Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and New Year and that whatever your circumstances you could spend time appreciating what you have. The children all seemed very keen to see friends and get back into the swing of school again this week. The holidays are lovely but we all like the familiarity of routines and knowing what we are up to.

This term sees the start of our creative themes, Design and Technology, Music and Art. Whilst we teach these throughout the year, we are having 4 week blocks where we will go deeper into the skills and knowledge needed to be a successful designer, musician or artist. Our first focus is DT and looking at design through the theme of "The Endangered Planet." We will be holding a celebration event to share the children's work and designs at the end of the month. The staff and pupils are very excited about the focus on creativity and the arts this term and how different skills will shine.

As a school we cannot stress enough the importance of reading and its many benefits. It can improve your vocabulary and language skills, increase your knowledge about a wide range of topics, and help you think critically and analytically. Reading can also be a great source of enjoyment and relaxation. In today's fast-paced world, it can be easy to get caught up in screens and technology, but taking the time to sit down and read a book can provide a much-needed mental break. Over the term, we will be inviting parents into school for workshops to share the resources that we use for reading but also to look at ways that you can support and encourage your child with their reading. As you look at new year's resolutions, now is a good time to look at building reading into your family routine.

The children have come back looking incredibly smart and thank you for your support with the uniform policy. Please use <u>this link</u> or visit the school website if you are unsure. We will be running the pre-loved uniform initiative again and appreciate that it can be costly with large families but the uniform sets the standard for the school. We will be asking that children do not come into school with large logoed hoodies or tracksuit trousers on PE days and if you need any support with uniform, please contact the school.

A polite reminder for the end of after school clubs and activities. Please can we ask all parents to come and collect children from the doors or gates when the children are dismissed. It is still very dark at 4:30pm and the car-park can get incredibly busy with parents arriving or reversing. I do not want an accident to occur with children running across the carpark to parents waiting in cars, so would appreciate your support with this.

Thank you for a great start to the new year and your continued support of our fantastic school community.

Mr Dominic Simpson.

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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am creative
- I can be collaborative



What's been happening in school this week?

<u>Nursery</u>

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year! It has been lovely seeing the children returning to school this week and hearing all about their adventures during the Christmas holidays.

This week we have been settling the children back into Nursery by revisiting our rules and routines. The children have returned with a very responsible attitude and have been showing their good sitting, good looking and good listening skills. We have spoken with the children about how they are going to be important role models next week for the new children who will be joining us at Nursery.



In phonics this week we have spent time recapping the sounds that we looked at last half term and then introduced our new sound for this week. Our phoneme this week was 'm'. We introduced the mouse picture card and played a blending game with the words mouse, moon, map and man.

In maths, we have been looking at subitising numbers to 5. Subitising is the ability to instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without needing to count them out. We have been using dot flashcards and a find the penguin game to support children to recognise amounts without counting. This can be supported at home with the use of a dice.

On Monday 16th January, we will also be hosting a parent phonics and reading session. A Google form will be sent on class dojo next week providing you with more information. Session times will be at 9-9:30, 2:15-2:45 or 3:30-4pm.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Reception

Reception children have returned to school ready to learn! They have really enjoyed exploring their new winter provision and have done so with great enthusiasm.

They have been practising their cutting skills making snow flakes and ordering numbers. They have started to explore ice in the water tray and have taken part in number and letter hunts searching for penguins around the classroom. They have also made some interesting dens!









In literacy, children have learnt and used some adventurous vocabulary in their work to describe the new season, winter. The new words children have learnt and will be using next week are **evergreen**

trees, delicate snowflakes, glistening snow, glittering icicles and sparkling frost. We would like you to encourage your child to use these adventurous words and others when describing the winter season.

The children have also started to log their journeys as part of our walk to school campaign. The more walking to school journeys children log, the more likely they are to





earn a badge. If you can only walk to school once a week, don't worry this is a great start!

