

Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely whole school assembly today to mark the end of the half-term but more importantly to say a huge thank you to Mrs Carter who retires today after 27 years at Colley Lane. She helped give out Praise Awards and we found out that over her time here, she had travelled over 205,200 miles to work - that 8 times around the world! We wish her every happiness.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Space Competition. The entrance hall was filled with models and posters and Mrs Whiteley and Mrs Wicks have an incredibly hard job picking the winners over half-term. Everyone who entered has received a certificate today and I can only encourage more people to take part in the next theme competition that comes up over the year.

I have a couple of general reminders;

- Voting for new LAB Parents has opened. Please take the time to read the applicant's notes. Voting closes on Wednesday 2nd November.
- We are holding our first PTA meeting on Wednesday 2nd November at 5:15pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome and thank you to the parents who have already expressed interest.
- If your child is in Year 6, please make sure you have completed your secondary choice form by Monday 31st October.
- The After School newsletter is attached.

We also have a few congratulations to make. Last week, we were 5th out of all the schools in Dudley for the "Walk To School" initiative so well done to everyone who continues to take part. Keep it up and I wonder if we can make it to the top spot? We also say congratulations to Miss Marsh who works in EYFS who is getting married this week and returns to school after the holiday as Mrs Smith. We wish her and her family a wonderful day. I have also given out a Headteachers Award today to Piper-Bleu in Y3. She stepped up earlier this week to support the Cross-country team when another pupil couldn't make it. This is a competition for mostly Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and Piper-Bleu not only stepped up to help but came an impressive 34th out of 90! Fantastic!

Finally I would like to thank the Y6 girls, Bea, Ruby, Georgia and Jorgie for the fantastic artwork that they have produced for everyone to see outside my office. I wonder if we should paint school like this?

Have a wonderful holiday and see you all on Monday 31st October.

Kind regards,
Mr Dominic Simpson.



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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am responsible
- I can communicate clearly



What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

What a wonderful first half term we have had in Nursery! The children have all returned or started Nursery really well and have settled into the new routines seamlessly. We have spent a lot of time embedding our rules and encouraging children to share and take turns with their peers. We will continue to work on this during next half term as well as beginning to introduce our ASPIRE mountain characteristics.

In WCR this week we revealed that our new story was 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We introduced a few adventurous words from our story using actions and words to support the children's understanding. The children learnt the words shimmering, emerged and delighted. Why not ask your child if they can remember our actions? You could also use the following link to revisit the story with them: [The Rainbow Fish](#) or watch a short film version of the story here: [The Rainbow Fish Short Film](#)



In phonics this week we have been working on using our listening ears and tuning into rhyme and rhythm. We have sang some of our favourite nursery rhymes as well as listened carefully to instructions whilst singing 'This is the way we...' and 'If you're happy and you know it'. The children have worked really hard on their good listening this half term and have enjoyed singing lots of songs.



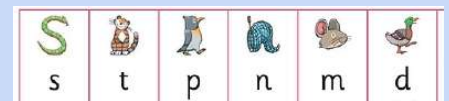
In maths this week we have been working on position. The children have been learning new positional vocabulary to explain where the teddy was sitting and we worked together to create a map to take us from the carpet to the nursery garden. Children have been introduced to the language on top of, behind, in front of, under, next to, in between, through and around. You could support your child with this by playing the following YouTube clip: [Where's the monkey?](#) or by speaking to your child about how they get to school, the shop or their nan's.

Thank you for the continued support and we hope you all have a fantastic half term.

Reception

Reception children have had fantastic first half term at school. They have settled well into school routines and have started to make new friends. Children have worked hard this term to make sure they have kind hands and kind words. We will continue with this next term as well as start to introduce more of our trust aspire character values.

Children have continued with their phonics lessons this week and have now been exposed to the letters s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d. Children have been listening to words and identifying the initial sound and have started to listen and repeat sounds in order so that they can begin to blend the sounds to say a word. This [website](#) may be useful for parents who would like to practise at home.



In maths children have been counting accurately to six and beginning to identify numbers. Children have really enjoyed singing along to nursery rhymes linked to different numbers and acting the rhymes out. Through this we have started to introduce concepts such as more than, less than and taking items away.

All children have been assigned a phonics and maths sheet to their dojo portfolio for you to view and access. On the app, please click on kids, then student login and you will see an assigned activity. However if you would like a printed copy please let a member of staff know.

