

# Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



## Newsletter - 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have hosted all the Primary Schools in the Trust for a very creative Inset day around Design Technology and a focus on the more creative subject of Art, Music and DT which will take place in the Spring term. Staff worked on the skills and techniques that children need to be successful in DT and then began to plan year-band projects under the title of "The Endangered Planet."

### Key Mantras of Little Wandle

Mantra	Explanation/ Example
Digraph – two letters, one sound	Used to highlight that a sound is represented by two letters. E.g. 'ai'
Trigraph – three letters, one sound	Use to highlight that a sound is represented by three letters. E.g. 'igh'
Spot the digraph/trigraph	When READING Identify any sounds which are represented by more than one letter in the word before reading the word. E.g. 'ai' in train
Sound talk	When READING Sound out the word before attempting to blend. E.g. t-r-ai-n
Blend	When READING Blend the word together e.g. 'train'
Whisper blend	When READING Child whispers the letters to help them blend when reading as a stage between overtly blending out loud and blending in their head.
Blend in your head	When READING Child is encouraged to blend in their head rather than out loud.
Chunk it up	When READING Split longer words into parts to make them easier to read. E.g. train/ing ladd/er e/vent/ful This may be done by covering part of the word with your hand or the child may use their finger when in a book.
Segmenting fingers	When SPELLING Ask children to hold up their hand ready to count the sounds – use the hand they DO NOT write with.
How many sounds?	When SPELLING Break the word down into sounds and put a finger up for each sound to count them. This helps children to not miss any graphemes when writing (although they may not always choose the correct grapheme it should be phonetically plausible – e.g. selecting 'ay' instead of 'ai'). E.g. train – t-r-ai-n (4 fingers would be up)

We have also been focusing as staff on reading. This is a key school priority and the more reading that your child gets involved in, research has shown that the better academic outcomes they will have both in primary and secondary school. Early reading starts with Phonics in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and as a school, we use Little Wandle as our approach. The diagram opposite explains some of the terms that your child may refer to and what they mean. You can use these terms when listening to your child read or ask them to spot digraphs or trigraphs - they are very used to these terms. There is also a link to the [Little Wandle website and resources for parents on how to say the different sounds.](#)

Finally, there are still tickets for the Friends of Colley Lane events on 12th and 13th December so please support the school with these ventures.

Have a peaceful weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Dominic Simpson.

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## Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am creative
- I can be organised



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

### Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have enjoyed practising the nativity play along with reception. We sing the songs everyday and have even had a chance to practise on the stage!

In WCR this week we started to learn about our new book. We found out that the new book is set in a house and discussed who lives in our houses and the different rooms our houses have. We then looked specifically at the kitchen and thought about the different activities that happen in the kitchen at home. Next week we will continue to find out more about our story. I wonder what it might be.



In Phonics this week, we have recapped our previously learnt sounds and learnt our new sound of the week. Our phoneme this week was 'i'. We introduced the iguana picture card and played a blending game with the words ink and imp. The children have also been working on recognising the initial sound in their name.

In maths, we have continued to look at 2D shapes. This week we have been focussing on square and rectangle. The children have been using the vocabulary sides, corners and vertices to describe each shape. We have also been looking for shapes within the Nursery setting.

On Thursday, the children were very excited to come to school as it was the first day of Advent. They were keen to tell us about their Advent calendars and they also helped the teachers to decorate the classroom with lots of tinsel in preparation for Christmas! They even decorated their own tree which they can decorate and add to each day.



**Please ensure Nativity costumes are handed into school in a labelled bag no later than Wednesday 7th December.**

**Please also complete the google form, which has been sent via parent mail and dojo, to request spaces for the performance on Monday 12th December at 9:30am or 1:30pm.**

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

### Reception

Reception children have continued with their Write Stuff lessons this week and have learnt about a boy called Norman who had wings! The children have used words like peculiar, draped and eccentric to create sentences. In phonics, children have learnt the digraphs ff, ll and ss using the phrase two letters one sound. They have also been blending words



with these graphemes at the end of words and we will be moving onto reading phrases and sentences next week. The children are really enjoying their phonic sessions and are applying their taught skills through play which is lovely to see.

