



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final few days of this term, I would like to start by saying thank you to parents for all the support that you have shown over this last year. The sports and arts presentations, the summer fair, the Year 6 production are just a few recent events, as well as workshops, parents evening and others this year, where you have shown support for the children and staff and it is very much appreciated. Community is important for a school to enable the children to achieve their academic and personal potential and we have a fantastic community. Thank you.

At this time of year there is always staff movement and it is with sadness that we say thank you to Mrs Segdwick, who is moving on to different opportunities, for all her hard work and dedication in supporting reading in KS1. Mrs Ward has secured a position at Lapal Primary School where we know she will be a superstar but will be missed. Miss Gill is continuing her college course in September but will support EYFS when she can as a volunteer and finally thanks to Mrs Claridge, who is moving onto a school in Kidderminster, for everything she has done not just this year with Year 6 but across the school. We wish them well in the adventures ahead.

As a school, we have been thinking about how we can support parents as the cost of living continues to rise and August can be an expensive "Back To School" month:

- The pre-cherished uniform is being given to a "pop up" uniform shop in Halesowen over the holidays. It will return to school in September.
- We are purchasing pencil cases for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and stationary for class so children will not need their own pencils cases in school. They will only need a small bag for iPads and reading books.
- Trips will be planned in advance so that they can be paid for in instalments

Finally may I wish everyone, whatever you have planned, a restful summer break when it arrives.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 24th July

Year 6 Leavers Party 5-7.00pm

Monday 24th July

Year 1 Sports Day 1.45pm (Parents invited)

Tuesday 25th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.10am

Tuesday 25th July

Break up, last day of term

Tuesday 5th September

Children return to school

Attendance

Overall this week:

94%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can give and receive feedback

School Menu

Week 3

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week in EYFS, we got a visit from the Animal Man! He brought a range of animals for us to look at including hissing cockroaches, lizards and a 15 week old fox cub. The children were all very courageous and respectful to all the animals.



Reception

Reception also enjoyed their visit from the animal man. They were able to pet and hold a number of animals. Children learnt new facts about the animals and showed our Aspire values of being courageous and respectful.

Year 1

We've had a fun packed final full week of the term in Year 1. The highlight of the children's week was definitely their end of year party! We danced, played games, competed for prizes and were treated to some ice lollies. The children have had a fantastic year and they fully deserved their end of year treat! Head on over to Class Dojo to see some pictures from the party!

This week the children also made their own playdough as part of our Maths learning on measurement. They followed the recipe carefully and were so surprised at how easy it was. Lots of children asked for the recipe and we'll be popping it onto Dojo.



Finally, thank you for all your support this year, a super well done to all the Year 1 children on how hard they have worked this year and here's to a fantastic Summer break!

Year 2



What a wonderful final week in Year 2. It has been full of fun and laughter. The children have loved completing collaborative drawings, learning how to play dodgeball and finishing off their sustainable plant pots.

It has been a privilege for us to teach the children this year. They have shown resilience, courage and determination to do well, especially when they had numerous 'special booklets'. We are incredibly proud of them all and what they have achieved.

Thank you to all the parents/carers for all your support this year. We hope you all have a lovely summer!

Year 3

The last full week of term has been a busy, fun one! The children all looked fantastic in their Commonwealth country colours for our fantastic finish. They competed against each other over a selection of rounds using their Commonwealth knowledge!

The children were also treated to DPA Music coming in and performing; hearing and seeing a live band was a wonderful experience. Our children loved seeing their drumming teacher perform on stage too! There was lots of clapping along and getting up to dance! Fun was had by all!

Can I take this opportunity, on behalf of the team, to thank you all for your continued support over the year.

Have a wonderful Summer!



Year 4

It certainly has been a busy final full week in school. Firstly, we were incredibly impressed with the Year 6's performance. It was transparent how much hard work that had gone into it and it showed.

Secondly, we rocked away in the Dudley Performing Arts concert on Tuesday. It was extra special seeing Mr Kay (our visiting music teacher) playing in the band. Lots of fun was had and lots of singing and dancing too!

Finally, as this term comes shortly to a close, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support over this year. The end of year 4 assessments highlighted the progress children have made this year and they can now make the journey down the corridor to Year 5 feeling confident and ready.

Have a wonderful summer break.
Take care and best wishes.

Year 5

It has been our last full week in Year 5 and we have had an amazing time together!

This week, we enjoyed our transition day, where we met our new teachers; we watched the Year 6 performance, which was fantastic; we loved seeing the DPA music concert, which inspired us all to be rockstars; and even made our very own comic strips.

However, the highlight of this week most certainly has to be our Sports Day on Thursday. The children were incredible, participating in every event with courage, respect for their peers and resilience. All of the teachers are incredibly proud of their achievements and how they shone - they were all super stars!



Year 6

Well what a brilliant last full week at Colley Lane Primary Academy for the children.

It has been jam packed this week!

We performed our play to the school on Tuesday and to parents, grand parents, aunts, uncles and everyone in between on Wednesday and Thursday.

Well, what can I say? How amazing were they? They blew the roof off with their performance didn't they? The children worked so hard to learn their lines and they grew into their roles as the term went on. Well done to all children, we are so proud of them.

On Wednesday, we watched DPA (the musicians that teach musical instruments to children in the school) in the hall as they performed as a band. All the children enjoyed dancing and even singing along to the songs.

Finally, we ended with our Sport's Day! What fun! Well done to all children that took part.

On Monday next week it is our Leavers Party (Colley Lane Fest) from 5-7pm. On Tuesday, it is our Leavers Assembly at 9:10am. We hope to see you there!


Thank-you for all your support with all the Year 6 activities over the last few weeks and for your support over the year.

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

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

NURS	RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Henry (Full-time)	All of RR	All of RTW	Megan	Shaheer	Alice	Freya	William	Tyler-Jay	
Daisy (AM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Eva (PM)	Isla	Fergus	Kaydon	Clara	Lucia	Rhys	Dax	Jake	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Harrison	Zoe	Ashley	Ewan	Jacob	Armaan	Inaaya	Bethany	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Violet	Esme	Antonia	Lexi	Dan	Olly	Isabella	Seb	

Club News

Thank you to everyone for all your support for clubs this year. We have had an amazing year both in sports and the performing arts. The children have learnt lots of new skills and hopefully they will return to clubs next year or join many clubs at their high schools.

Check out our [After School Newsletter: Summer 2 2023](#)

Pre-loved Uniform

We do now have a pre-loved school uniform rail that all parents are invited to use. It is located in the entrance to school. Ask the office for sizes.



Don't forget to check the website and our social media accounts for more information:

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