Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope that you all had a good half term holiday and it is definitely more autumnal now with the clocks going back and the weather we have had. The children have come back ready for the term ahead and thank you for how smart the children are looking. Please make sure that names are in all items as we have finally got on top of the last property.

This week we held a PTA meeting after gauging interest during parents evening and thank you to everyone who attended. We will be starting afresh and the group decided that instead of being a PTA, we will become "Friends of Colley Lane." As a result, there will be an Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th November at 5:15pm at school to establish the committee and start to plan the events ahead. Everyone is welcome to attend and as parents with children in school, you automatically become members. It is very exciting to be establishing this missing part of our school community and as we go forward, any help or support you can give, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Parent LAB members election and after the votes were counted on Wednesday, I am delighted to announce that David Ball and Emily Newton will be joining the LAB. Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward and for parents who took the time to read the pen portraits and vote. It is vital as a school that we have parents as Governors to be critical friends and ensure that we are providing the best for all children at Colley Lane. I would also like to announce that Miss Cheyne is the new staff governor and welcome her onto the LAB.

Monday 14th November is the start of Anti-Bullying week with the theme of "Reach Out" and the children and staff will be joining in with activities throughout the week to ensure children feel safe and secure. We use the word "STOP" to talk about bullying with the children as bullying is someone doing something "Several Times On Purpose." Stop is also used for what the children can do about bullying which is "Start Telling Other People." As a start to this important week, we will be wearing odd socks and ask the children to come in odd socks too. I wonder who will have the oddest socks?



https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week

Have a lovely weekend and if you are attending a fireworks display or holding a bonfire party, please keep safe. Kind regards,

Mr Dominic Simpson.

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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am compassionate
- I can communicate clearly



What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery



What a super first week back we have all had in Nursery. This week we have started to learn all about our new topic, celebrations. We started by looking at how we celebrate and before then looking at what we celebrate. The children enjoyed talking about the different birthday cakes and parties they have had, as well as some of them talking about weddings they have been too. We then focused closely on three celebrations which happen in October and November, Diwali, Halloween and Bonfire Night. The children learnt about how people celebrate the different occasions and shared their own knowledge. When looking at Bonfire Night, we also spoke about fire safety and how important it is to be safe around fireworks, sparklers and bonfires.

In phonics, we have started to work on the Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics curriculum. The children will be introduced to a new sound each week and we will play a different game each lesson. The Foundations for Phonics curriculum concentrates on children hearing the different sounds within the words and works on oral blending rather than letter formation. This week the children have been introduced to the phoneme 's' using the snake picture card and pictures of a sock, sun, star, snake, sack and soap.



In maths, we have continued to work on positional language. The children recapped their learning from before half term and followed a detailed map to the outdoor area. We have also had an activity out in choosing this week for the children to follow the positional instructions to place the bear in the correct place, which the children have enjoyed.



In WCR, we have started to look at clues for our new book. We started by looking at different minibeasts. We spoke about where we find minibeasts and then thought of some examples. The children were then told that our new book is all about a special ladybird. We then found out that our new story is set on a farmyard. We discussed the different animals you would find on a farm and spoke about the different noises which they make. At the end of the week, we found out that in our story there will be some burglars so we discussed who the police are and what their job is. Next week we will learn some of the new vocabulary for our book and then get to read it and act it out. I wonder what it might be?

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy any bonfire displays you go to see!

Reception

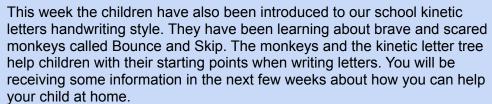
Reception children have been learning about celebrations this week. They have learnt about Halloween, Diwali and Bonfire Night in more detail. They have really enjoyed exploring the coloured rice and developing their fine motor control with tweezers and scoops.



In phonics, the children have learnt the sounds g, o, c and k. A new home learning sheet will be uploaded to your child's portfolio and a paper copy will be sent home. The children are developing their knowledge of initial sounds and recognising them through letter hunts around the classroom. The children really enjoyed searching for the letters and pictures this week.



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In maths, the children have been learning and using the vocab one more and one fewer. They have used practical resources to show which amount has more and which has fewer.