In maths, children have started to learn about subtraction by splitting the whole into different parts and using the sentence 5 subtract 2 is equal to 3. Next week children will be learning to retell stories using the words first, then and now.

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Just a reminder to bring in your child's nativity costume by Wednesday 7th December. Please also complete the google form, which has been sent via parent mail and dojo, to request spaces for the performance on Monday 12th December at 9:30am or 1:30pm. Play practises are going well and children have worked hard to learn a number of songs.



## Year 1



We've enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit this week in Year 1. The children spent some time making Christmas decorations thinking they were going to be put up in class! You can imagine their surprise when they walked into school to see our very own Year group tree in the corridor adorned with their decorations!

There isn't long left until we welcome Parents into school for our Christmas Craft and Singing event and the children have been working hard practising our songs. The children also made their own leaflets advertising our Christmas event which they took home. We hope you can make it!

In PE the children have enjoyed learning how to be gymnasts with Mr Blount. They have been working hard



on their balance and coordination skills and have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions.

In English the children finished writing the final parts of their postcard and will next week have a go at independently writing their own postcard. The children have also been showcasing their fabulous writing in whole class reading where they have written letters from the giant from the story Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have really enjoyed our whole class reading book, 'The Jolly Postman' and have been so excited opening the different letters inside the book.

In Maths we have been consolidating addition and subtraction using 'first, then and now' stories and number lines. The children have also been using their number bond knowledge to work out addition and subtraction equations involving teen numbers.

Key Dates before the end of Term:

- **Wednesday 7th December** - Christmas Dinner Day
- **Thursday 8th December** - Christmas Craft and Singing Event. 9:00 - 11:00
- **Monday 12th December** - Christmas Disco 3:15 - 4:15 (Children who are attending should bring their disco clothes in a named bag)
- **Tuesday 13th December** - Year 1 Christmas Party (PM).
- **Friday 16th December** - Christmas Jumper Day

Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 2



Christmas has arrived in Year 2 this week, with the arrival of our very cheeky elves! We can't wait to see what mischief they get up to! The children were so excited on Thursday when they saw the classrooms and corridor decorated for Christmas.

In writing this week, we have been continuing our learning all about postcards. The children have 'chatted' and written all about the adventures of Sonny the meerkat on his quest to find the perfect Christmas. The children have used adjectives, adverbials and conjunctions to make their writing more exciting. We can't wait for the children to write their own versions next week. The children have been very creative in art, making their own perfect trees. We had painted trees, collaged trees and even cactuses!

We have been multiplying in maths, using arrays to help us! We have grouped counters into the arrays, using counters and the children thought about the repeated addition and multiplication equations to go with them. The children had lots of fun in music this week, learning all about 'call and response'. They learnt a traditional Ghanaian song 'Che Che Kule' and used their voices as instruments.

Just a reminder of a few key dates coming up before Christmas:

- **Monday 5th December** - Last day for Christmas Play costumes please
- **Tuesday 6th December** - Fantastic finish for our Geography Theme. Please can the children come to school in bright, colourful clothes.
- **Wednesday 7th December** - Christmas Dinner Day
- **Monday 12th December** - Christmas Disco 3:15 - 4:15 (please send your child with their disco outfit in a named carrier bag)
- **Tuesday 13th December** - Year 2 performance (x3 tickets are coming home next week).
- **Wednesday 14th December** - Year 2 Christmas Party (Children to come to school in their party outfits ready for our fun afternoon!
- **Friday 16th December** - Christmas Jumper Day

## Year 3

A jam-packed four days in Year Three! The children have had a creative few days; singing our Christmas songs in school and we know at home too, alongside making their tree decorations proudly hanging on our tree for all to see! The excitement when they saw all the decorations and class advent calendars to open was lovely to see!



raging as well as the descriptions to write

In English the creativity continued, chotting and kind calling ideas to describe colour through touch, smell, taste and hearing to help 'the boy who cannot see'. We have felt crunchy, dry leaves, seen the dripping from oranges, smelt fresh lavender and listened to thunderstorms relaxing music from 'Swan lake' - what a mix! The children have used their similes for each colour.