In whole class reading, children have uncovered the book [Ruby's Worry](#) and have spoken about what they should do if they have a worry and who they could talk to. Share the story at home and talk about what your child could do if they have a worry.

Next term, a group of children will be starting forest school and we also have an exciting parent workshop and some cycling sessions planned. You will start to be receiving letters for these either today or after the holiday.

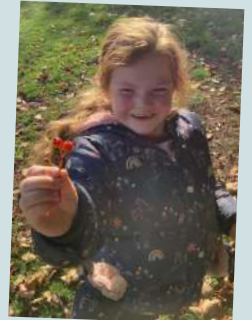
We hope you all have a fantastic holiday and thank you for your support this term.

Year 1

We've come to the end of our first half-term and what a wonderful few weeks it has been. The children have really settled into their new routine and we're all so proud of how hard they have worked. Well done Year 1!



Our final week of the term began with a lovely trip to the local park for our Autumn walk. While the sun shone brightly for 1Y on Monday, 1MS did have to endure some wet weather towards the end of the week! But it didn't dampen their spirits and Mrs McFaul and the team were so proud of how the children in 1MS rose to the challenge.



During our visit the children took on the role of 'Autumn detectives' and were tasked to look out for signs of Autumn. They worked really well to hunt for conkers, pinecones, a variety of leaves and berries. We even spotted a squirrel before it scurried up a tree and out of sight! Why not go for an Autumn walk during the half-term break and see what you can find!

Our Autumn focus continued into English with the children writing some wonderful sentences. For our 'noticing' lens the children were exposed to some wonderful new colour vocabulary, including amber, crimson and emerald, which they used in their sentences when talking about the types of leaves they could see. We also recreated a mini walk in the forest in our own classrooms and had great fun throwing paper leaves up in the air to inspire our 'action' sentences. We were amazed at the fabulous sentences the children wrote!



In WCR we came to the end of our unit on the book [The Koala who Could](#). We were inspired by our Aspire mountain and the character trait of being 'courageous' to write messages to Kevin the Koala urging him to be brave. In our final session we turned illustrators and had a go at drawing [Kevin the Koala](#) by following a step-by-step video from the brilliant illustrator himself Jim Field! We thoroughly enjoyed the activity and it was a wonderful end to a

fabulous reading unit.



Thank you for all your support this half-term and have a wonderful break!

Year 2

As our first half-term together ends, it's been lovely to reflect on what a brilliant start to Year 2 the children have all had. They have all settled incredibly well into their new routines and classes and it's been lots of fun getting to know them all.



The children have been hooked on our historical theme this half term. It was great to hear at parent's evening, about how the children have absorbed lots of wonderful facts about the different pioneers. For our final session, the children became their own pioneers of flight and created their own spacecraft to take people into space. An important part of being a pioneer was wearing our space t-shirts, which the children were very excited about. They



all had wonderfully creative ideas and were able to communicate clearly about why they had chosen different aspects of their design.

We have been wowed by the effort that went into the children's independent writing this week. They children were tasked with retelling the story 'The Way Back Home'. Their writing was wonderful! It includes lots of the descriptive language that we had 'chotted' along the journey. Well done Year 2, your teachers were very proud!

In maths, the children have been using their knowledge of place value to support them when adding and subtracting.

We have had lots of fun in PE this week, playing team games with the parachute. The children had to work together to keep the ball on and off the parachute and swap places with their partners. Our favourite game however was when we had to trap our classmates (and teachers) inside the parachute!



Finally, we are wishing Mrs Carter a happy retirement today. Although we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her to have lots of time for new adventures and to spend quality time with her family, whilst hopefully having a well earned rest too! I'm sure you will all agree, Mrs Carter has been a welcoming, friendly face, who has greeted the Key Stage 1 children into school everyday for the past few years and she is going to be greatly missed by everyone!



Have a wonderful half term!

Year 3

Our first half term has flown by! The children have been working hard on their ASPIRE learner and character traits. We have seen resilience, courage and self quizzing develop over this first half term. A super start everyone!



This week we have come to the end of our History Theme, discovering about life in the Victorian era. The children have reflected back on their learning; what their wow fact was, which aspect did they enjoy learning about the most and what else would they like to find out about the 1800s? We were impressed that so many wanted to continue discovering about the era, half term could be a time to do some independent research to show us!

We completed reading our WCR book - 'The BFG' and were relieved to discover there was a happy ending (no spoilers!) The children have written some lovely book reviews with many awarding it five stars! We start a new book after the holiday! Keep reading reading over the holidays and talking about plot and vocabulary.

