

# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*

*Newsletter - 16th September 2022*

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
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Dear Parents,

The children have settled back into school amazingly and as I have walked around school, visiting classes and chatting to children at lunchtime, there is a real "buzz" about the year ahead. Thank you for all your support with school uniform and PE kit and it was lovely to see parents at the Year Group meetings that have been taking place. The start of the term is a busy time for everyone and we hope that you can find all the information you need via the school website, Class Dojo and ParentMail but if you are unable to, please get in contact.

As you know Mrs Whalley retired in the summer after many years of love and dedication to the children and families of Colley Lane. She would like to say thank you to staff, parents and children for all the lovely cards, gifts and flowers. She was overwhelmed and can't thank everyone enough. We wish her a happy retirement.

The start of this term has also been very different with the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and a moment in history that we will all remember. Within school the children have shown understanding, compassion and care as we have shared in assemblies and classes the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Events like this can affect people in many different ways and we have ensured that children have the opportunity to talk about feelings that they might have over this week and will do next week after the funeral. Within our Praise Assemblies today we looked at the events that will take place over the weekend and on Monday, and with KS2 children we took a moment to reflect whilst observing the lying-in-state at Westminster Hall.

However you mark this historic time whether it be with a moment of reflection, family gathering, or watching events on television, I hope you have a peaceful weekend and bank holiday.

We welcome the children back on Tuesday morning at 8.40am.

Kind regards,  
Mr Dominc Simpson.

## Colley Lane Primary Academy

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## Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am courageous
- I am resilient



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

## *Nursery*

It has been lovely to see the returning Nursery children back in the classroom and to hear all about their lovely adventures during the Summer. The children have settled back into the Nursery routines well and have supported the new starters incredibly. We are so proud of them!

It has also been lovely to welcome all of the new children who have joined Nursery and to see them exploring their new learning environment. The children have dealt with the transition into Nursery very well and are all beginning to settle into the new routines. They have been having lots of fun exploring the indoor and outdoor environments as well as making new friends.

Dojo letters will be sent out to all new Nursery parents. Please do connect as you will be able to see photos of your child in school, find out any key information as well as what rewards your child achieved throughout the day.

Our first theme is 'Me and My Family'. We would like your child to bring in photographs of their family which they will be able to share with others. We would also like to display the photos in class so photos will not be returned until later on in the school year.



## *Reception*

Well done to all our new reception children who have had a fantastic first few days in school. They have discovered their new classrooms, played well with others, made new friends and also explored in their outdoor classroom. It has been lovely to meet and work with them over the last few days.

Dojo parent letters have been sent out to parents who have not yet connected. Please do connect as you will be able to see photos of your child in school, find out about any key information as well as what rewards your child achieved through the day.

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## *Year 1*

Well done to all the children for a fantastic return to school this week! They have settled remarkably well and have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and reuniting with friends. The children are getting used to the new routine in Year 1, including remembering where to put their coats and bags and where to find the toilets!

The children have particularly enjoyed talking about their holiday and sharing details of all the wonderful things they did. They wrote some wonderful sentences about their holiday and we were amazed at the fabulous Phonics used! Even though we were only back for three days we had a very busy week! We looked at our Aspire mountain, talking about how the children can build on the character values in their new class. The children have been enthusiastic about getting Dojo points for being responsible in class and compassionate when interacting with others. We have also learnt about voting through our British Values focus with the children voting for their favourite Wake and Shake and book for story time.

For our Theme focus next week we will be focussing on change over time and would love to see pictures of the children as babies. We would appreciate any pictures you could send of your child as a baby and toddler. These can be sent through Dojo to your child's teacher.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher event in school and we hope you enjoyed looking around the Year 1 classrooms.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant first week back at school, catching up with friends and settling into their new classrooms. We have been amazed at how quickly and confidently they have settled into their new classes. It has lovely starting our year off with a bang and celebrating the first few children in the class. The children have enjoyed been the star of the day and teaching their class all about themselves!

We have had a very creative few days, where the children have produced some wonderful artwork inspired by the story 'The Dot' and the artist Kandinsky. The children have also learnt about democracy, where they learnt the importance of making things fair.

We can't wait for next week when we will be continuing our first History Theme of the year! Have a super weekend.

## Year 3

Welcome back to school and Year Three! We have had a busy, fun few days settling back to school life. The children have been catching up with friends and beginning to work on the expectations and routines of a new year group.