In Theme lessons 'human geography' knowledge to sort

this week we have been recapping what the terms and 'physical geography' mean and using that through a wide range of features. We looked at



Wales and its landmarks and found out how Welsh children prepare for their saint's day - David. Can the children tell you what is special about the city of St. David's?

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The children have been communicating clearly in Maths as they needed to explain how they answered their addition and subtraction calculations using regrouping. Their confidence has grown across the week with many more children getting to try the green calculations! We found that we were needing to use number bonds and known facts to help us.

The children have continued to enjoy using the ipads in their independent learning time and have been using Purple Mash for Geography and Art; Edshed for phonics and spellings and TTRS to work on multiplication and division skills. All of these can be used at home too.

We are looking forward to another busy week next week singing our songs, doing Christmas activities alongside our normal lessons and on Friday it's our Christmas party! Details to follow next week.

If the children could all keep learning and singing their carol concert songs at home that would be great and we look forward to seeing you, if you can, at the church on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th December.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you for all your continued support.

## Year 4

It has felt like we have achieved so much in the shorter four day week!

Alongside working on our daily subjects, we have also been busy practising our carol service songs. Children are already looking forward to performing in front of parents/carers. As a reminder, Year 4 will be performing alongside Y6 on Wednesday 14th December. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible but appreciate it is a busy time of the year.

During our English lessons this week, children have practised using: adverbials, similes, relative clauses and also short sentences for impact. They have written their independent writing each lesson on their iPads as we trial seeing what our daily independent writing looks like within one document. Children certainly are enjoying their English lessons.

In maths, we have started a new unit based on how we read and interpret data. We began by reading and creating pictograms and finished the week reading and interpreting bar graphs. During our maths meetings, we have been busy working on our times tables and this will remain one of our focuses during next term.

During our Individual Learning time, children have used the Century Tech website ([link](#)) to independently work on their individual targets. If you would like your child to complete any additional work at home, this would be the ideal resource as it will create bespoke targets for your child.

The children created Christmas tree decorations during our theme lessons this week and they were surprised and pleased to see their decoration displayed on our Year 4 Christmas tree. Each child had their own wooden tree decoration and were tasked with creating their own unique design and to write a message. These will be sent home during our final week.

Our spelling focus this week is words ending with -ly. The spelling assignment went live Thursday at 1pm. As normal, children are asked to complete five spelling activities.

We have so much to look forward to in the final two weeks of this term. We look forward to sharing these moments with the children and (where possible we will share on Class Dojo too). Have a wonderful weekend.

## Year 5

Another week has come and gone; we have been so incredibly busy!

The week began with another set of fabulous swimming lessons. The children have really gotten into their Tuesday morning routine, arriving ready and raring to go. The children are already making great progress, showing a range of skills, including paddling, kicking, treading water and even full strokes across the pool. We are so proud of their achievements, keep it up Year 5!

This week in Science, we investigated meteors and how craters are formed on the moon. We tested our ideas using flour, chocolate powder and marbles, dropping them from a height to form craters. We had so much fun and made a bit of a mess!

In Theme, we have been studying volcanoes. These natural structures have captured our attention as we have

been exploring the Earth's tectonic plates and their movements. We have looked at the different ways the plates move under the Earth's crust and how volcanoes are created from these. At the end of the week, we created our very own class volcano, which exploded! It was so incredibly exciting!

In English, we came to the end of our recent writing topic - Scott of the Antarctic. We wrote our own independent diary entries as explorers in the Antarctic, on a mission to film emperor penguins in the south. The children did a fantastic job, including a range of exciting techniques in their writing and using their imagination and creativity to develop their ideas. We have been so impressed by them all!

