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Newsletter - 18th February 2022

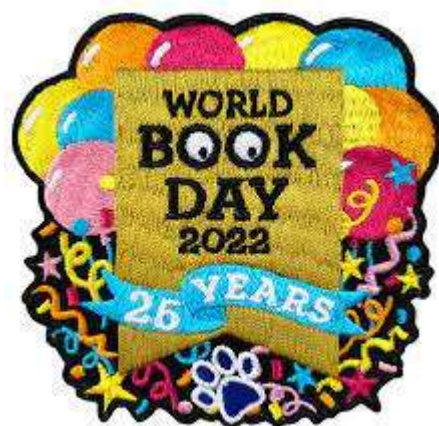
Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and long half-term and I know that children, parents and staff will be looking forward to the break next week. As a school we would like to thank you for all your support over the last 7 weeks which has possibly been the hardest to manage since the pandemic began. You may or may not have been aware that we have had a number of staffing challenges due to Covid this half-term and that we have tried to ensure that disruption to learning was kept at a minimum whilst avoiding the need to close classes. The staff have been outstanding and we are hoping for a return to normal staffing routines after the break. We do thank you for your understanding and patience particularly in those classes that have been affected the most.

Sporting events are back up and running which is great, and this week we have had a number of children representing Colley Lane in hockey and cross-country. The full reports are lower down in the newsletter but particular mention must go to Jack and Lilia in Y4 who took part in the Y5/Y6 cross country and finished very high up the leaderboard. Well done and well done to all our teams.

Just a reminder that we have World Book Day to look forward to after the half-term. This year it is taking place on Thursday 3rd March, 2022. To celebrate and participate in this important day, children and staff alike are invited to dress up as their favourite story character. Prizes will be awarded across the school for the most inventive costumes. We're particularly keen to encourage children to really challenge their imagination by designing and making their own homemade costumes where possible. You might find this link useful for ideas:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>



As you know we have aligned ourselves to local charities this year but also know that children like to celebrate the national Charity events as well so with that in mind we will be asking for a small donation on Red Nose Day (Friday 18th March). Children can come in non-uniform with something red. Thank you for all the donations towards the Black Country Food Bank. Our latest donation was 67 kgs of food which will provide 134 meals to families in need.

Thank you once again for your continued support and making Colley Lane the community that it is. Have a peaceful half-term whatever you are doing and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 28th February at 8:40am.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I can be collaborative
- I am responsible



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Key Dates

- Monday 21st February -25th February -Spring Half Term
- Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day
- Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day (Non Uniform Day - Wear something Red)
- Tuesday 29th March - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 30th March - Dance Festival at Stourbridge Town Hall
- Thursday 31st March Parents Evening
- Tuesday 5th April Year 6 Trip to Cadbury World
- Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 16th May - Young Voices Concert
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Summer Half Term
- Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th June - Year 6 PGL Residential Trip
- Thursday 23rd June - Dance 'Frozen' Theatre Trip to London
- Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September - Summer Holidays



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

Tuck Money - KS2

Can parents please check their ParentMail account to make sure there is money if they would like their child to have tuck at break time. Please note that this also applies to families who receive free school meals. Items are 30p each and there is a range of food available.

Coats

Can we remind all parents / carers to make sure children bring a coat to school with their name on. We do still have limited coats available to buy from the school office for just £5.

Uniform

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

PE

All children are to come into school with their PE kits on their PE days.

Parking

Can we remind you that the car park is for **staff only**. Please use alternative parking when bringing / collecting your child from school.

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. Week after half term is **Week 2 Menu, please see below:**

Lunch Menu					
Week 2 - Mains					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Veggie Bolognese **(V)	Pork Sausage with Mashed potato and Gravy	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
Alternative Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza ** with Dough Balls (V) Cheesy Tomato Topped Pizza Slice	Quorn Sausage With Mashed potato and Gravy	Quorn Roast with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry (V) ** Served with Wholemeal Rice	Tomato Veggie Burger with Chips (V) A delicious homemade veggie burger
Salads	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Grated Carrot				
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato A Choice Of Fillings				
Pasta	Tomato Pasta ** (V) A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta				
Vegetables	Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks	Peas Broccoli	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
Desserts	Apple and Berry Crumble with Custard	Fruit Flapjack	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice-Cream
Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread and Yoghurt available daily					
*Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian					

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.

