

Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely welcoming Mr Meckin, Director of Primary and Mrs Lanckham, Teaching and Learning Lead for the Trust to the school today. They had a wonderful time visiting the children and staff in their classes, observing the learning that was taking place and the engagement from the children. The behaviour shone through and when Mrs Lanckham spoke to a group of KS2 children, she was very impressed with how they spoke about Colley Lane and the way that they were supported. We will now look at the positives from the visit and look at action points that were raised to move our practice and the outcomes for the children on. having fun and really engaging in their lessons.

We have continued to hold our parent welcome meetings this week, I look forward to meeting our Nursery and Reception parents in to school on Monday. I hope as many of you can join me so that we can share useful information about their year groups with you. The slides from the meetings will go onto Class Dojo next week. On that point, some parents have said that Class Dojo is asking for a subscription to join. This is only required if you would like to use Dojos for home rewards. For all the school elements of Dojo, there is no cost. I hope that you are finding it useful and we will start to use class stories next week.

We also have finalised the dates for our Parents Evening for this term. The dates are Wednesday 13th October and Thursday 14th October. I am looking forward to holding the meetings at school in the children's classrooms once again. You will be able to look at their book and see the progress that they are making. Booking will be quick and easy via ParentMail, further details will follow soon.

We have reviewed the new start and finish times and I am pleased to see how well they are working. Please remember that the doors close at 8.55am prompt so to avoid your children being late and missing the start of the day. Doors are opening at 8:40am for the main school and 8:55am for Nursery to allow for more time to get into school with congestion.

You may have noticed if you come to school via the Slade Road entrance that we have opened both gates for improved access. This is working well but I would ask all parents with young children to ensure that they do not run ahead as we know it is a busy road. I am speaking to Dudley MBC to see if the safety outside the entrance can be improved.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and please make time to read with your child.

Kind regards

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Key Dates

- 28/29/30th September - Year 4 Stone Age to Iron Age workshop in school
- 13/14th 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

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

We have a number of water bottles and lunch boxes left in school with no names on, please note if these are not claimed by Friday 1st October then they will be disposed of.

PE

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

School Meals

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

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.

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 final Parents Meeting will be held on Monday 27th September. Nursery and Reception parents are invited at 4.45pm. 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
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

A quick reminder of current Covid19 guidance

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

When do children need to isolate?

Children need to self-isolate if they have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

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

If your child has any of the above, they should self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible.

Children should also self-isolate if:

- they've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means they have the virus
- they've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#).

If a pupil is asked to get a PCR test if they are identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace and they have no symptoms, they may continue to attend education until they get the result of their PCR back.

If a child lives with someone who has tested positive, they should continue to go to school.

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week Nursery children have been reading the book *The Colour Monster* and learning to recognise their feelings. They have been exploring this further through play, such as using playdough to make different faces and emotions and developing their fine motor control at the mark making table. The children have also been using a range of resources with care and have started to build some amazing towers, bridges and buildings.



Reception

Reception children have also been reading the book *The Colour Monster* and started to learn about how to manage different emotions. We are teaching the children, if someone is doing something they do not like to say "Stop, I don't like it." We have also talked about our thinking tree, which is in class, as a place to go if you are sad, worried or confused like the colour monster in the story.

The children have developed their listening skills this week through taking part in daily phonics lessons. Activities included using musical instruments and parts of their body to make different sounds. Why don't you have a go at home!

Year 1

At the beginning of the week, the children were able to show off their super pictures and collages of fruit and vegetables in our Harvest assembly.

Later in the week they were able to share their own beautiful photographs and enjoyed sequencing them to make their very own timelines as part of our History based Theme lesson, thank you for your support with this. They were all delighted to see how each other had grown and changed.

The children also made the most of the sunshine by carrying out science investigations based on shadows, you may have noticed the chalk outlines of children on the playground.

What a great week Year 1, well done!

Year 2

We've had another fantastic week in Year 2, delving deeper into our 'Will we ever get to Mars?' theme by exploring the achievements of Tim Peake. We thought about the questions we would like to ask him if we were to ever meet him, as well as watching clips of him living in space.

In art, we have been further exploring line, investigating how we can use lines to create different effects. This will lead into next week where we will be developing our knowledge of portraits by creating a portrait of Tim Peake, using line.

In science, we have been working scientifically. This week, we had some skittles and we poured boiling water over them. We watched as the sugar dissolved and a skittles' rainbow was made. We made some excellent predictions about what might happen.

