch and cheer the children on. It's been a very different Year for the children as they hadn't spent much time in Nursery or Reception before coming into Year 1. However, they have risen to the challenge and have all grown in confidence and maturity. We are very proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to all of the children for keeping us smiling and we wish you all of the very best as you move up into Year 2.

## Year 2

What a fantastic year we have had in Year 2! It has been a pleasure to see the children grow both personally and academically throughout the year. They have all been wonderful learners, who have embraced our themes. Two of the favourites being; The Titanic and Will we ever visit space? Highlights were decorating their own space themed t-shirts and having a first class afternoon tea. The children looked fantastic and we all enjoyed eating lots of cake, dancing and playing games. Throughout the year, we have also had lots of fun making pizza at Our Hive, designing and making bird feeders and dressing up as explorers!

Our year ended wonderfully with our trip to Dudley Zoo. The children were superstars and we had a wonderful time exploring the zoo together. It was lovely to be able to welcome parents/carers back into school for our production of 'The Higgledy Piggledy Nativity'. I'm sure you'll all agree, the children put on a fantastic show and it was great to be able to share it with you all. In addition to this, the children also did fantastically in their sports day earlier this month, where they took part in lots of different races.

Year 2 – it has been a privilege to be your teachers this year. You have shown resilience, courage and determination to do well. Not only have you had the phonics screening check, but you've also had lots of 'special booklets' to complete, where you all gave 100% effort. We are incredibly proud of you all and what you have achieved.

Thank you to all the parents/carers for all your support this year. We hope you all have a lovely summer!

## Year 3

Congratulations Year Three - what a fabulous year we have had together.

The time really has flown by since that very first day where you were quiet, nervous children and now you have all grown in confidence, self belief and courage; ready for your Year Four journey.

We have journeyed through time learning about the past through the Victorian era and Tudor period, created Art displayed in our Art Gallery, been scientists, authors and poets, readers and researchers, designers, mathematicians, musicians and athletes! What a journey it has been.

We are all very proud of the children and wish them all the very best for the new academic year. Children, keep reading over the Summer and see where your imagination takes you. Keep learning and using your times tables on TTRS, telling the time, write a holiday diary or send a postcard. Enjoy the holiday whatever you do and wherever you go.

Remember, you can always come and visit me and Miss Hill and let us know what you are getting up to - you know where we are!

Happy holidays everyone.

## Year 4

Well, here we are at the end of the year. It feels like such a long time since our Year 4 journey began but equally it feels like it was only a moment ago!

We have really enjoyed teaching the children the themes this year, such as, The Stone Age to Iron Age, The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and Italy v Iceland to name a few.

All children have climbed the ASPIRE mountain over the year and reached the summit with more courage and resilience than before they started. The ASPIRE mountain is a continuous climb though, and we hope to see the children climbing higher in Year 5.

The children can keep learning over the summer by participating in the weekly tournaments on TT Rockstars, practise spellings on Spelling Shed and read as much as they can! Reading can be an expensive hobby but the library has free books for your child to read if they join.

Even though the Year 4 teachers will be in different year groups from each other next year, we will still be around for the children if they need us or if they want to share any experiences or news with us. We would love to hear from them still.

We would like to thank all parents and carers at home for all your support this year. It has been a privilege to teach your children.

We hope you have a happy and restful Summer holiday from Miss Rigley, Miss Hale, Miss Keen, Mrs Bevan and Mrs Gull!

## Year 5

Wow, what a year we've had. The learning journey children have undertaken during this year has been fantastic and we can all be very proud of what has been achieved.

The Year 5 children will be making that short trip up the corridor to Year 6 (with Mrs Wicks and Miss Claridge joining them too). They go with increasing confidence and resilience and have shown teachers that they are ready to undertake each aspect of being in Year 6 (and that is more than just SATs).

Children are able to use their iPads during the summer holiday. We would recommend practising key reading, maths and SPaG skills on <https://www.century.tech/> ahead of starting Year 6. This could just be the 'little and often' approach or maybe just before September.

We have enjoyed teaching your children and are extremely proud of them. We wish them every success in the future and they know we will always be there for them if they ever need us.

We wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer break. Take care and best wishes, the Year 5 team.

## Year 6

What a year it has been and we cannot believe we are at the end! The Year 6 team are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year and we cannot praise them all enough. We know this year has been tough, with SATs and many other obstacles to face, however the determination and resilience of the children has shown throughout. We have had so many great times with the children; from trips, to Residential, practical lessons and the school play. Every child has shown a huge amount of passion and commitment throughout the year towards their learning and they deserve to take pride in that.