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

If your child tests positive for Covid:

The isolation period has now changed to 5 full days, if they test negative with a lateral flow test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

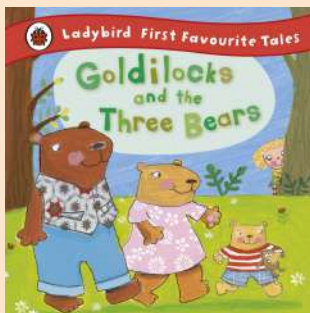
The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two Lateral Flow tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been thinking about the people we love and how we can be kind to others. We spoke about Valentine's Day and why it is a special day and the children have been enjoying a range of activities about love and kindness. They have had the opportunity to make valentines cards, collage a heart and even make love potions in the outside area. We have also looked at our respectful and compassionate character virtues from the ASPIRE mountain to support our work.



In WCR this week we revealed our new book, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We introduced the new vocabulary words, porridge, pardon and peckish with actions to help the children remember each word. We then read the book together and used role play masks to act out the story.

In maths this week we have been recapping our previous learning on 2D and 3D shape, encouraging children to use the correct mathematical vocabulary to describe them as well as identifying real life 3D objects. We have also worked on our number recognition and subitising skills.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term break!

Reception

This week the children have been focusing on love and kindness. They have been writing cards to their friends, making hearts out of playdoh, weaving hearts and using kind words about their friends. They have also been using new vocabulary, which has been sent on class dojo, related to being compassionate.

The children have also been grouping amounts and using language, same different, groups of, equal and unequal. Have a go at home, grouping toys into equal and unequal groups and encourage your child to explain why the groups are equal or unequal.

The children have also been creating their own Three Little Pigs story books. They have carefully created a front cover and created story maps inside. The children have really enjoyed retelling the story using actions and words and also drawing their story maps.

We hope you have a lovely half term and just a reminder that after half term reception children will be visiting Our Hive to celebrate pancake day.

Year 1



Wow, we have already reached the end of the first half term of 2022! Time flies when you are having fun, so the saying goes.

We reached the end of our whole class reading book for this term, *The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters*. This week we made a story map of the story, sequencing the places the postman visited. The children have really enjoyed the book. Having the letters to find and read was extra special.

We continued looking at shape in our Art lesson and this week focussed on Wassily Kandinsky. He was a famous abstract artist and created, "squares with concentric circles." The children had a go at painting their own square with concentric circles. They look great and we have put them together to produce one collaborative piece

We had an exciting PE. lesson this week as Mr. Blount got the wall bars out. The children had an opportunity to explore the ladders and had great fun climbing. They showed lots of courage, great climbing skills and worked very responsibly.

Some of our bean seeds have grown and we will be sending them home with the children. We will be continuing with our Science theme after half term so encourage them to spot the deciduous and evergreen trees and any bulbs that may be starting to grow!

Have a great half term week!

Year 2

What a fantastic final week to conclude a lovely half term.

This week the children were set a challenge to write a story independently, based on a picture stimulus. All of the children carefully planned, edited and improved their writing. It was lovely to see the children take pride in their writing and share it with their peers.



In maths, the children have been introduced to the column method to add 2 digit numbers. They had to make sure they were organised when presenting their calculations and make sure they were starting with their ones. After half term, we will be focusing on using this method to subtract.

On Thursday, we were so excited to go and visit 'Our Hive'. As well as making our delicious pizzas (which we designed), we also explored the new space. We played board games, did a Draw with Rob and played with their different toys. Thank you Miss Hunt and Mrs Shuker, we really enjoyed ourselves!

During our first week back, we have World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd of March**. We cannot wait to see the children's fantastic costumes, whether they are homemade, recycled or brand new! We have a day jam packed with fun activities! As we have World Book Day on our usual PE day, can the children come to school in their PE kits on **Monday 28th February**.

We hope you all have a great half term!

