

Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely yesterday to welcome Year 1 parents, carers and grandparents into school for the first of our festive celebrations. Year 1 held a songs and craft morning and there was even a chance for some dancing from teachers, children and parents to liven up a cold morning. It definitely got smiles on faces! We are looking forward to our Christmas events next week and hope you will be able to join us. The Carol Concerts at St Peters Church are on Tuesday at 2.00pm (Year 3 and Year 5) and Wednesday at 2.00pm (Year 4 & Year 6) and this year, we are able to invite 2 members of each family, no need for tickets.

With Christmas fast approaching some children will be getting new or upgraded devices, older devices may be handed to younger children. This is an ideal time to get information out to parents about the importance of setting up devices with parental controls in relation to the age of the child. Internet Matters covers all devices with very simple, easy-to-understand parental guides which you can find [HERE](#). There are also some good console buying advice and tips [HERE](#).

We had a very successful Great Uniform Giveaway and the feedback was positive so we will be holding the event again in the new year. It is one of the ways that, as a school with the community at its heart, we are hoping to support families. We have also set up a [support for parents](#) page on the website, which provides links for emotional and mental health support, financial help and support and parenting support. We hope you find this useful.



As you know Mr Dowling has been on secondment at Tenterfields to help with leadership capacity. Over this term a position for Head of School at Tenterfields was advertised, and Mr Dowling was successful in his application and gaining the promotion. He will be coming into school next week. We shall all miss his positive attitude around school but wish him every success for the future. We are also saying a sad farewell to Ms Roberts, our

SENDco, who has given over 20 years to the children and families at Colley Lane. She has gained a position with Dudley Learning Support Service and we know that she will have a positive impact on even more children across Dudley in her new role. We wish her all the very best and thank her for all she has done at Colley Lane.



Please remember that next Friday is Christmas Jumper / Christmas clothes day and we are asking for a small donation which will go to Save the Children. School will finish at normal time on Friday 16th December. Have a peaceful weekend and one more week of the term to go!.

Mr Dominic Simpson.

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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

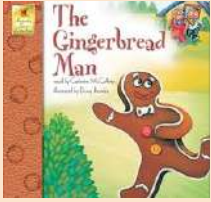
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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

What a busy week we have had in Nursery! We have spent lots of our time practising for our performance on Monday and we even did dress rehearsals on Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon! We all looked fabulous in our costumes and performed really well to the teachers, Year 1 and Year 2.



In WCR this week we revealed our new story as The Gingerbread Man. We were introduced to some key action vocabulary which is used in the story. We were being **chased**, **dashed** after each other, **slithered** like a snake and **waddled** like a goose. We really enjoyed the story and very quickly joined in with the repeated refrain of 'You can run, run as fast as you can but you can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man'. Next week to finish off our story we are going to be making and decorating our very own gingerbread men to bring home!

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



In maths, we have been looking at the days of the week. During group time, the children sing a day of the week song to help them remember the order. This week we have been encouraging the children to use the song to help them think about what day it was yesterday, what day it is today and what day it will be tomorrow. We have also looked at a range of different days of the week songs on YouTube.

We will be performing on Monday 12th December at 9:30am and 1:30pm. Thank you to all the parents who have requested seats/tickets for the show. We won't be producing any actual tickets, we just needed to know how many adults were attending each session to ensure there was enough space in the hall.

Just a quick reminder about our upcoming Christmas festivities:

Monday 12th December - **A Wriggly Nativity** - 9:30 am and 1:30 pm (Tickets through the Google Form)

Monday 12th December - **Christmas Film Night** - 3:15pm-4:15pm

Wednesday 14th December - **Christmas Party Day** - the children can come in their own clothes and party food will be provided.

Friday 16th December - **Christmas Jumper Day** - Small donation or suitable item of food for the food bank.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Reception

Reception children have been communicating clearly all week practising and singing for our Christmas play A Wriggly Nativity. Our dress rehearsal went very well on Wednesday and the children looked fantastic in their costumes.

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The children have really enjoyed exploring the different Christmas inspired activities in class this week. Children have been writing Christmas lists and posting them in the post office, they have been

writing initial sounds for Christmas words, searching for letters and tricky words, searching for numbers on rudolph, creating their own Christmas pictures and cards as well as spelling three letter words.

