



# COLESHILL C OF E PRIMARY

Inspiring our children to flourish and enjoy "Life in all its fullness" (John 10:10)

## NEWSLETTER

### SELF-CONTROL

With God's love, we stop and think about our feelings and actions, so we keep ourselves and others learning and safe.

*"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: ... self-control." (Galatians 5: 22)*

### This week's House Points totals

Blue Elephants	Green Giraffes	Red Pandas	Yellow Leopards
351	284	340	343

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5th July 2019

### Dates for your Diary

Y6 Leavers Performance	11th July, 6pm
Y6 Leavers Performance	12th July, 2pm
Y6 Leavers Party	12th July 6.30-8.30
Guitar Concert	15th July, 2.30pm
Parent Drop In Report Feedback	16th July
Junior Disco	17th July
Y6 Leavers Service	18th July,
<b>School closes at 1pm</b>	<b>19th July</b>

### SIAMS Report

The inspection report from SIAMS has been published this week and we are delighted to share with you their findings.



The Methodist Church

The school has successfully met the increased expectations for **Good Schools** and most excitingly has been recognised for **Excellence** regarding the impact of Collective Worship. We are the first school in the Birmingham Diocese to be awarded Excellence under the new framework and it is something we are immensely proud of. Our practice has been recognised as exemplary and the report describes the school as "a beacon of inspirational practice for other schools."

Regarding the school's recent performance the report confirms that "Determined actions have secured notable improvements in pupils' behaviour, their engagement in learning and the progress they are making. The deliberate reshaping of the curriculum and teaching strategies has been fundamental to improvements. Pupils exude enthusiasm about the curriculum topics they cover...and outcomes for pupils are improving rapidly."

#### In this week's Newsletter

- Author Visit!
- Totals raised for the Summer Fayre and the Cake Sale!
- News about staffing changes for 2019-20
- Important guidance on 2019-20 uniform
- Pictures of Y5's cricket celebration tournament
- Notice of the school's decision to refer holidays in term time to Warwickshire Attendance Service

We have only been working towards the establishment of our new vision and associated values along with higher expectations and standards for a short while however the inspector summarises our team's impact by saying, "The dedicated and determined actions of everyone..., though recent, are compelling and inspiring."

I would like to congratulate the entire school community, pupils, our dedicated staff, supportive parents and Governors on helping us achieve such a glowing report.

The full copy of the report can be seen below and is also available on the website.

### Attendance

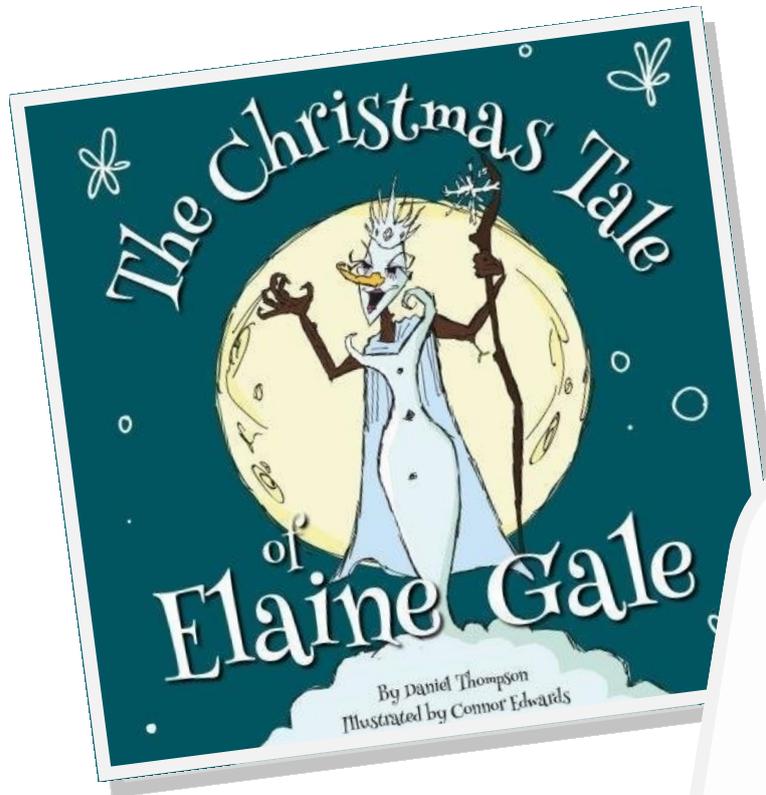
w/c 24/6/19, No of children who achieved 100% for the week & class attendance %

RL	21	90%
RW	19	92.50%
1J	21	95.36%
1B	21	93.33%
2R	28	100% *
2O	27	100% *
3BM	27	96%
3R	24	96%
4B	22	89.33%
4C	22	91%
5JG	22	89.33%
5G	23	95.36%
6F	17	94.64%
6J	22	88.62%

Whole School so far this year 94.95%

**TARGET: 96%**

# Author Daniel Thompson Visits To Open Library



We were treated to a VIP visit today from Daniel Thompson to officially open our refurbished library. Thanks to the PTA's generous donation we have a wonderful new resource fully decorated in a jungle theme and stocked with exciting books.

Danny read his book, *The Humundo Sorterium*, during a KS2 assembly and everyone who heard the reading received a souvenir book mark.

Daniel also met with all of the children who had pre-

ordered one of his books and autographed each one.

