



NEWSLETTER



Coleshill CE Primary

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW TERM OF LEARNING!

4 WEEK COUNTDOWN...



As you will have seen from yesterday's letter we have now launched our new mobile App. The School Jotter App is available to download for free from your usual App store.

Please take the time to download the App so that you can be kept up to date with newsletters and instant messages. The printed paper newsletter will be phase out at the end of January with the 31st January issue being the final one printed and sent home. For those unable to access the App there will be paper copies available at the school office which can be provided on request.

Visitor for Year 3 China Day

On Tuesday, Year 3 had a wonderful time discovering information about China.

A visitor came into school to teach them Tai Chi, and they learnt 'Shibashi', otherwise known as 'Taiji Qigong', which includes 18 simple exercises. They also had the opportunity to taste Chinese food, use Chinese Calligraphy skills, make Chinese masks and draw Chinese dragons.



Children in Year 3 practice their Tai Chi moves

Dates for your Diary Y4 Warwick 17th January Castle Trip 21st January Manor Adventure 6pm Meeting for parents PTFA Meet-21st January 5.45pm ina **INSET DAY** 22nd July

New Positive Attendance Scheme

On Monday children who had 100% attendance for this week will be awarded their first raffle ticket for our exciting new scheme. Each week every child has a new opportunity to add a potential winning ticket into the draw.

When it gets to Easter, one lucky winner will be riding a new bike for the holidays!



<u>Attendance</u>

w/c 17/12/18 RL 90.38

RW 96.40 1J 93.79

1B 93.79

2R 95.86

2C 96.55

3BM 95.67

3R 96.79 4B 97.93

4C 98.71

5JG 90.97

5G 95.67

6F 95.71

6J 94.83

Whole School so far this term 94.86

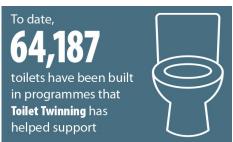
National 96.1

We are supporting toilet twinning.org

As part of Year 5's RE topic, 'People of God', we have learned how and why Christians choose to help people who are in need.

Toilet Twinning is a charity that provides villages with a working sanitation system, and for only £60, we can donate and 'twin' one of our toilets with a village in need. Every day next week, we will be selling cakes

to try to raise money towards this. As it's something our pupils feel really strongly about they would really value your support. This could be either sending in some cakes for us to sell or giving your child 50p to spend at our stall. Thanks for your support.



Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child with a water bottle for the class-room. These should contain water only and return home regularly for cleaning. Standard water bottles are available at the school office for purchasing at £1.50

For more information on our extended Newsletter, please download our app so that you can see additional items.





Academies Trust

As we settle into 2019, we'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on some of our developments during the autumn term.

Growing in partnership

At the start of the new academic year we became part of the Birmingham Diocesan Academies Trust.

Joining this group of schools lead by the Birmingham Diocese, (who

have been a valued partner of ours as a Church of England School for many years), enables us to work together with a shared commitment to providing a high quality education with a Christian ethos for children of the local community of any faith or none. We have increased opportunities for collaboration to share best practice and learning, and benefit from strong centralised support.

The values for which the trust stands are closely aligned to ours and are based on our distinctiveness as a Church of England school. One of the main aims is to ensure our pupils and staff enjoy life in all its fullness. We are delighted to be part of such a forward thinking, aspirational and supportive trust who share our commitment to becoming the best that we can be. To find out more, visit www.bdatschools.com.

A chance to reflect

We have been developing our "pop-up prayer space" concept which first launched during the summer. During one special week each half term staff transform an area of the school into a quiet



and relaxing space for prayer, thought and reflection, with a variety of fun, creative and sensory activities based around a particular theme. Previously children focused on bringing and leaving their worries at the prayer space. Most recently the focus has been on the Lord's Prayer.

These kind of events are part of what helps us live our values as a Church of England school, where Christian love and commitment are expressed in everyday life. We extend an invitation to family members to come and explore our prayer space with their children at the end of the day, and we have received really positive feedback about the value they have found in sharing this quality time together.



Breaking new ground

As our school continues to grow, we are pleased to report our latest building project to create a new Year 1 classroom is due for completion in the spring.

We are now two form entry from Reception to Year 6, and the governors are delighted to have been able to extensively develop the school and nursery buildings over the last decade without compromising on our fantastic outside space which gives our children a safe space for plenty of fun and fresh air all year round.

Unfortunately, the date for completion has been pushed back slightly by the contractors to the 15th March due to a number of working days lost for either rain or temperatures being below 5 degrees (not allowing brick laying). We look forward to Miss Blake and her class being able to move into their new home soon after this new handover date.

Thinking of others

Finally, thank you to everyone who took time to think of and help others through our different charity activities. Most recently this Christmas time with our shoebox donation to the Operation Christmas Child charity appeal, helping to bring joy to children in need around the world.



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Stagecoach at High Meadow Infant School



Weekly Classes