Every morning and after lunch, the children have the opportunity to practise their letter formation. This term we are focusing on name writing, writing three letter words and tricky words correctly. Children are also being challenged to write letters of similar sizes.

Next week, PE will be on Wednesday. Please ensure your child is wearing a school PE kit. This includes dark coloured tracksuits with no logos or images on and their coloured PE T-shirt. Children will also be starting their group reading sessions, learning new phonic sounds and also investigating number 7 and 8 using a tens frame.

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<u>Year 1</u>

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It has been lovely seeing the children returning to school this week and hearing about their holidays.

We started our week with a British Value focus day exploring 'Rule of Law'. The children talked about rules at home and at school and why it was good to have rules to keep safe and make sure everyone was treated fairly. We read the story 'The Little Red Hen' and explored what rules were missing in the story. We then thought about a new rule we would have in class and added it to Class Dojo! The children then thought about the rules for the game Snakes and Ladders and spent some time playing the game, making sure they followed the rules!

In WCR, we began exploring our new book by sharing our New Year's resolutions. The children came up with some wonderful goals for the year, including learning how to skateboard, practising handstands and getting better

at school work! We followed this lesson by looking at our future aspirations with children talking about what they would like to be when they grew up. If all goes to plan we will have some footballers, hairdressers and even a lie detector lady! It was lovely reading what the children had written!

In Maths we looked at the months of the year with the children making a paper chain to show the monthly cycle. We also looked at what months the children were born and enjoyed seeing which children share the same birth date!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

<u>Year 2</u>

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week. They have all come back focused and excited to tackle the next half term, which is great to see. We started our term with a focus day looking at the British Value 'Rule of Law'. The children discussed and decided on important rules both at home and in school. You will be pleased to know, many of the children knew they had to keep their bedrooms tidy!

This week, we received a very important letter from Miss Parkes asking for their help! She would like the Year 2 children to help her create safe, warm homes for the bugs who inhabit the forest school area. The children were very keen to help and were instantly buzzing with lots of ideas. Next week, the children will work collaboratively to design their hotels. We will then send their plans home so they can gather any recyclable materials.

In WCR, we have started to learn about the animal in our new text, which is a rabbit. So far the children have learnt that a rabbit lives in a den and they discovered what they like to eat. What could our new reading book be?





Next week we will be launching our first TTRS competition - 2E vs 2D! We would love all the children to get involved as we are having a big push on our timetables at the moment. The winning class will all receive a dojo and the overall winner will receive three. Let the battle commence!

On Monday 9th January, we will also be hosting a parent phonics and reading session. A Google form will be sent on class dojo next week providing you with more information. Session times will be at 9-9:30, 2:15-2:45, or 3:30-4 pm.

We also have our theatre trip to see the Gruffalo on <u>Thursday 12th January</u>. Can the children please come to school in their school uniform on this day please but bring their trainers/pumps in a named carrier bag for PE in the afternoon. Thank you and we hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Year 3

Happy New Year to you all. It was lovely welcoming the children back to our Spring term and hearing all about their holidays.

We are focussing on three key areas this half term; 'Never settle for less than your best' (our school motto), showing respect (self respect alongside respecting each other and adults) and being organised - one of our ASPIRE behaviours. Hopefully these expectations will help the children with their learning and personal growth. We began with rules and law being a focus on Wednesday as British value focus and then began to challenge ourselves by setting personal and academic goals for 2023.

Our new Writing genre of instructions complements our key areas as the children will be learning 'How to grow a strong mind' and the techniques and tips needed to help. We are going to try using origami as an activity next week to help focus breathing!

The children discovered our new theme of 'Grand designs' yesterday and found out we will be making models of endangered animals, like the sea turtle, with a moving part! We began with some research and drawings. Thank you to those of you who have already

sent some 'junk' in for us.

We have been recapping our addition and subtraction strategies this week using mental and written calculations. Keep working on number bonds, estimating and TTRS to help consolidate skills.