Important dates

Monday 12th December - **Christmas Film Night** - 3:15pm-4:15pm please book and pay via parent mail
Tuesday 13th December - **Christmas Party Day** - the children can come in their own clothes and party food will be provided.
Friday 16th December - **Christmas Jumper Day** - Small donation or suitable item of food for the food bank.

Year 1

What a lovely festive week we have had in Year 1. After weeks of practising the children were finally able to perform for their grown ups at our Christmas Craft and Singing event.

It was lovely seeing so many adults come to school to take part and we would like to thank you for making the children's day so special. The children were super and I'm sure all the parents who attended would agree! We have added some pictures on class Dojo, as well as a special singing video for parents who were unable to join us on the day. We didn't want you to miss out!



This week the cheeky Elf decided to pay 1Y a visit and true to form he made a right mess! The children were excited to see the Elf in their classroom and wrote some wonderful messages to him in their morning activity. It was safe to say they didn't want him coming back! I wonder if he will pay 1MS a visit before the end of term!

In Maths we have been reinforcing our knowledge of number bonds to help solve equations. The children were introduced to the 'Make Ten' strategy when looking at equations and used ten frames to help them identify the number bond to 10 in our equation. Even though this was the first time the children had worked with the 'Make Ten' strategy they did incredibly well! We also reviewed our learning on tens and ones with the children this week using Dienes to partition numbers.



In the run up to Christmas, our RE focus was on the Christmas story. We looked at the special presents Jesus received and the children had to write what present they would give him as well as thinking of what 'free' presents they could give a loved one, like a cuddle or a hug.

Forthcoming Year 1 Christmas festivities:

- **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). Children can wear their party clothes to school.
- **Friday 16th December** - Christmas Jumper Day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2

Wow! What a fantastically, festive week Year 2 have had! Our mischievous elves have continued to cause havoc in our classrooms; having snowball fights and even sneaking home to Miss Dreher's house to celebrate Jasper's (her dog) birthday! The children have been working incredibly hard practising their play in preparation for their performance on **Tuesday 13th December**. We can't wait for them to show you all!



We started the week with our Geography focus day. The children came to school in all their wonderfully bright clothes ready for a day of fun. They spent the morning focusing on African animals and created sketches of different animal prints, choosing different mediums to create them. In the afternoon they focused on Tintatinga Art. The children used paint and a cotton bud to create the dotted effect. The children then used soft pastels to blend colours together to create an African sunset. The highlight of the everyone's day was when they got to play the djembe drums. They played a number of different call and responses and followed along with the beat brilliantly. What a super day to finish off our block of learning.



In writing this week the Year 2 children have been writing their own postcards home from the Antarctic. Independently, they have written about what adventures they got up to and who they met on their way. We have been really impressed with how much they have remembered from our writing lessons. Well done Year 2.

As we enter the final week we have a number of exciting events happening, please see below for more details.

- **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 have been sent out).
- **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

Have a wonderful weekend all!

Year 3

Lots going on in Year Three across the week. The children were very excited to come and tell us all about their elf antics at home and loved seeing the school elf had come to cause havoc in 3W earlier in the week! They are enjoying the countdown to Christmas! They have been busy singing the songs for our Carol concert on Tuesday afternoon, making Christmas cards and loved watching Year Two's dress rehearsal this morning - Year Two were fabulous!

We have been so proud of the children in our Writing lessons and this week they have planned, written and edited their own colour poem based upon 'The boy who cannot see' that we have been working on over the last few weeks. Such rich vocabulary choices combined with similes and metaphors - well done everyone.

In Maths we have been measuring this week using cm and mm on a ruler. The children have been measuring length, converting it and using those skills to calculate the perimeter of shapes too. We found out once again we needed to know our number bonds to help when adding as known facts make it easier to calculate.

We completed our Geography theme this week. They drew and wrote the story of the River Severn's journey as it winds its way from the mountains in Wales, through England and out into the Atlantic ocean.

In Computing the children used their SMART facts for online safety to help make a simple powerpoint and found out how to insert an image. In Spanish the children used their Maths skills to add and subtract and then wrote their answers in Spanish! We will be learning Spanish words for different animals next! Look out for what animal 'perro' is!