We are also really enjoying Beegu, our whole class reading text.

Year 3

A busy week in Year Three with lots to be proud of. The children have continued to work as a team in PE lessons and have been collecting dojos for being collaborative and resilient. Some fantastic partner work in gymnastics. The children gave feedback to each other and worked on enhancing their balances. We have been questioning and exploring while being historical detectives in Theme this week. We looked at pictures of Queen Victoria and read facts about her. The children discussed why she was a significant figure. Lots of great thoughts and ideas.

We are continuing our journey with Sophie in 'The BFG'. We have used images and extracts from the book in our Writing lessons too. We were able to think of a wide range of synonyms to help describe the giants. Using the thesaurus helped us to improve our vocabulary choices. We're looking forward to seeing what happens next in the story.

Year 4

Year 4 have kicked off their new theme this week 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We went outside to create a timeline to show today's date, the year 1AD when Christians believe Jesus was born and we even showed the date 2,000,000 BC. We learnt that AD means Anno Domini and that BC means Before Christ.

In our afternoon theme sessions this week, we read 'The First Painting' which is a lovely story as to who created the very first painting. We then created our own Stone Age paintings using paints, chalks and water colours. We have also been learning about The Stone Age in our comprehension lessons. We are looking forward to our Stone Age to Iron Age workshops next week where they are central for your child's understanding of this theme. The children thoroughly enjoyed it last time we had these visitors in and as we have not had any visitors or trips for a few years it really will be key to their enjoyment of the theme. Please pay via ParentPay as soon as possible. Due to the workshops next week PE is as follows;

4R Wednesday and Thursday

4K Tuesday only

4H Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5



There has been lots happening in Year 5 this week. We have created a character description of Mr Hazell from our book: Danny Champion of The World. Our art lesson linked to our book with children creating self-portraits in the style of illustrator Sir Quentin Blake. During theme, we discovered where Ancient Greece is placed in our ASPIRE history timeline and also key historical events that took place within that time period.



There is a 5A vs 5C vs 5W TT Rockstars battle taking place over this weekend. We hope many children can take part in the battle as well as completing their home reading targets.

Year 6

This week, year 6 pupils have been asked the 'big question': 'Who ruled Ancient Egypt?'. They have created. They have learnt about some of the most famous Pharaohs and explored the meaning of symbols associated with the Pharaohs.

They were challenged to design a Sarcophagus to contain a Pharaoh's body in the burial chamber. They were also challenged to study and design an Egyptian death mask. Take a look at some of the intricate designs.




Other News...

For those of you applying for Secondary schools for 2022 entry, please be reminded that the applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2021.

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	
Audrey	Nadia	Abdullah	Caleb	Skyla	Finely	Jonah	Kyrah	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	6O	6S
Thane	Timothy	Lexie	Georgie	Sameer	Georgia	Lewis	Kariss	Daniel

A big well done to Dalton McCoy-Armstrong in 3W. Dalton plays for Cradley Town Football Club and last weekend his team won the match against their opponents. Dalton was very proud about their achievement.

Congratulations to Lewis Robinson in 5W for being awarded man of the match on Sunday 9th Sept in his team's

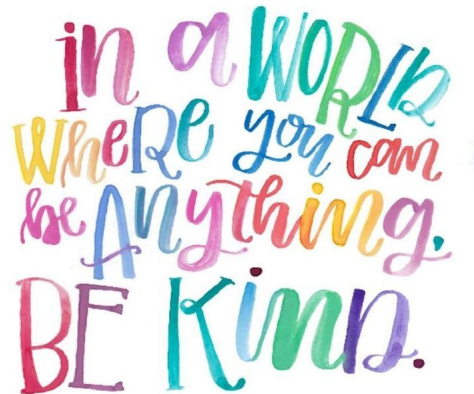
first game of the season.

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



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

Well done to all the children who have attended clubs this week. It has been lovely to see some new face joining us and there are still places at most clubs if you'd like to join in. There will be two new clubs starting next week which are both now full but if your child is keen to join they can go on the waiting list.

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 Tag Rugby (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>

			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.

Run Ragged!

Christian fun for Children
aged 4 years+
Every Sunday
2.15pm - 3.30pm



We meet at Two Gates Ragged School every week
It would be great to meet you so why not come along.
Our first session (following the enforced Covid break)
will be held on 19th September.

Contact Debbie on 07989 636155 for more information