In our writing lessons, the children have been authors this week. They have planned and then written independently the final plot point of 'Star in the jar'. It was fantastic to see many children using words/phrases we had worked on together across the half term with our 'vocabulary explosion' approach! Lots of words collected such as: luminous, radiant and glimmering with 'swirling, twirling, coiling and snaking to describe the stars. After half term we will be learning how to write non fiction, so reading this genre over the half term would be helpful.

Our Science topic of 'Rocks and soils' continues next half term. This week the children have been starting to find out about why fossils are so important, where they may be found and handling some real fossils. This will help us when we visit Wrens' Nest next month when the children become fossil finders! A reminder that wellies or walking boots are needed for the trip.

In Maths we have been reading, interpreting data and drawing pictograms and bar charts. The children enjoyed using this interactive game below to read and interpret data.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=barchartv2>

After half term we will be moving to multiplication and division so keep working on TTRS to help.

Have a lovely holiday everyone and see you ready for Autumn 2!

Year 4

And just like that, it is the end of our first half term in Year 4! It has been a wonderful journey so far and we can reflect on lots of great learning experiences and progress made by children.

We have really enjoyed our Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age theme project and it certainly helped by reading the story Stone Age Boy and also by writing our own version of the story. Children and teachers were equally proud of the stories written.

This week we started a new maths unit: multiplication and division. We have explored '*I know*' statements to support our mental maths working out. For example, '*I know $4 \times 6 = 24$, so I also know $40 \times 6 = 240$ and $400 \times 6 = 2,400$.*' Teachers have been really impressed with how quickly children have applied this concept. We have also explored distributive law and worked out how to break down trickier multiplication problems into manageable steps.

In English, we started our non-fiction writing project. Children are working towards creating a travel brochure for Skara Brae which will link to our recent theme history work. During reading, we finished our whole-class reading book - James and The Giant Peach. Children were so engaged during the whole of this book, we held daily book talks and answered a range of questions about each chapter. Children are already excited about what our next book will be.

A massive well done to everyone for our first half term together. We wish everyone a relaxing break and will look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 31st October.

Year 5

How time flies when you are having fun! We have now finished off the first half term with another fabulous week, celebrating the end of our first theme and a fantastic start to the year.

A definite highlight for this week has been our Ancient Greek Day, where pupils were invited to attend school dressed as Ancient Grecians. Wow! What a fabulous day we had! The pupils' costumes were incredible and we loved seeing them all excited and raring to celebrate a Theme they have absolutely loved. In the afternoon, parents attended an interactive workshop, where the pupils presented their work from across the half term and painted their very own Greek pottery. Such a fantastic experience!

In Whole Reader this week, we have joined Danny on his adventures into the woods with his father, excited to find out all about his poaching experience. The children are really enjoying this Roald Dahl classic and can't wait to see what happens at the end of the book.

In Writing, the children have been exploring poetry this week, investigating the work of Kit Wright and his poem 'The Magic Box'. This is such a fantastic piece of writing and has really inspired our pupils to be creative in their own poetry pieces. All of the staff have been extremely impressed!

Science this week had us exploring whether the Earth is spherical or flat. We looked at different arguments for both theories, including the work of Greek philosopher Aristotle, who measured shadows to prove that the Earth was a sphere. It was incredibly interesting to debate the ideas as a class to prove which was correct.

A quick reminder that our trip to the National Space Centre is on the 9th November - please ensure all payments have been made for this. If you have any questions or queries regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 5 team or the office.

The Year 5 team wish you a wonderful half term holiday; Happy Diwali to all those celebrating and enjoy Halloween! We look forward to seeing you all when we return.



Year 6

What a hard working first term we have had! Well done to the majority of children who have worked to the best of their ability, earned Class Dojos and set a great example in their prefect roles.

In history, children researched different gods for their final lesson. After this, the children completed the Ancient Egyptian theme with an afternoon on 'Now Press Play' which is a virtual reality headset that enables the children to take part in a reenactment of the Ancient Egyptian times and learn through drama and role play activities. In addition, the children were also able to reveal their mummified tomatoes this week to see if the tomato had dehydrated which it had! As well as this, children played Egyptian games!

In English, we have rounded off our week half term with writing a setting description based on the shop that Ronald Dahl visited as a child when he was at school. The children wrote lovely descriptions of Mrs Pratchett, who according to Ronald Dahl was a miserable old hag! Here are some examples of children's writing;

The scrumptious, sugary scent of heavenly sweets filled my nose making me smile at its wonderful aroma; the shiny sweet jars glistened like beautiful stars in an inky, black midnight sky.