Year 3

We have finished reading 'Goth girl and the ghost of a mouse' in our Whole class reading lessons this week. The children really enjoyed reading about Ada, Lord Goth and the strange visitors who came to take part in the indoor hunt. Lots of fun was had acting out some of the vocabulary we weren't sure about. Keep reading at home and finding out the meanings of words you don't know. We are looking forward to starting our new class book after the holiday!



In DT the children completed their photo frames by measuring, cutting and attaching the stand to the frame. They then evaluated their work and discussed what went well and what they would improve if they did it again. The children were excited to take their work home to hopefully display a photo in it and see if it actually did the intended job!

The children all really impressed us in P.E this week. They have been working on their hockey skills this half term; learning to pass, block, dribble, defend and attack. This week they played a mini hockey game and the standard was impressive. They really have done well learning how to put their skills to use in a game.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you ready for Spring 2.

Year 4

What a great term we have had in Year 4 with your children! It has been a long term and the children have shown great resilience to achieve so much!

What have we achieved this week?

We finished reading our book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' which all the children thoroughly enjoyed! The book was very long but extremely accessible for all the children to read out loud in class. Many children enjoyed the incidents with Brendan-the-Bully and the style the author wrote in.

All classes have worked to the very best of their ability in Maths this week. The children became unstuck when we used number lines to convert minutes to hours, days to weeks and months to years. Some children also used their times tables to work out the conversions! Telling the time is a key life skill that children need to know so please keep helping your child to tell the time at home!

It would be safe to say that Design and Technology was the best lesson this week for the children. They used their culinary skills to make Valentine's Chocolate bars. The children have investigated favourite chocolate bars, designed and annotated designs, made a chocolate bar, designed packaging and evaluated their products. Well done and I hope the children enjoyed their creations!



We hope you all have a restful holiday and we will see you on Monday 28th February!

Year 5

It has been yet another busy week in Year 5. We have been up to so much!

This week, we were finally able to make our marble runs. After weeks of practising the necessary skills such as joining, making bridges and learning how to make a freestanding structure, we put them all together and what a result. The children worked collaboratively in teams, and produced some marvellous marble runs. After making them, we evaluated what went well and what we could have done better.



In writing we have written two different types of poems. One was an active and passive poem, where there are two lines in each verse; one of the lines is active and the next is the same but written in the passive voice. The second poem we learnt about was a Haiku poem, which originates from Japan. Each verse has 3 lines, which follow a 5-7-5 syllable structure. The first line has 5 syllables, the second has 7 and the third has 5. All of the children worked so hard.

Today, to celebrate finishing our class book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, we had a fantastic finish theme day. The children came into school wearing something related to the book, whether that be bright clothing or a crown (to represent the Queen)! We watched the film and compared similarities and differences to the book. Of course, we had to try some yummy jam tarts and we also created our own mini croquet games.

We hope you have a brilliant half term week.

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a calm week to end the half term. They have really shown their commitment and dedication to their learning this half term and the Year 6 team are really looking forward to continuing this excellent learning next after the holiday.

In English this week, we have focused on utilising a range of sentence structures and grammatical techniques to write an information text. The children had previously researched their own role models and inspirational people; they used this to inform their writing and create a biography on their chosen person. The children worked really hard on these, demonstrating a range of skills and techniques. We were really impressed!

In Art, the children have been focusing on the work of Valery Koshlyakov, a Russian artist who uses cardboard as the main element in his work. The children used their cardboard to create a piece of 3D architecture, layering the card and coloured tissue to create the image. Following this, they added further detail to their pieces using charcoal and chalk. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and were so innovative with their ideas. We hope you enjoy seeing their work on Class Dojo.



Just a reminder for after half term - we are looking forward to World Book Day on 3rd March. We can't wait to see all of the children's exciting costumes (whether bought or home-made) and are really looking forward to a day celebrating reading.

We wish you a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 28th February.

Other News....

Netflix Age Ratings

You will be aware that Netflix is hugely popular across all ages but there have been concerns in relation to age ratings and the type of content that is recommended to viewers. Like many other services, Netflix uses algorithms to determine what you might like to watch based on viewing history, what you have liked etc.