The children have really settled in so well and have been getting to know their teacher and their classroom. Trying to remember which way to turn from the doors - left or right! Putting lunchboxes on the correct trolley and bringing or buying a snack for breaktime. So many new things to remember.

We have been talking about our ASPIRE mountain and the character and learner traits this week, with a particular focus on being respectful and courageous. We watched some of the videos on Class Dojo to help understand how we can show respect and bravery to try things out even if we are unsure. The children have been collecting their own dojo points across these few days to see how many they can get. Class dojo will be where we will share photos and let you know what the children are getting up to! All messages will be posted there too.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

## Year 4

Welcome back to Colley Lane and welcome to Year 4. We've had a wonderful time getting to know the children in 4A and 4H and are excited for the year ahead. We have spent some quality time discussing and reflecting on emotions and how we can do simple but effective things to help people around us feel happy. We have shared how we want to be kind and caring classmates to each other and what we will do if we spot somebody feeling upset. Teachers were really impressed with the children's responses to this. Well done!

We have completed our first pieces of work in our reading, theme and maths books. We have explored our new whole class reading book and have practised using our arithmetic skills in maths. A great start indeed. We have also created self-portraits influenced from The Dot Story, as well as enjoying a range of creative activities.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend



## Year 5

Year 5 would like to welcome you back to a wonderful new year! The year 5 team hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday. We have had such a fantastic week with the children and have loved getting to know them all. The children have settled really well into their new classes and we are all really looking forward to the year ahead.

What a start to the week we have had! The children have been very busy this week. In maths, they have been recapping their maths skills from Year 4; in Reading, they have been developing their love of reading and books; in Writing, the children focused on their handwriting and presentation skills; in Theme, the children began their new topic of Ancient Greeks - this involved lots of research and creativity!

Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 6

Welcome back to a brand new academic year! We hope you all had a great rest.

Despite the sad news yesterday, the children have settled well into their new classes and are ready to set a good example to the rest of the school now they are in their final year here.

We have worked collaboratively on what makes a good year 6 pupil using the ASPIRE mountain attributes this week. Many children have applied for prefect roles in the school and we will be reviewing these applications next week.

We look forward to working with you all this year and helping your child to 'never settle for less than their best' which is our school motto!

## *Pupil Achievements*



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

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

NURS	RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Mohammed Eva	Juliette	Safiya	Elyas	Harry	Rowan	Maysa	Charlie	Bethany	
	4A	4H	5K	5C	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Grace	Renesmay	Kaiden	Hala	Ayaarn	William	Ruby	Jalal	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Ava	Lilly	Amelle	Milenko	Zaakirah	Freya	Madiha	Finley	
4H	4A	5K	5C	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Logan	Finley B	Grace V	Mia	Laxmi	Sahil	Scarlett	Molly	

## Key Dates

- Tuesday 20th September - Harvest Festival. (please see information in "News")
- Thursday 22nd September - Harvest Lunch Menu (please see menu listed in "School Dinners" below.)
- Wednesday 12th October - Parent's Evening
- Thursday 13th October - Parent's Evening
- Friday 14th October - School Photographer
- Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - October Half Term
- Monday 31st October - Flu immunisation in school



## Reminders

### **School start and finish times**

Start time - All years - Doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.55am

Finish time - Reception and KS1 - 3.05pm. All KS2 - 3.15pm

### **Uniform**

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

### **PE**

All children are to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. (Days listed below)

### **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.

### **Lunchboxes**

Can we remind you that we are a nut-free school therefore no nut products are allowed in school. This includes nutella, peanut butter, kinder bueno type biscuits etc.

Please note that no sweets or chocolate bars are allowed in school unless it is biscuit based.

Any lost unnamed lunchboxes or water bottles will be kept in school for 1 week before disposing.

## 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 Menu, please note that on Thursday the menu will be 'Harvest Lunch' theme instead and will be Chicken Casserole / Halal Chicken Casserole / Vegetable Pie served with ashed Potato. Jacket potatoes**

and Tomato Pasta Bake will also be available. For dessert there will be fruit crumble & custard, jelly or fruit.