As I tasted a sweet, a dirty old hag stared menacingly at me; her skin was shrivelled like an onion.

The smell of coffee aromas wafted through the air; delectable and delightful toffee apples danced around the sunlit shop; chocolate drops twirled around the room.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents and carers that attended our Parent Evenings. From this, we have sent a letter out to you this week regarding homework expectations for after half-term. We will also post this information on Class Dojo for you to see. We hope that you are able to support your child at home with the information provided.

Mental Wealth Task : It's the year zero. You've just invented something called school. Sell the idea to the person next to you.

Have a restful holiday and we will see you on Monday 31st October!

Pupil Achievements



Well done to Indi Heeley-Smith in 3H who won player of the match on Saturday for her team Starz Academy Tigers U8's. Super work Indi!

Bailey-Joe completed his first cross country run for Halesowen Athletics Club on Sunday, he did really well and really enjoyed himself. Well done Bailey!




Well done to William in 5C, who has demonstrated great determination and dedication at his cricket club recently. Congratulations on your multiple awards!




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

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

NURS	RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Hafsa (AM)	Poppy	Aleeza	Bobby	Rosie	Jacob	Sophie B	William	Alyvia-Mae	
Oscar (PM)	Jonah	Ellie	Mariam	Thayne	Alaa	Jacob	Nehan	Ella-Mae	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Kushman	Haitham	Ellis	Omer	Caleb	Frankie-Louise	Jacob	Olivia	
4H	4A	5K	5C	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Esme	Claudia	Sofia	Kyle	Harrison	Mia-May	Nehan	Veronika	

Key Dates

- Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - October Half Term
- Monday 31st October - Flu immunisation in school
- Tuesday 8th November - 3W Trip to Wrens Nest Nature Reserve
- Wednesday 9th November - Year 5 Trip to National Space Centre
- Monday 14th November (Morning) - Photo Retakes
- Tuesday 15th November - 3H Trip to Wrens Nest Nature Reserve
- Friday 2nd December - INSET Day - School Closed
- Thursday 12th January - Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Town Hall to see The Gruffalo
- Friday 13th January - Young Voices Concert (For selected children)



Reminders

School Photos

Please order your school photos online before **Sunday 30th October** to get free delivery back to school. Alternatively you can return the form to school by **Monday 31st October**. Photo retakes will be taken on Monday 14th November for those children who were absent.

Breakfast / Afterschool Club

Can we please remind you to book in for clubs on ParentMail at least 48 hours in advance. For emergencies, please call the office to book in.

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.

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. We have a new menu starting after October half term, please see **Week 1 Menu**:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	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 Served with Sweetcorn and Salad	-	-	-
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

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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

At Colley Lane we understand that sometimes children need to be absent from school and we do not expect children to come to school if they are too ill. We cannot however authorise absence for reasons such as parent or sibling illness, lack of sleep, refusing to attend school, holidays, birthdays or visiting relatives.

If you are unsure if you should keep your child off school with their illness or not, there is guidance available on this from the NHS which you can access [here](#). This guidance refers to a high temperature, this is a high temperature when measured with a thermometer and not when feeling warm/hot to the touch.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to support you however we can.

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

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

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

News....

Adult Learning Classes

Colley Lane will be restarting the Adult Classes this term. The classes are run by Dudley Adult Learning. We have had such a great outcome from the classes that were run last academic year and many learners have achieved a new qualification and are ready to move up to the next level. Classes will take place at Our Hive (formerly Little Colliers) opposite the school.

We are offering Functional English on Mondays and Functional Maths on Tuesdays from 1 p.m - 3 p.m

Functional Maths will start on Monday 3rd of October and Functional English on Tuesday 4th October. It is required that the learner is at least Entry 2 level to access the course.

If you would like to join any of the classes above, please could you fill in the google form below or if you prefer, phone the school office and leave a message for me with your name, number and the course you would like to attend. Please bring a form of ID to the first session which will be enrolment.