A huge congratulations to Year 6, who raised a huge amount at the charity event - they raised a huge £778.32! What an achievement!

We know how hard it is to leave school and although there will be many tears, we know that every child will thrive and shine in secondary school. We wish all of our children success for their futures, and hope they achieve everything they wish for. Good luck and all the best Year 6 - be the stars we know you are!

## *News....*

### **Cradley Library**

Cradley Library opposite the school are doing board game sessions on a Thursday straight after school until 4.30pm. It is a free session and all children are welcome.



### **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.

### **For Parents - How to Set Up Gaming Consoles to Prevent Impulse Purchases**

You will be all too aware that it is too easy for children and young people to purchase virtual items in games and apps. Some of the amounts they are spending is eye-watering, so too is accidental purchasing where the game has used 'nudge' techniques to entice a purchase.

Many devices have parental controls which can help to mitigate these purchases. Wayne Denner from Ireland has put together a short article which some parents will find useful, detailing how to set up parental controls on popular devices including the PS4, iPhone and Xbox One. The link is [HERE](#).

### **Audio Books**

Audio books are a fantastic way to engage readers and offer a perfect opportunity to enjoy sharing a book with your son or daughter at home. Sooper Books very kindly donated their entire library of audio books for children to enjoy at school so we will be enjoying these in our lessons. If you wish to dip into a sample of these books at home, please access them via our school website on the following link:

<https://www.colleylanepriamry.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/reading-at-home/>

Here you will find a range of award-winning fairy tales, bedtime stories, fables and poems. Some of the titles are samples and there are a few stories which are free to access all of the time.

We would like to thank Sooper Books for their generous donation. If you would like to sign up for a membership to Sooper Books from home, they are currently offering a 1 week free trial or a £3.00 monthly subscription.

## *Pupil Achievements*

This week's catch-up Hot Chocolate Friday children:

3H Jennie

3W Darcey H & Eden

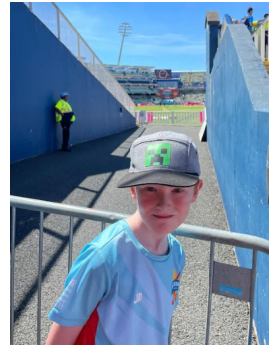
4R Jack H

4K Oliver  
4H Sama  
5W Lydia  
5C Jake  
5A Jacob  
6H Maheen & Gabriel  
6O Emily & Jaskirat  
6S James & Azaan



Well done to Robyn Evans in 3H who performed in her dance show at the Cornbow Hall this weekend. She performed in 6 dances over 3 performances in 3 days. She worked extremely hard, especially in the extreme heat. Super work Robyn!

Congratulations to Jonah from 3H who was in the guard of honour of welcoming the England and India T20 cricket players onto the pitch thanks to his cricket lessons.



Please email achievements to [info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## *The Kindness Corner*

### 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.

Take a look at the amazing work they do by visiting their website at <https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/>

### Action for happiness



# Jump Back Up July 2022

MONDAY



4 Find something to look forward to today

11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation

18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead

TUESDAY



5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'

19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath

WEDNESDAY



6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground

13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself

27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)

THURSDAY

8 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy

14 Get outside and move to help clear your head

21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life

28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem

FRIDAY

1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry

8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today

15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step

22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down

29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right

SATURDAY

2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"

9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture

16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts

23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support

SUNDAY

3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it

10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them

17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today

24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human



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## Diary Dates

### Summer Holidays

Friday 22nd July 2022 to Friday 2nd September 2022

Inset days Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 2022

**Return to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### Autumn Half Term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Return to School on Monday 31st October 2022

### Winter Holidays

Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

Return to School on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

### Inset Days

## *Sports Clubs*

### Colley Lane Sports Club News

It was lovely on Wednesday night to see the children receive their certificates, medals and trophies for their hard work at clubs this year. It has been great to see so many children attending clubs this year and hopefully we will see even more next year trying new activities out.

Clubs will start again week beginning the 12th September all forms to sign up will come out week beginning the 05th September. The majority will run as per this school year starting with the winter sports. Changes will include:-

- Miss Hale will be running 2 dance clubs on a Monday for years 5 and 6 and Tuesday for years 3 and 4.
- JSB Friday morning football will be on a Wednesday morning for children from year 1 to year 6.

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 the JSB club.



## *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.