They have also started to recall one more than a given number to 6 using the sentence stem one more than 5 is 6.

Just a reminder on Monday 7th November we are hosting two parent workshops linked to the story Room on the Broom which is your child's current whole class reader.

RR parents are invited to the 9-10:30 session and RTW parents are invited to the 1-2:30 session. Please

arrive at the school office 5 minutes before so you can sign in.

<u>Year 1</u>

What a busy first week back we have had in Year 1!
We began our week with an exploration of our wonderful outdoor areas as part of our writing focus for our new English text. 1Y explored the Glade while 1MS spent some time in the wooded Reception playground. The children talked about what they could see using some wonderful descriptive vocabulary, including emerald and golden leaves, and the towering and skinny trees.





Next the children explored different ways of moving through the trees inspired by exciting vocabulary like roaming, wandering and marching. We had lots of fun and the children wrote some wonderful sentences when we returned to the classroom.

At the start of the week we also explored the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance. We discussed ways in which we were different from our friends, from differences we could see in each other and differences in events we celebrate. The children then drew a picture of their friend writing one difference between themselves and their friend.



In Maths we explored pattern using 2D and 3D shapes, and position. We looked at different types of patterns we could make thinking of shape, size and colour before the children worked with their partners to come up with their own. When exploring position the children worked hard to use our Star words when describing where objects were. The children then worked with their partners to give instructions on moving an object along a track. The children also had fun exploring 'left' and 'right' through a <u>wake and shake dance</u>. Have a try at home!

We began our new Geography theme by looking at all the wonderful pictures that were sent to us showing all the exciting places the children visited over the half term break. The children really enjoyed talking about their holiday exploits and it gave us so much to explore when thinking about places which were local and places which were further away. We can't wait to see where our next lesson will take us!

Looking ahead to Remembrance Day next week the children created their own field of poppies using coloured paper and tissue. We watched an animated short story about Remembrance Day to understand the significance of the poppy. The children worked so hard on their poppy field and are looking forward to seeing it go on display. Fantastic work Year 1, well done!

Our Forest School sessions started this week and our first group of children were so excited about spending an afternoon with Miss Parkes. They returned to class eager to share their experience and tell us about the tasty hot chocolate they drank! If your child is going to Forest School this term please remember to dress them in warm clothes every Thursday and send them to school with a pair of wellies in a named bag.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 2

Welcome back! Year 2 have had a brilliant first week back following the half term break. It was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm when they came into school on Monday, and this positivity has continued all week. We had a great start to the week where we were exploring the British Value of Mutual Respect. We thought about how we were similar and different to each other and how that is important. We also discussed different ways we can show respect in school, at home and to others.



In Science we planted 4 bulbs as part of our year long study 'Round and Round the Garden'. We will observe the bulbs over time to see what happens to them. The children are excited to see what the flowers will look like once they start to grow.

Within our Maths lessons this week we continued with addition and subtraction using bar models made of cubes to support us. In our Maths Meetings we have started to learn our two times tables. It would be great if the children could continue to practise

this at home. This Supermovers video is a fun way to do this whilst moving around!

In writing this week we started our poetry block. The children have had lots of fun performing the poems 'If I were in charge of the world and if I were in charge of the school' They creatively made up actions to help them remember the key parts of the poem. We also had our first experience day of this block, where the children had to think about their likes and dislikes. We enjoyed learning all about each other!

The children were very excited this week as we started our new Whole Class Reader 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. The children have explored what the dark means to them and thought about how the dark can be friendly or unfriendly.

We also began our new Geography theme this week. We discussed maps and why they were useful. We then went for a walk around Colley Lane, where we thought

about the symbols we could use to represent different features on our maps. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring the human and physical features of our local environment and then comparing it with a city on another continent! Next Wednesday we will be going for a walk around our local area, where we will complete a survey of things such as cars, vehicles and buildings.

Keep up the great work Year 2, and keep earning those Class Dojos!



Year 3

Welcome to Autumn Two in Year Three. We have had a lovely first week settling back into school. We made kindness and respect the focus on Monday. The children reflected on ways to show respect towards others. We found out things we were good at and not so good at and found friends who could kindly help us out if needed. We have been trying out our good manners, not only through words but actions too.