With only two weeks of the term left, we have a number of fabulous activities coming up:

- Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Carol Concert (Years 3 and 5)
- Tuesday 13th December - Year 5/6 Disco
- Thursday 15th December - Year 5 Christmas Parties
- Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to the festivities ahead!

## *Year 6*

This week, we have had a focus on assessments. However, we have managed to cram in a lot of fun activities too. In our assessment week, we have been practising SAT exams. The children self quizzed all week and showed us what they have learnt so far this term. It is fantastic to see children progress in different areas of the curriculum. Well done to those children that tried their best.

In our afternoon sessions this week, the children really enjoy taking part in a whole class debate on saving the rainforests. The classes were split into two halves with one half being against deforestation and the other being for deforestation. They needed to convince those on the opposing side that they have the most persuasive, realistic and valid points. At the end of the lesson, they voted on which side to take. They had to include facts and statistics as part of their debate alongside emotive language. Again, well done to all children for taking it seriously and giving some valid points.

Also in our theme lessons, we have been painting face masks for the Yanomami tribe. The children used a variety of mediums to design and decorate a traditional Yanomami face mask.

We are also well under way with our preparations for the Christmas Carol Concert, which will now take place on Wednesday 14th December. The children are really starting to enjoy the Christmas songs and we are looking forward to sharing them with you. In school this week, the children were warmly welcomed to a fine display of Christmas trees in the school corridors. There is a competition to see which year group has decorated their Christmas tree the best?

Finally, here is our mental wealth card; What are the three most important lessons you have learned so far at school?

Have a lovely weekend.

## *Pupil Achievements*

Well done to Oscar Shorter in 3W who won 'Opposition's Man of the Match' three weeks in a row. Great work Oscar!



Sophie Richards in 2E took part in her first dance show on Sunday!



Finley Cheadle from 4A received 'Man of the Match' this week for his team after scoring a hat trick! Great job Finley!

If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email [info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## Key Dates



**\*Please refer to the ParentMail and Dojo for Christmas Events Information\***



- Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Dinner (No tuck served this day)
- Friday 9th December (9.00-10.30 am) Parent Workshop for help with low mood.
- Thursday 12th January - Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Town Hall to see The Gruffalo
- Friday 13th January - Young Voices Concert (For selected children)
- Friday 16th December - Break Up for Christmas / Christmas Jumper / Christmas clothes Day



## Reminders

### Winter Coats

Now the weather is cooler, can you please make sure your child comes to school wearing a coat, clearly labelled with their name. If they do not come to school with a coat, one will be provided from lost property if available.

### Items for the School Day

Children should come to school with all their belongings needed for school that day for example water bottles, lunch boxes, iPads, PE kits for clubs etc. We cannot guarantee items brought in throughout the day will get to your child.

### Uniform

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

### 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.

## 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. Next week's menu is

**Week 3:**

WEEK 3 MENU		Chartwells So much more than Fast Food				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2022	Hot Main Dish w/ with	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Wedges Served with Peas and Carrots	Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Wholemeal Rice	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese With Garlic and Herb Bread Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips, Peas and Beans
	Alternative Dish	Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholemeal Rice	Vegetable Chow Mein Served with Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Pie Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Sweetcorn, Green Beans and Gravy	Quorn Mince Served with Chips, Peas and Beans
	Salads	Freshly Prepared Salads Available every day				
	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 Wholemeal Pasta with homemade Tomato Sauce Available every day				
	Vegetables	Peas and Carrots	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Peas and Beans
	Dessert	Strawberry Ice Cream	Fruit Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Slice	Crispy Crackle Bar
<b>PACKED LUNCH – AVAILABLE DAILY</b> HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT DESSERT OF THE DAY		<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD YOGHURT AND FRESH FRUIT		Internal Vegetarian Oily fish Wholegrain Fruity!		

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.

### Parent Workshops

As part of our continuous work to support our children's mental health, we have arranged for Reflexions to come into school and deliver some workshops just for our parents and carers. The dates for the workshops are;

**Friday 9th December 9-10:30 for Help with low mood**

Each workshop will take place in the small hall. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope to see you there!