Just a quick reminder about our upcoming Christmas festivities;

Tuesday 13th December - afternoon Carol Concert

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Disco - 3.30pm -4.30pm (bring clothes to change into if you wish).

Wednesday 14th December - Year 3 Christmas Party afternoon- the children can come in their own clothes and party food will be provided.

Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 4

We've had a fabulously festive week in Year 4. The highlight was definitely having our year group together for our Year 4 party. We danced, played games and enjoyed spending time with each other. The added bonus of snacks afterwards of course went down well with everyone too.

We are coming towards the end of our class book - *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis and are looking forward to reading the final two chapters next week to see how the story ends and what will happen to the White Witch now we have discovered Aslan is back. Children have read aloud during our whole-class reading lessons and it has been a pleasure to hear and witness their progress with reading fluency and confidence. It is wonderful to see so many children ask to read a part of the chapter and show that love for reading. Well done children!

In English, children have written their third piece of work in their writing books. They have written their own version of *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We shall edit those at the start of next week and will also look forward to sharing the completed and edited versions with peers.

During maths, children have completed some challenging tasks. They have constructed time graphs and developed their knowledge throughout the week to the point that they were able to display two sets of data. This concludes this unit of work and we will be completing some problem-solving tasks next week.

Upcoming events:

- **Tuesday 13th Dec 3:15-4:15 pm.** - Disco. £2.50 per child and includes a drink, glow stick bracelet and candy cane. Pick and mix sweet bags are £1 on the night.
- **Wednesday 14th Dec** - Carol Service at St Peter's Church (Church road, B63 2UL). Unlike last year, there will not be a ticket system. We ask, where possible, a maximum of two adults attend per child to help ensure that we don't exceed capacity at the church.
- **Friday 16th December** - Christmas Jumper Day and the last day of term
We ask for a small cash donation or an item of food for the Black Country Food Bank.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to the final week of term with all of the fun and festive activities ahead.

Year 5

We have had another fabulous week here in Year 5. It has been filled with fun, excitement and lots of lovely activities.

Swimming has gone incredibly well again this week. All of the children enjoyed their lesson and it's fantastic to see how their confidence has grown in the last three weeks. We have our final lesson for this term next week (please remember to wear school uniform rather than PE kit due to the carol concert) and then we will continue after Christmas for a further five weeks until half term.

In Maths this week, we began our new topic of 'Perimeter and Area'. We have been calculating these using a range of shapes and sizes as well as different scales, for example cm and mm. It's fantastic to see the children applying this well and challenging themselves to expand their knowledge of the topic.

In Whole Class Reader, we have reached a pinnacle point in the story, where we find out all about Stanley's family history and the history of our main villain 'Kissin' Kate Barlow'. We have made great links between the locations and the characters across the story. We are now heading towards the end of our book. The children don't want to put it down!

Theme this week has involved investigating volcanoes further, particularly exploring the volcanoes in Japan and New Zealand. We created excellent double-page spreads all about the two countries, identifying their

geographical features and the natural disasters they have faced over time. It's been a fab way to round off our topic of the world.

Finally, to begin our festive treats, we spent Friday afternoon making our very own Christmas tree decorations, using air drying clay. They looked incredible! We had so much fun designing and creating them with all the added details. We can't wait to paint them next week.

Just a quick reminder about our upcoming Christmas festivities;

Tuesday 13th December - Carol Concert

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Disco - 4:45pm-5:45pm

Thursday 15th December - Year 5 Christmas Party in the morning - the children can come in their own clothes and party food will be provided.

Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to an exciting final week before Christmas.

Year 6

In our penultimate week of the term, we have been busy with a whole host of activities in Year 6.

In Maths, many children have made great progress in their Maths work and we are very proud of their arithmetic skills and improvements in these areas. Across the Math groups, we have been learning about long division, finding fractions of amounts and using decimals in addition and subtraction. Well done to 6S who won the extra play in the TT Rockstars competition.

In English, we had such a fun time out on the playground role-playing a scene from WW1. We split the year group into a German side and an English side where each side sang Silent Night in the language of their country. After a short while, both sides wave their white flag as a truce. We were replicating the time in history where both sides from WW1 played football together on Christmas Day. We then came back in and watched the Sainsbury's advert where this scene was shared. Over the last week of term, we will be writing a recount of this event.