We began our new writing unit of 'explanation texts' this week linked to our Science topic of 'Rocks and soils'. We will be imagining a journey under the ground exploring what we might see and hear along the way. We will use this to help us write an explanation of what goes on beneath our feet.

The children have been exploring the context of our next WCR book called 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel'. They made predictions based on the front cover and then discussed had that changed once we read the blurb? The children found out a little about Brighton where the story is set. They loved seeing the pebbly beach and the Victorian pier but will have to wait and see what Frankie gets up to with his rather strange family and hotel guests!



We used our Brighton knowledge in Theme too with our Geography unit. The children recapped the four countries making up the U.K, names, location and capital cities. They used an atlas to plot them onto a map and enjoyed locating the capital cities. We watched video clips of landmarks in London and in Wales - we will be making Wales a focus by comparing it to where we live in the West Midlands.

In Maths this week we have made multiplication and division the focus. The children see why it is so important knowing their times tables. Keep using TTRS at home.

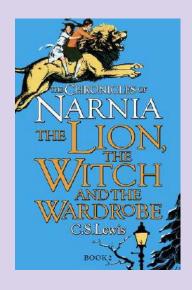
Have a lovely weekend and 3W are looking forward to the trip on Tuesday morning with 3H going to Wren's Nest nature reserve the week after on the 15th.

Year 4

We've enjoyed our first week back after the half-term break and despite the weather we have been cheerful and excited about the new learning opportunities we have to look forward to.

On Monday, our learning was focussed around the word 'respect' and we held whole-class discussions about what it means to us and what it looks like. We also discussed what disrespectful behaviour looks like and what to do if we feel somebody is acting that way. This then linked to what bullying is and we discussed the difference between bullying and an one-off incident. We then created poppy inspired artwork to show our respect for all people and animals that have made the ultimate sacrifice during wars and conflict.

During our reading lessons this week, we have explored and developed our understanding of the time period and vocabulary used in our new whole-class reading book: The Lion, Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S Lewis. We finished the week by reading the first chapter and we are already excited about reading further chapters next week.



In maths, we continued our work on multiplication and division. Children have developed their understanding of short multiplication as well as mental strategies. Teachers have been really impressed with how well children have done with these tasks. Excellent!

In theme, we started our new geography focus on Italy and Iceland. We discovered where each country is on a map of Europe and began with a brief overview of what each country has to offer in terms of geography and tourist attractions.

This week's spelling focus is the prefix 'inter-' and these have been shared on Class Dojo. Children have until Tuesday to complete their Spelling Shed assignment of practising these spellings (using a range of activities should they wish).

Year 5

What a superb first week back we have had! The children returned to school prepared and ready to learn, which was fabulous. It has been lovely to see their excitement and enthusiasm in all lessons, eager to learn and continue their exciting journey through Year 5.

We began this week with our PSHE morning, focusing on the importance of respect and tolerance. The children gained a quality understanding of why we should support others around us. The children were incredibly thoughtful and sensible in this lesson, demonstrating their respect and support for their family and peers.

In Writing this week, we began our new non-fiction unit about Captain Robert Falcon Scott. The children have loved participating in the experience days, getting to know the crew and horrific conditions they endured during their expedition in 1912. Make sure you ask the children about all of the interesting information they have learnt.

In Maths, we have explored factors and multiples, using our multiplication and division knowledge. We looked at factor bugs and the children used these to find factors of different numbers.

In Theme, we looked at Remembrance this week and the importance of the 11th November. We created silhouette art, using watercolours to create an ombre-style background and black paper for the silhouette. These looked incredibly effective; we will be putting them in our Year 5 corridor as support for Remembrance Day.

In Science, we continued to investigate Space. This week's lesson focused on day and night, identifying how the Earth's rotation creates a whole day and the sunlight throughout the day is affected by this. We used torches and globes to test our theories. This was so much fun!

A quick reminder - we are incredibly excited about our upcoming trip on Wednesday! Children need to be in school at 7:45am, ready to leave with their lunch, iPad and spending money in a bag. We can't wait to tell you all about it next week!

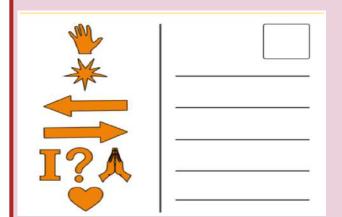
Have a wonderful weekend!