In the afternoon Daniel took part in Me Time activity where Arlo the dog also made a special appearance.

Daniel went round to each class to take a short Q & A session about his writing style and how he got into writing.

As a school we have purchased a number of each of Daniel's books so that those who haven't been able to buy one for themselves can enjoy them from our library.



# HELLOS AND GOODBYES

There will be a number of changes to staff for the 2019-20 year. After successfully completing their NQT years, Miss Blake has secured a post at Blossomfield Infants and Miss Watts has found a position at Brownmead Academy. Mrs Small (formally Miss Mason) has relocated during her maternity leave and starts a new job in her native North East.



In addition we will be saying goodbye to this year's Year 4 team, Mrs Cook and Miss Curtis having successfully covered maternity absences.

Also, after many years of outstanding service to the school Mrs Blundell will be moving to a new post within secondary education in Leamington.

Finally, two of our support staff, Miss Appleby and Mr Griffiths will be leaving us at the end of term to pursue other opportunities.



I'm sure that the whole school community would join me in wishing all of our departing staff and especially our long serving Mrs Blundell the very best for a successful and enjoyable future.

On the flip side, you will have noticed that we already have seen the return of Mrs Bunn and Mrs Hughes (this week) and I am sure you'll join me in extending them a warm welcome back. In addition we are delighted to have three new to school teachers joining us in September.

Miss Wittering will join the KS1 team in Year 1 whilst Miss Jeromes and Mrs Matthews will join our lower KS2 phase in Year 3 and Year 4 respectively. Children will meet their new teachers during our transition morning on Tuesday 9th July. **Unfortunately Miss Wittering is unable to join us on that day however Y1W will have their own transition morning on Thursday 11th July. Miss Watts will teach Y1W on Tuesday.**

## Y3 SWIMMING

Class 3R will be swimming next week.

## \*\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*\*SUMMER FAYRE AND CAKE SALE TOTALS

A huge thank you to our PTA for once again organising the Summer Fayre. The fayre and raffle made £828.93 profit and the Bake Off £550.60. These totals will be added to the kitty to fund a project for the benefit of all our children next year.

Photos and details of our fundraising next week!

## WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL WELFARE SUMMER SUPPORT SCHEME

The Summer Support Scheme is open if your children were registered for free school meals before 19th July 2019. Funds for this scheme are limited and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Applications will be accepted between Monday 22nd July and Friday 30th August. To apply please call us on 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182.

## Y6 PERFORMANCE

Performance 1 starts at 6:00pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – ALL children need to be there at 5.30pm in their costumes ready to set up.

Performance 2 starts at 2:00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

2 tickets available for the Thursday performance and two for the Friday performance – tickets to follow in the next few days (free of charge).

## PSP Class Photos

The last day for ordering your child's class photo is Wednesday 10th July. Thank you.

Physical Education is a national curriculum subject as well as part of a national drive to tackle obesity. We will be ensuring that all children have every opportunity to fully engage in PE. Therefore please remember that all children will need full PE kit from the first week of school. Here is a reminder-

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or skorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- Black plimsolls for indoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE

These are all available very cheaply from supermarkets. There will be regular uniform checks.

Please also be mindful that hair accessories need to be in school colours (white, black/grey, green).



We are really looking forward to continuing to develop our school values of respect for others and ourselves.

## Uniform

It will soon be time to freshen up school uniform for the new year.

In September we will continue to raise expectations of behaviour; uniform is one of the ways in which we show pride in our identity as a school community. Please ensure that you have checked the school website for a uniform check. Below are examples of uniform shoes; please remember that trainers **are not uniform compliant**. We will be conducting uniform checks from September.



# NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY

You may remember me sharing with you the shocking amount of sessions lost to term time holidays during 2017-18. In that academic year over 1200 sessions were lost (over 3000 lessons missed). We have focused on providing parents with information about the detrimental impact on learning of this habit and also positive incentives to encourage better practice but these strategies have had little impact.

Therefore Governors are in the process of developing a new Attendance Policy for 2019-20 which will result in Coleshill CE Primary becoming a 'referring school'. This means that all unauthorised holidays will be referred to Warwickshire Attendance Service (WAS) for them to consider if a Fixed Penalty Notice should be issued. This will include any holiday requests made in this academic year to be taken from September 2019. Below is important legal information for parents regarding the WAS procedure.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

**Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 29,703 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2017/18. This is an increase of 6,256 on the previous year.**

## THIS WEEK'S ACHIEVERS - WELL DONE!



## THE COLESHILL CRICKET FESTIVAL

Y5 enjoyed a day in the summer sunshine playing cricket against other local schools on Wednesday. Here are a few photos showing off their skills in the midst of competition.



# Tennis and Multisport Summer Holiday Camp Days at Coleshill Tennis club

Off Maxstoke lane, Coleshill, B46 3DG



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August- 9:30-3:30

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August- 9:30-3:30

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August- 9:30-3:30

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August- 9:30-3:30

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August- 9:30-3:30

"A safe, Fun environment that is run by professional and dedicated staff. A must for any parent that has energetic youngsters, that enjoys being outdoors"

Parent of child who does the multisport camps

8:30 early drop  
off available for  
£3.50

Prices	Early Bird Discount (Book before 15 <sup>th</sup> July)
£22.50 per day	£20 per day
£17.50 for siblings/ friends	£15 for siblings/friends

**Please contact Jack Crossley (coach) on 07895 414873  
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