We are looking forward to finding out the title of our next WCR book next week! The children now have a reading book (AR or phonic book) and a library book to read for pleasure which they have chosen themselves.Please try where possible to hear your child read across the week and sign their diary once a week. We are being vocabulary collectors, so any interesting/wow words they read the children could then jot them in the diary.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

<u>Year 4</u>

Happy New Year to all. We warmly welcomed children back this week and introduced them to the exciting things we have planned for this term. We started our new theme project which is a DT focus. Children will be designing and creating their own small bedside lamp. This will include creating the electric circuit and connecting a switch.

We started the week discussing kindness including what it means and what it looks like at our school. Each child wrote a kindness promise that they wish to action within school to help our school be a kind place for learning.







We have started researching the topics around our new WCR book - The Boy at The Back of The Class by Onjali Q.Rauf. There is a new boy starting in the class and the narrator learns that he is a refugee who's run away from a war. Children are really excited to start reading the book next week.

We've had a really enjoyable time in PE, using a range of equipment and consolidating the skills and balances learned during last term.

We have a TT Rockstars battle taking place each week with the aim of continuing to promote practise of times tables. Each child should also be reading regularly at home and home reading should be recorded on Boom Reader. Any problems with this, please do let your child's class teacher know.

Have a wonderful weekend.

<u>Year 5</u>

Happy New Year to all of our children and families; we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We have had a wonderful first week back at school. The children have returned with fantastic attitudes - they are all eager to learn and join in every lesson.

This week, we began our new Theme 'Grand Designs'. This is a Design and Technology topic, where the children will be designing and building marble runs based around sustainability and protecting the planet. We are incredibly grateful for the amount of cardboard the children have brought into school! The children have been testing their joins and strengthening skills, ready to start the building process next week. How exciting!







In English, we have begun our unit on balanced arguments. They researched how screen time with digital technology can affect children's health and well-being, assessing the pros and cons from the perspectives of teachers, pupils and parents. We can't wait to begin our writing journey.

Well done Year 5, we look forward to another incredible term!

<u>Year 6</u>

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you had a restful break.

The children have settled back into school life this week already so well done to all children. For coming to school with a mature and positive attitude. Talking of which, we are going to be spending some of this term recapping the work we did in the workshop back in the Autumn term on the Art of Brilliance. The Wealth of Happiness saying at the end of each Year 6 newsletter stems from these workshops. It is all about training your mind to think differently. For example, check out this link of an underground train is it going forwards or backwards? In fact, you can train your brain to show that it goes the same way every time you look at it.

https://londontopia.net/the-tube/tube-fun-optical-illusion-of-tube-train-going-in-both-directions-at-once/

We will keep you updated on what we learn as the term goes on.

We have started our new Design And Technology theme Grand Designs. Our key question is "Can I invent an eco-friendly car?". We started our unit by completing a survey of cars outside and then designing individual plans for our eco-friendly car in preparation for finalising a group design next week.

In the rest of the curriculum, we are now honing our Maths and English skills in preparation for SATs in May. In order to help your child make good progress, please follow the homework timetable as best you can. Here is the example below.

Monday	 Read for 30 minutes and complete Boom Reader Spelling Shed / SPaG Shed
Tuesday	 Read for 30 minutes and complete Boom Reader TT Rockstars
Wednesday	 Read for 30 minutes and complete Boom Reader Spelling Shed / SPaG Shed
Thursday	 Read for 30 minutes.and complete Boom Reader TT Rockstars
Friday	 Read for 30 minutes and complete Boom Reader Century Tech Maths homework set (15 mins) Century Tech Reading homework set (15 mins) (Children have seven days to complete these)

If your child is going on the residential, there is a meeting on Tuesday 17th January at 5pm that is important to attend. I will be providing you with a list of items your child will need.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Mental Wealth Card - Sleep is a super power! Are you getting enough? Create a graph to show how much you sleep each night.

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Henry in Nursery who got 'Player of the Week' in the last session of the year. He scored his first goal in their first team game! Great work Henry!