WEEK 2 MENU		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2022	<b>Hot Main Dish</b>	Veggie Bolognese Penne pasta in a yummy tomato sauce	Pork sausage with mashed potato	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast turkey with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Cottage Pie A classic cottage pie with veg and gravy	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips
	<b>Alternative Dish</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice With potato Wedges	Vegetable lasagne With a Garlic and herb Bread Wedge	Quorn Roast with fluffy roasties	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry Served with wholemeal rice	Quorn Dippers and Chips Crispy quorn nuggets with their fave sauce- ketchup
	<b>Salads</b>	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot	A Selection of Fresh Salads including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot
	<b>Jacket Potato</b>	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
	<b>Pasta</b>	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
	<b>Desserts</b>	Apple and Berry Crumble With custard	Fruity flapjack Bar	Crunchie Chocolate Biscuit	Raspberry Ripple Cake	Vanilla Ice-Cream

**PACKED LUNCH-AVAILABLE DAILY**  
HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL WITH VEG STICKS AND FRESH FRUIT OR BEAR YO YO OR DESSERT OF THE DAY

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**  
WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT & 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 - <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyDudleyCouncil>

## *Attendance*

**If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please let us know as soon as possible by;**

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to [attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
- Reporting their absence via the ParentMail App - Please do not use DOJO to report absence.

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

## *News....*

### **Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival is a fantastic time of year. It allows us to come together and reminds us to give thanks for the food we receive, provides greater awareness of where it comes from and encourages us to reflect on those who are less fortunate.

This year, the tradition of Harvest festival will fall on Sunday 11th September and we would like to invite the children to bring in food to donate to our local **Black Country Food Bank**. The food items will be collected and displayed in the hall, where it will serve as a reminder throughout the week.

On Tuesday 20th September, our school will welcome Claire Biggs from the Vale of Stour Methodist Church to share an assembly about the Harvest Festival.

To find out more about the Black Country Food Bank and to see what shortages they currently have, click on the link <https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/support/shortages/>

### **Cradley Library**

Cradley Library opposite the school are doing board game sessions on a Thursday straight after school until 4.30pm. It is a free session and all children are welcome.



## *The Kindness Corner*

### **Black Country Food Bank**



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

# Self-Care September 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 1. Find time for self-care, it's not selfish, it's essential.	 2. Notice the things you do well, however small.	 3. Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly.	 4. Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it.			
5. Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes.	6. Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time.	7. Give yourself permission to say 'no'.	8. Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed.	9. Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect.	10. When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok.	11. Make time to do something you really enjoy.
12. Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost.	13. Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one.	14. If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break.	15. Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low.	16. Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly.	17. No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself.	18. Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you.
19. Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement.	20. Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories.	21. Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside.	22. Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still.	23. Let go of other people's expectations of you.	24. Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love.	25. Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing.
26. Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents.	27. Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans.	28. Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn.	29. Write down three things you appreciate about yourself.	30. Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are.		

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## Diary Dates

### Autumn Half Term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Return to School on Monday 31st October 2022

### 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

## *Clubs*

### Colley Lane Club News

Clubs will restart on Monday morning with the full weekly schedule included below, forms to sign up to all school and JSB clubs have been sent via ParentMail this week and apart from dance where you'll need to speak to Miss Hale (year 4 teacher) places are still available for all.

Children need to come to sports clubs in appropriate sports clothing. We will go outside during the cold and wet weather so please be aware of this.

Earrings need to be removed at all sports clubs and long hair tied up please.

We have lots of fun at clubs and learn plenty of new skills which hopefully this year we can take to even more tournaments, festivals and shows.

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.

### *Sports and Music Clubs*

	<i>Before school (Start time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>After school (Finish time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Cross Country (8.00)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y3 &amp; Y4 Multi Sports (4.15)</i> <i>Y5 &amp; Y6 Dance (4.15)</i> <i>Y1 &amp; Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)* JSB</i>	<i>£1.00</i> <i>£1.00</i> <i>£3.00</i>
			<i>Y5 &amp; Y6 Netball (4-15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Tri Golf (8.10)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y3 &amp; Y4 Dance (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>

			<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Football (4.30) * JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Football (8.00) * JSB</b>	<b>£2.00</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Tag Rugby (4.15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
	<b>Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3 Football (8.00) * JSB</b>	<b>£2.00</b>	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Cross Country (8.10)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Hockey (4.15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Choir (4.15)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Football (4.30) * JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
			<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Y6 Gymnastics (8.10)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Girls Football (4.30)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
			<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)</b>	<b>£3.00</b>

## ***Free School Meals***

If your child is in Reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria.

However if you do meet the criteria listed below then you will need to submit an online claim in order for your child's school to receive Pupil Premium funding.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals. Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be entitled to receive free school meals.

### Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in: reception class, year 1 and year 2 Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child's school can get

extra funding if you do. If you wish to apply for Free School Meals click here [Free School Meals](#) or collect a form from the office.