Since last year, Netflix has been working with the BBFC and 100% of the content on Netflix is now age-rated to BBFC classification standards. It is the first UK streaming service to accomplish this.

Here is a guide on how to set up a child account and choose maturity ratings. [Parental controls on Netflix](#)

Colley Lane Website

If you haven't already, please take the time to look at our new website at <https://www.colley.dudley.sch.uk/>

You will be able to find all the information that you need about our school including key information, news and dates and parent information.

Audio Books

Audio books are a fantastic way to engage readers and offer a perfect opportunity to enjoy sharing a book with your son or daughter at home. Sooper Books very kindly donated their entire library of audio books for children to enjoy at school so we will be enjoying these in our lessons. If you wish to dip into a sample of these books at home, please access them via our school website on the following link:

<https://www.colleylanepriamary.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/reading-at-home/>

Here you will find a range of award-winning fairy tales, bedtime stories, fables and poems. Some of the titles are samples and there a few stories which are free to access all of the time.

We would like to thank Sooper Books for their generous donation. If you would like to sign up for a membership to Sooper Books from home, they are currently offering a 1 week free trial or a £3.00 monthly subscription.

Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre

A great opportunity to support your child to develop their confidence when cycling.
Open to primary school aged children and their parents/carers. Bring your own bikes.

Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre

'Bikeability' - Bite-size Family Learning session

Details: Support your child to develop their confidence when cycling. Learn simple cycle maintenance and give your child the opportunity to achieve their Level 1 Bikeability Award. Suitable for primary age children and their parents/carers. You will need to bring your own bikes.

Date: Wednesday 23rd February 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Venue: Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre. DY2 0DB

Cost: FREE

Contact: 01384 818143 to book or email acl@dudley.gov.uk



Pupil Achievements

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday children:



RDW	RY	1N	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Finley	Bradley	Lilly-Mai	Tatum	Zachary	Libbie	Isla	Seth	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	6O	6S
Meya	Grace V	Lilia	Dolcie	Jack	Rhys	Charlotte	Jessica	James



Massive well done to Piper-Blêu 2E and Ellena 2D who shared Player of the Match last Saturday, all the girls played amazing as always!



Please email achievements to info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

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/>

Diary Dates

Spring Half Term

Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Return to school Monday 28th February 2022

Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022

Return to school Monday 25th April 2022

Summer Half Term

Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Return to school on Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Holidays

Monday 25th July 2022 to Friday 2nd Sept 2022

Return to school on Monday 5th September 2022

Bank Holidays

New Year – Monday 3rd January 2022

May Day – Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset days to be confirmed

Sports Clubs

Colley Lane Sports Club News

A wow week for Colley Lane sport with two competitions entered and great skills, determination and sportsmanship on show. 16 of our year 5 and 6 went to Windsor on Monday for a thrilling hockey competition where we came 2nd and 4th and played some brilliant hockey. Then on Thursday 12 children went to the Dudley Cross Country to race against 20 other primary schools. The boys team finished 5th and the girls team 9th but some of our individual performances were brilliant with Jack from year 4 finishing in 5th place and 6 other children finishing in the top 50. Well done everyone for your amazing efforts and great sportsmanship, something we really pride ourselves on.

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 Clubs				
	Before school (Start time)	Cost	After school (Finish time)	Cost
Monday	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Cross Country (8.00)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) YR, Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)* JSB	£1.00 £3.00
Tuesday	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Tri Golf (8.10)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Netball (4.15)	£1.00
			Y3, Y4 and Y6 Dance (4.15)	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00
Wednesday	Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00)* JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Basketball (4.15) Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB	£1.00
	Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00)* JSB	£2.00		£3.00
Thursday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.10)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Rounders (4.15)	£1.00
			Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)	£1.00
			Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00
			Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
Friday	YR, Y1 & Y2 Football (8.00) * JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB	£3.00



Big Bounce 2022
EVENTS www

Wednesday 23rd Feb
Crystal Leisure Centre
Bell St, Stourbridge DY8 1AE

Unlimited Play on a Arena Full of
Supervised Inflatables & Interactive Games
Fun Sessions for Primary School Children & their Siblings

BOOK NOW!
www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk

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.