Functional Maths: Mondays

<https://forms.gle/jQJRkkHGEx7WCRJq5>

Functional English: Tuesdays

<https://forms.gle/BJZaKpGSXDhsgA3A9>

Walk to School

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

Local Events



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Venues & Dates

- Sun 23rd Oct - Solihull**
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- Mon 24th Oct - Burton-on-Trent**
Shobnall Leisure Complex - DE14 2BB
- Tue 25th Oct - Walsall Wood**
Oak Park Active Living Centre - WS9 9BH
- Wed 26th Oct - Stourbridge**
Crystal Leisure Centre - DY8 1AE
- Thurs 27th Oct - Cannock**
Chase Leisure Centre - WS11 4AL
- Fri 28th Oct - Bloxwich**
Bloxwich Active Living Centre - WS3 2DA

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We've developed a Programme that's run by Highly Qualified and Experienced Coaches who encourage children to improve their physical skills whilst all the time having fun and being active.
Please find below our action packed camps at Our Lady & St Kenelm Primary School which can be booked online or by phone.

Dates & Prices **9:00am - 3:00pm**

Venue Our Lady and St Kenelm Primary School - MultiSports Camp

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October
5 days - £65 • 4 days - £55 • 3 days - £45 • 2 days - £35 • 1 day - £20

Get an Early Bird 10% discount when you book before Friday 14th October when booking 4 or 5 days
*Discounts can be taken over the phone and online orders. *Limited spaces available.

Additional information
Our qualified coaches are Fully Insured, First Aid Trained and DBS Enhanced
Checked to work with Children.
All Children must bring a packed lunch including drinks for each day.
All Children must wear suitable clothing and footwear to be able to take part in the planned sessions.

Booking information
Book Online by Visiting our Website at www.sportspusscheme.com/wdw (Walsall, Dudley and Wolverhampton)
Book Over the Phone by Calling Us on 07305 035067.
We take all Major Debit & Credit Cards. Unfortunately No Refunds are available once payment has been received.

Trophy & Award Presentations will take place on Fridays at the end of each holiday course week at 3.30pm

To Book Your Place Contact Our Regional Manager, Luke Peniket
07305 035067 | luke@sportspusscheme.com
Or Book Online - sportspusscheme.com/wdw
- Walsall, Dudley & Wolverhampton -

Sports Plus Scheme Croft House, 47 High Street, Aldridge, Walsall W59 8NL

The Kindness Corner

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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/>

Please find their shortage list below:

LOW STOCK FOOD AND TOILETRIES
17/10/22

1LTR CARTONS OF UHT MILK
1LTR CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE-CONCENTRATE
PACKETS OF SAVOURY RICE
TINNED FRUIT
FRAY BENTOS PIES
TINNED CORNED BEEF
CANS OF CHOPPED TOMATOES
CANS OF SOUP
JAM/MARMALADE
TOILET ROLL
DEODORANT
WASHING UP LIQUID
SHAMPOO
SHOWER GEL

Action for Happiness

Optimistic October 2022

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month.	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time).	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you.	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list.	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good.	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better.	7 Look for the good in people around you today.
8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding.	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust.	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently.	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward.	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today.	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing.	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation.
15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted.	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting.	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society.	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead.	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future.	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time.	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you.
22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague.	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise.	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently.	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face.	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time.	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?
29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to.	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future.	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month.				

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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

Sports and music Clubs

Colley Lane Club News

After seven weeks of training twice a week at 8 o'clock in the morning our boys and girls cross country teams went to Newfield Park on Tuesday night for the annual Halesowen Cross Country race. The children had a lot of nerves but after walking the course with Mrs Knowles and Mr Blount and doing some warm up stretches they were ready to run in front of the large eager crowd. The boys race went off first and our boys put in a great team performance with 6 of them finishing in the top 35 out of about 90 runners, this was enough to give them a 3rd place finish. Then it was time for the girls race and again it was a great team performance with 7 of them finishing in the top 40, meaning we finished in 2nd place. A very special mention to Raniyah in year 5 who finished in 2nd place, what an amazing achievement.

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>
Monday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country (8.00)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15) Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)* JSB	£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

PTA

Colley Lane Primary Academy

6 reasons why your PTA really matters

"I love to see my mum in school helping at the fun events the PTA run for us."

1. For the kids

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

"Through being a part of the PTA I've really got to know the school and have confidence in how to fit in."

2. It builds trust

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

"It's great that we finally have some decent kit at school for a change."

3. It raises welcome funds

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

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"It felt great when the head teacher asked the PTA for our views on the new school uniform policy. It made me feel listened to."

4. It gives you a voice

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

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

5. It forges connections beyond the school gates

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

"I've been able to use my design skills to help the school, it feels great to be able to make a difference."

6. It's good for you!

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

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