### 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.

### PE Days

Nursery - Monday (AM) & Tuesday (PM)

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1 - Monday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 - 5C - Monday & Thursday / 5P - Tuesday & Thursday / 5K - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 - 6S - Tuesday & Wednesday / 6R - Wednesday & Friday / 6CW - Wednesday & Friday

### 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 - ask Parents to like and share - <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyDudleyCouncil>

## *Attendance*

**If your child is going to be absent from school 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 do not use DOJO to report absence.

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

### **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, for them, 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.
- If there is an emergency or a circumstance that is truly unavoidable.

## *News....*

### **Adult Learning Classes**

Colley Lane will be restarting the Adult Classes this term. The classes are run by Dudley Adult Learning. We have had such a great outcome from the classes that were run last academic year and many learners have achieved a new qualification and are ready to move up to the next level. Classes will take place at Our Hive (formerly Little Colliers) opposite the school.

We are offering Functional English on Mondays and Functional Maths on Tuesdays from 1 p.m - 3 p.m

Functional Maths will start on Monday 3rd of October and Functional English on Tuesday 4th October. It is required that the learner is at least Entry 2 level to access the course.

If you would like to join any of the classes above, please could you fill in the google form below or if you prefer, phone the school office and leave a message for me with your name, number and the course you would like to attend. Please bring a form of ID to the first session which will be enrolment.

### **Functional Maths: Mondays**

<https://forms.gle/jQJRkkHGEx7WCRJq5>

### **Functional English: Tuesdays**

<https://forms.gle/BJZaKpGSXDhsqA3A9>

### **Walk to School**



Last Friday Year 1 took part in a Road Safety workshop promoting the importance of the message stop, look and listen when crossing the road. When walking to school please reinforce this message with your child. Thank you to all families who are still walking to school despite the inclement weather, every journey counts! In the new year Reception children will also be able to take part in the walk to school challenge to win badges and help our local environment.

### A message from Dudley Public Health



Vaccines save lives. The best way you can keep you and your loved ones healthy and out of hospital, is by having your flu vaccine and covid booster. If you're eligible for either the covid booster or flu vaccine, you do not need to wait to be contacted. Book your vaccines at [nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](https://nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)

It is available to:

Older adult care home residents and staff

Frontline health and social care workers

- People aged 50 and over
- Unpaid carers aged 16 to 49
- People aged 5 to 49 in a clinical risk group, including pregnant

women

People with weakened immune systems aged 5 to 49

The [Saltwells Vaccination Centre](#) also continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations for people who have not yet received their first, second or booster doses of the vaccine

### *Things to do in Dudley in December*



#### **Rustic Ball Workshop**

**Thursday 1 December: 11am-2pm**

Join us for something different, a festival ball to hang outside. Price includes all materials and a festive drink and mince pie.

This session costs £30 per person and needs to be booked and paid for in advance. Please call 01384 812750.



#### **Mrs Claus**

**Saturday/Sunday 3/4 December & 17/18 December: 10.30am-4pm**

Mrs Claus is visiting the Cone. Book your spot now to see her, receive a gift and make a craft. All under cover, cosy and warm! A really special and memorable experience.

Sessions need to be booked via Eventbrite, please click the link below

## Tealight



**Thursday 8 December:** 10.30am-12pm

This adult session will take place in our glass fusing studio.

This session costs £16 per person and needs to be booked and paid for in advance. Please call 01384 812750.



## Chat & Craft: Festive Crafts

**Thursday 9 December:** 10.30-12.30 and 1- 4

Get into the Christmas spirit with our Christmas Chat and Craft Sessions. Different crafts to choose from, plus a cuppa and a festive nibble. Price includes all materials needed.

Sessions cost £8.25 and need to be booked and paid for in advance. Please call 01384 812750.



## Santa

**Saturday 10 December**

**Sessions between 10am - 2.30pm**

Santa Claus is visiting the Cone. Book your spot now to see him, receive a gift and make a craft. All under cover, cosy and warm! A really special and memorable experience.