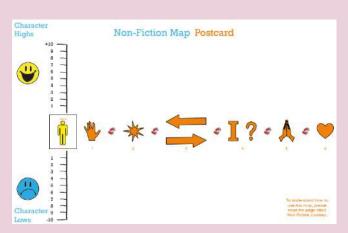
<u>Year 6</u>

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

We have been learning about semicolons, colons and dashes in our grammar lesson along with our spellings for the week which are Year 6 common words. Thank-you to the many children who have been going onto Spelling Shed to practise the grammar and spellings for the week. Well done!

In our writing lessons, we have been starting a new writing unit on postcards and we have used symbols to help us identify the features of a postcard. For example, the hand represents greeting, the arrows represent what happened yesterday and what might happen tomorrow etc. We looked at a fun postcard sent from Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk! We then placed the symbols on our plot point grid. In addition, we acted out a scene between a policeman and a villain as if they had been caught red-handed. For example, we role-played the Pied Piper of Hamelin being caught after he had taken away all the children by playing in the said fairy tale. Ask your child about the conversation they write in their books after!





In Science, our new theme is Travelling Light. The children learnt that light travels in straight lines, light travels at 300,000 km per second and the moon is not a light source as the moon reflects from the sun.

Our new amazing Geography theme is Vanishing Rainforests. We used Google Earth to locate the equator, the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. Between the two tropics is the tropical weather zone where most rainforests are found. The children also revised locating the different continents and world oceans and labelled a map to show this. Additionally, they used their iPads to research the different countries that contain a rainforest.

Just a reminder that Century Tech homework has been set today for all pupils in English and Maths this week and they have until the following Friday before school to complete it. On the other days, children should read daily at home for 30 minutes and log onto Boom Reader to record pages read and switch practising between TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

Mental Wealth Card: Why are dreams like eggs? How are they hatched?

Have a restful weekend from the Year 6 team.

Pupil Achievements



Well done to Henry in Nursery. He won his first ever pumpkin carving competition!

Well done to Lyla Morton in RTW who starred in her very first dance show on the big stage - dancing ballet, tap and gymnastics! Amazing Lyla!



Congratulations to Indi and Lily in 3W who play for Starz Academy Tigers U8's girls team who both won awards this week.

Indi was awarded girl of the match this week for brilliant work rate, setting up the play and tempo.. Trying her hardest to pass and move. Outstanding game for Indi!



Lily was awarded Star Player, absolutely fantastic, winning the ball back and driving forward. very very well done both.



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

Praise Assembly Shining Stars: (see Class Dojo for the teacher comments)

NURS	RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Hudson	Arianna	Muizza	Paihyn	Ashley	Cezar	Abdulla	Amelia	Libbie	21
(AM)	4A	4H	5K	5C	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Josie-Rose (Full time)	Nico	Alyssa	Taylor	Isabelle	Amelia	Hussain	Max	Ali	



Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W
Arzu	Isabelle	Amira	Marni-Lea	Ekrem	Violet	Jenson	Zaynah
4H	4A	5K	5C	5P	6CW	6R	68
Oliver	Robyn Ed.	Grace W not in - (postponed to next week)	Isabelle	Daisy	Olly	Freya	Kaid

Key Dates	Reminders		
 Tuesday 8th November - 3W Trip to Wrens Nest Nature Reserve 	Lunch boxes A polite reminder to ensure that any lunch boxes and water bottles are labelled with your child's full name		
Wednesday 9th November - Year 5 Trip to	and class. Please note that no nut products, chocolate		

National Space Centre

- Monday 14th November (Morning) Photo Retakes
- Tuesday 15th November 3H Trip to Wrens Nest Nature Reserve
- Friday 2nd December INSET Day School Closed
- Thursday 12th January Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Town Hall to see The Gruffalo
- Friday 13th January Young Voices Concert (For selected children)

Reception and Year 1
Photos Taken for the
Express & Star Newspaper
will be published on Wednesday 9th
November. Don't forget to pick up a copy
from your local shop!



bars, fizzy drinks or sweets are allowed in school.

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.