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



Key Dates	Reminders		
 Thursday 12th January - Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Town Hall to see The Gruffalo Friday 13th January - Young Voices Concert 	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		

(For selected children)

- Friday 27th January INSET Day School Closed
- Monday 6th Wednesday 8th February -Year 6 Residential to PGL

to your child.

<u>Uniform</u>

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

<u>Parking</u>

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

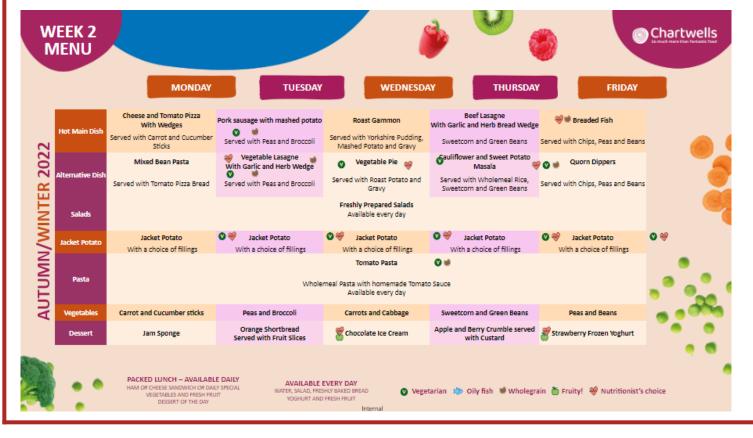
ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

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 will be **Week 2**:



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.

<u>Asthma</u>

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.

<u>Class Dojo</u>

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.

<u>PE Days</u>

Nursery - Monday (AM) & Tuesday (PM) Reception - Wednesday Year 1 - Monday & Friday Year 2 - Monday & Thursday Year 3 - Tuesday & Thursday 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

Walk to School

Children have been awarded their badges for December this week and have already started to log journeys for January. Reception children have also started logging their journeys this term. Thank you again for your support.

If possible, why don't you make one of your new year's resolutions to walk to school at least once a week. This will really help your local environment as well as being an active way to start your day. Every journey counts!



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

Childcare Choices



Please take a look on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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 <u>attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</u>
- 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....

Pop up Vaccination Clinic

I wanted to let you all know about a new project that is starting this week in Brierley Hill Town Centre at the Moor Centre, DY5 3AH.

There will be a vaccination van in Brierley Hill on 24th December 2022, 7th & 22nd January 2023, 4th & 18th February 2023, 4th & 18th March 2023 from 9am–1pm.

The van is there to have conversations about all vaccinations (not just COVID) and answer any queries you may have. There will be the opportunity to have a COVID vaccine if eligible.

The van will be moving around to other places across Dudley borough, please see below for further information.

https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/pop-up-vaccination-black-country

Adult Learning Classes

There will be no classes next week but will restart week commencing 9th January 2023.

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/

Action for Happiness

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Happier January 2023	1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others	
anuar	8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today	
ppier J	15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone	
Ŧ	22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently	
	29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future	C) Ma				
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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

Break up for Summer - Tuesday 25th July 2023

Inset Days

Friday 27th January 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

Bank Holidays

May Day - Monday 1st May 2023

King's Coronation - Monday 8th May

Club News

Colley Lane Club News

It was lovely to see some new faces at some of the clubs this week. All clubs are back up and running and apart from dance and choir there are still chances to join in and learn some new skills. Please can parents/carers come down off the car park to collect the children especially during the dark nights.

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)		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			Y5 &Y6 Netball (4-15)	£1.00				
	Y3, Y4. Y5 & Y6 Tri Golf (8.10)	£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 Basketball(4.15)	£1.00				
	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB	£3.00				
Thursday		£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15)	£1.00				
	Y4. Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics		Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Choir (4.15)	£1.00				
	(8.00)		YI & Y2 Football (4.30)*JSB	£3.00				
			Y3 & Y4 Football(4.30) * JSB	£3.00				
Friday	Y4 Gymnastics (8.10)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00				
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Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)

£3.00