Sessions need to be booked via Eventbrite, please click the link

below.



## Fused Glass Decorations

**Thursday 15 December:** 10.30-11.30, 12-1 and 1.30-2.30

Glass Fusing sessions using mostly clear glass and working in our glass studio. You will be able to make a few decorations as sessions last an hour. The glass will need to go in the kiln and be collected a few days later.

Sessions cost £8.25 to include all materials and will need to be booked and paid for in advance. Please call 01384 812750.

# The Kindness Corner

## Black Country Food Bank



The collection box for Black Country Food Bank is located 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/>

## Mental Health

A new national initiative providing mental health advice for parents and carers has been launched called 'This May Help'.

This May Help is aimed at parents and carers who may have concerns about their child's mental health. It covers a wide range of support for many areas of need.

It has been shared as a platform that both families and those working within school may find useful.

More information can be found at: <https://thismayhelp.me/>

## Action for Happiness

December Kindness 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	 6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	 7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	 1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	 2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	 3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	 4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
 12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	 13 See how many different people you can smile at today	 14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	 15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	 16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	 17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	 18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
 19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	 20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	 21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	 22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	 23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	 24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	 25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
 26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	 27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	 28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	 29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	 30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	 31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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# *Diary Dates*

## Winter Holidays

Monday 19th December 2022 to Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Return to School on Wednesday 4th January 2023

## Spring Half Term

Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

Return to school Monday 27th February 2023

## Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April 2023 to Friday 14th April 2023

Return to school Monday 17th April 2023

## Summer Half Term

Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Return to school Monday 5th June 2023

## Inset Days

Friday 2nd December 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

One more INSET Day TBC

## Bank Holidays

May Day - Monday 1st May 2023

## *Club News*

### Colley Lane Club News

This week we took four teams to a Windsor High school for a football competition against other primary schools. The children played some really good football and showed great respect the whole time. Well done all!

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.

### **Clubs**

	<i>Before school (Start time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>After school (Finish time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Cross Country (8.00)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Multi Sports (4.15)</b> <b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Dance (4.15)</b> <b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Art (4.15)</b> <b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)* JSB</b>	<b>£1.00</b> <b>£1.00</b> <b>£1.00</b> <b>£3.00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Tri Golf (8.10)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Netball (4-15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Dance (4.15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Football (4.30)* JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Football (8.00)* JSB</b>	<b>£2.00</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Tag Rugby (4.15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
	<b>Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3 Football (8.00)* JSB</b>	<b>£2.00</b>	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Dodgeball (4.30)* JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.00)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Hockey (4.15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Choir (4.15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Football (4.30)* JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
			<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Football (4.30)* JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Y5 Gymnastics (8.10)</b> <b>Y6 Gymnastics - invite only (8.10)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Girls Football (4.30)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)</b>	<b>£3.00</b>

# Friends of Colley Lane Christmas Events



A festive poster for a Christmas Disco event. It features a Santa hat, a large colorful Christmas ball, and various ornaments. The text is colorful and stylized.

**CHRISTMAS DISCO**  
**£2.50**

DRINKS, GLOWSTICK BRACELET AND CANDY CANE INCLUDED!

**YEARS 1 AND 2**  
12.12.22 3:15PM - 4:15PM

**YEARS 3 AND 4**  
13.12.22 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**YEARS 5 AND 6**  
13.12.22 4:45PM - 5:45PM

PICK AND MIX SWEET BAGS  
**£1 ON THE NIGHT**

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A festive poster for a Christmas Film Night event. It features a snowman, a Christmas tree, and a mouse. The text is colorful and stylized.

**CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT**  
**£2.50**

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

**12.12.22**

**3:15-4:15PM**

CHOCOLATE MILK, COOKIE AND CHOCOLATE LOLLY INCLUDED!

PACK YOUR ONESIE, ROBE, BLANKET AND TEDDY TO BRING WITH YOU

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