Poppy Appeal

School will be selling poppies, snap bands, wristbands, zip pulls, reflectors etc again next week for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Items vary from 20p to £1.50. Please send any money in for your child in a sealed envelope with your child's name.

Uniform

Important

Dates

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 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.

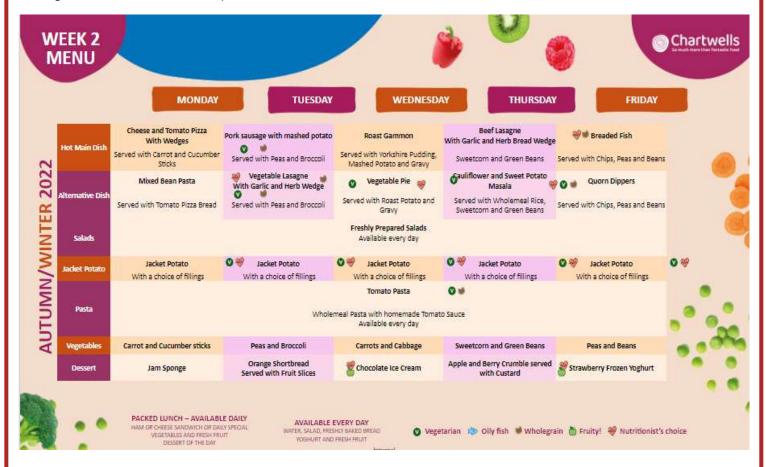
We encourage all parents to register if you haven't already. For those who haven't and if you have an email address, you will be receiving a verification email soon via your emails. Please follow the link on the email to register. You will get notification when we send out forms for trips, all payments 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. We have a new menu starting after October half term, please see **Week 2 Menu**:



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.

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 - 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
- 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.

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

Thank you to everyone who is walking or cycling to school. We are currently 5th on the school leaderboard which is a great achievement. After the holidays, we have one day left for children to log their journeys to school. The class which logs the most journeys and are awarded the most badges will win an extra PE session with Mr Blount in November! It would be great if you could send any autumnal walk to school photos to the info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk email address. Photos will be shared on social media and dojo. If you would prefer the photos to not be shared on social media please state this in your email.

Local Events



The Kindness Corner

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

Thank you to all the children who have attended a club this week, it has been great to see some new faces joining in with activities. As the weather changes please make sure the children have got warm clothing as we will still go outside as much as possible for clubs. Now that it is getting darker can parents please come out of their cars and down to the doors/gate to collect children as the car park gets extremely busy and children aren't always easy to see.

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						
	Before school (Start time)	Cost	After school (Finish time)	Cost		
Monday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country (8.00)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15) Y4, Y5 & Y6 Art (4.15) Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)* JSB	£1.00 £1.00 £1.00 £3.00		
Tuesday	Y3, Y4. Y5 & Y6 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	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby (4.15)	£1.00		
	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) *JSB	£3.00		
Thursday	Y4. Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.00)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15)	£1.00		

			Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Choir (4.15)	£1.00
			Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30)*JSB	£3.00
			Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
Friday		£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00
	Y5 Gymnastics (8.10) Y6 Gymnastics - invite only (8.10)		Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)	£3.00

Friends of Colley Lane

Colley Lane Primary Academy

Frequency by reasons why your PTA really matters





1. For the kids

Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms what we've always known: when children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.



2. It builds trust

Becoming part of the PTA is a great way to get to know other parents and teachers while gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.



that we finally have some decent kit at school for a change.

3. It raises welcome funds

Whether it's creating an outdoor classroom, stocking the science lab with new Bunsen burners or arranging a visit from a top author, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children at school.

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made me feel listened to.55



4. It gives you a voice

Many PTAs already act as a consultative group for the school leaders and governors. So whether it's deciding on where PTA funds are spent or getting parent views on wraparound care, you can make sure parents have a voice in how your school operates.



We've been able to really grow the scale of the PTA with some great local contacts.99

5. It forges connections beyond the school gates

PTAs are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events, sponsorships from local businesses, and mentions in local press. Some Parentkind members have worked with local employees to run career fairs.



design skills to help the school, it feels great to be able to make a difference.99



Every parent has plenty to offer a PTA, and whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or organising meetings, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.