In reading, we are continuing to practise key skills in comprehension lessons and try to keep within a set time limit. Reading longer chapter books at home will really help your child's stamina in reading. Have you heard your child read this week? Do they bring their reading book home daily? Have you been able to sign to say they have read at home on Boom Reader? Why not try and get in the habit of doing this again. Over the Christmas holidays is a great time to sit back, relax and read a good book. We will be giving house points out to those children that have an adult sign their Boom Reader each day and week from today! After Christmas. We will be visiting the library so please make sure your child has returned their library card form before we break up. Keep reading as it opens up a world of possibilities!

In Science, we ended our Light unit with an investigation into refraction. The children chose objects to place into a glass of water and they investigated what the object looked like from each angle. The children learnt that light rays change speed when they pass across the boundary between two states of matter, such as gas and liquid. This causes them to change direction and this effect is called refraction.

Well done to all children completing their weekly homework tasks on Century Tech, Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars. On Class DOjo, you should see the expectations for Year 6 homework, please take a look to see if your child is completing their homework each week.

Here is a reminder about our Year 6 Christmas festivities;

Tuesday 13th December- **Christmas Disco** - 4:45pm-5:45pm

Wednesday 14th December - **Carol Concert**

Thursday 15th December - **Year 6 Christmas Party** in the afternoon, children can come in their own clothes and party food will be provided.

Friday 16th December - **Christmas Jumper Day**

We hope you all have a restful weekend.

Pupil Achievements

Massive congratulations to Piper-Biêu 3W and Paignton 1MS for taking part in their first ever dance show, you did amazing girls!!




Well Done to Bailey-Joe 4H who smashed his PB in his cross country race on Sunday, keep up the good work Bailey!




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	RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Zoya (NAM) Daniel (NPM)	Asrar	Isabelle	Reuben	Ben	Petra	Lilly	Kara	Luke	
	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Kelise	Leyana	Justin	Emily	Lilia	6CW	Bea	Mayson	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Elora	Ellie	Akram	Jack	Druven	Lilly-MaiY	Yasseen (absent)	Laila	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Violet	Nagreb	Tuliyah	Hidayah	Mason	Jack	Chloe	Bella	

Key Dates



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



- Monday 12th December - Reception & Nursery at 3.15-4.15pm - Movie Night (£2.50)
- Monday 12th December at 3.15-4.15pm - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Disco (£2.50)
- Tuesday 13th December at 3.30-4.30pm - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Disco (£2.50)
- Tuesday 13th December at 4.45-5.45 pm - Year 5&6 Christmas Disco (£2.50)

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.

- Friday 16th December - Break Up for Christmas / Christmas Jumper / Christmas clothes Day
- Tuesday 3rd January - INSET Day - School Closed
- Wednesday 4th January - Children return to school
- Thursday 12th January - Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Town Hall to see The Gruffalo
- Friday 13th January - Young Voices Concert (For selected children)
- Friday 27th January - INSET Day - School Closed

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.

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 1:

WEEK 1 MENU		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2022	with	Macaroni Cheese Served with Peas and Carrots	Chicken Korma Served with Fluffy Rice	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese With Garlic and Herb Bread Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Breaded Fish Served with Chips, Peas and Beans
	Alternative Dish	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Wedges Served with Sweetcorn and Salad	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with Carrots and Cabbage	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips, Peas and Beans
	Third Choice	-	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	-	-	-
	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	Carrots and Peas	Sweetcorn and Fresh Salad	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Peas and Beans
	Dessert	Vanilla Ice Cream	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Oat Cookie with Fruit Slices	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate and Raspberry Swirl Cake
	PACKED LUNCH – AVAILABLE DAILY HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT DESSERT OF THE DAY		AVAILABLE EVERY DAY WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD YOGHURT AND FRESH FRUIT		Vegetarian Oily fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's choice	

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

Asthma
Just a reminder that if your child needs an inhaler in school, please can you come to the office to fill in the relevant paperwork. You will be asked to leave one inhaler in school.

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

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>

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

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

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

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

Dudley Warm Welcomes





A warm welcome

A place to go to keep warm this winter – 'Warm Welcomes' in Dudley borough

As the weather starts to turn colder and with energy bills on the rise, local people can feel reassured to know that there are places across the Dudley borough where they will receive a warm welcome this winter.

Dudley CVS has coordinated a community-led response with the boroughs voluntary and community sector to develop a network of 'Warm Welcomes' spaces to support local people during the cost of living crisis and increases in energy costs.

Located across the borough, 'Warm Welcomes' are safe and welcoming places where people and families can go to keep warm if they are facing challenges or struggling to heat their homes this winter. The spaces offer free hot drinks, activities, and someone on hand to lend a listening ear if needed.

For a full list of your nearest Warm Welcomes space please go to

<https://www.dudleycvs.org.uk/a-place-to-go-to-keep-warm-this-winter-warm-welcomes-in-dudley-borough/>

Special cinema screenings at Halesowen, Stourbridge and Dudley Town Halls in December



Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season with a special series of Christmas cinema screenings at Stourbridge Town Hall this month!

Highlights include the return of our hugely popular annual showing of [*Frozen Sing-A-Long*](#), plus a relaxed screening of computer-animated adventure [*Abominable*](#).

There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to welcome you!

For dates and to book tickets visit <http://boroughhalls.co.uk/whats-on.html>

The Kindness Corner

OLIO App - Free Items



Have you heard the news? Sharing and neighbourly kindness is happening right on our doorstep.

More and more people on our street are using OLIO - an app which brings neighbours together to give away (and get) good food and good things - all for free.

Download from the App store, Google Play, or learn more at www.olioex.com.

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



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

TUESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

WEDNESDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

FRIDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

SATURDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

SUNDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

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

Happier · Kinder · Together

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

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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

This week saw our final competition of the term, with the school football team travelling to Leasowes for their monthly fixtures against other local primary schools. The boys put in another two good performances and were unlucky not to win either fixture. Well done boys!

A few weeks ago **Molly 6S** travelled with the boys football team to the EFL tournament to write a match report and here is her report:

They Were Having A Ball At The Game!

Hello! And we're here today at the dome with our team players: Jake, Mason, Jack, Lewis, Lucas P. Lucas D and Ewan are practising for their big game, the other teams are just starting to arrive.

The blow of the whistle starts and one of the yellow kicks first and the ball ends up in the opposite field. Lewis tackles the ball and passes it to Mason but it slowly rolls out of the pitch, unlucky.

About 9 minutes into the match Jake is running with the ball and kicks it straight towards the goal but then out of nowhere a yellow saves the ball, unfortunately, a yellow kicks the ball directly towards the goal but it backfires by Ewan (the goal keeper.)

Later on 2 goals have been scored by the yellow team which leaves the score 0-2 with us not scoring any goals/

Second game had an amazing start with us scoring 2 goals! Outstanding! Not so long after the blacks scored 2 goals and we've scored yet another goal! Way better than our first game! Scores are 3-2.

Third game with Ewan saving a speeding shot that was just about to go into the goal, blues were very disappointed when this happened. During half way through the match, we scored a left-kick shot which looked like it was going to hit the post which was then followed by another shot not so long after.

Few minutes into the next game and Mason hit his leg on the post of the goal quite hard, he soon recovered later on but couldn't play for the rest of the game. The score ended 2-1.

Final game and we scored 2 lucky shots halfway though, in the process the reds scored 1 goal, good for them. Later on Ewan and Lucas have been hurt while playing in the match, but obviously they won;t let that stop them.

Now all the matches have ended and upsettingly we haven't won, but we came in second place. Redhall had won with a few more points than us.



There will be no dance clubs next week because of the discos it will restart after the holidays.

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>
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	Y5 Gymnastics (8.10) Y6 Gymnastics - invite only (8.10)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)	£3.00

Friends of Colley Lane Christmas Events



CHRISTMAS DISCO

DRINKS
GLOWSTICK BRACELET
AND
CANDY CANE INCLUDED!

£2.50

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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CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

£2.50

NURSERY AND
RECEPTION

12.12.22

3:15-4:15PM

CHOCOLATE MILK, COOKIE AND
CHOCOLATE LOLLY INCLUDED!

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