

LESHILL C OF E PRIMARY Inspiring our children to flourish and enjoy "Life in all its fullness" (John 10:10)

NEWSLETTER

PERSEVERANCE

With God's love, we have the highest expectations of ourselves, so we keep trying even when we find things hard. "Perseverance (produces) character and character, hope." (Romans 5: 4)

This Year's House Points Totals			
Blue Elephants	Green Giraffes	Windas	Yellow Leopards
9272	8933	9683	8793

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Dates for your Diary		
INSET DAY	2nd Sep- tember	
Y5 Trip	11th Sep- tember	
Y3 Trip	20th Sep- tember	
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On behalf of all the Governors, Teachers and all our support staff across the school we would like to wish you and families your а wonderful summer break.



We look forward to seeing all again in September.

RED PANDAS WIN THE HOUSE TROPHY

Having kept a tally of the 36,681 house points that have been given out this year, Red Pandas have been crowned House Champions for 2018-19. The School House Shield, which dates back to 1996 will be inscribed over the

This week's Achievers



holidays to record their success.

Attendance

w/c 8/7/19, No of chil-				
dren who achieved				
<u>100%</u>	<u>100% for the week &</u>			
<u>class attendance %</u>				
RL	22 98.85%			
RW/	22 98.80%			
1J	20 91.43%			
1B	20 92.67%			
2R	26 98.67%			
20	23 97.59%			
3BM	28 99.33%			
ЗR	27 98.67%			
4B	26 97.33%			
4C	27 98.71%			
5JG	23 92%			
5G	24 93.57%			
6F	15 89.29%			
6J	<mark>26 96.2</mark> 1%			
Whole School so far				
this year 94.8%				
TARGET: 96.%				

In the new academic year we will be holding year group parent meetings in the first couple of weeks. It is very important that parents attend these meetings to both meet their child's new teacher but also to find out about information regarding expectations and procedures for the new year group as well as significant changes to our attendance policy.

Meetings will be held;

- Rec: Thursday September 5th, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
- Year 1: Monday September 9th, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
- Year 2: Wednesday September 18th, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
- Year 3: Tuesday September 10th, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
- Year 4: Wednesday September 11th, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
- Year 5: Tuesday September 17th, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
- Year 6: Thursday September 19th, 2:30pm and 5:30pm

Please make a note of these dates in your diary and make every effort to attend your preferred time slot *(both meetings will give the same information).*



IO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0121 202 5291 OR EMAIL FOOTBALLDEVELOPMENT@BCFC.COM BOOK ONLINE AT officialsoccerschools.co.uk/birminghamcity/

<u>A reminder that applications for free school meals for the next</u> <u>academic year are now open.</u>

We strongly encourage parents to check whether they are eligible for free school meals (also known as Pupil Premium). This is extra funding paid to the school for children of parents in receipt of certain benefits.

Parents can check eligibility and apply easily online at <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</u>, or ask at the office for a paper form.

Did you know?:

- 1. Free school meals are worth **£11.00 a week** to parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6.
- 2. The entitlement carries on into senior school.
- 3. Children in receipt of free school meals are also be entitled to a reduction in other charges for trips and activities at Coleshill CE Primary.
- 4. The school receives additional funding for children in receipt of free school meals, which can be used in a variety of ways to support them.

Across Warwickshire, thousands of pounds of Pupil Premium funding is unclaimed, meaning eligible children are missing out on the support - including equipment, resources, learning and development assistance and subsidies - that this funding can help provide.

If you receive any of the following benefits or credits, please apply, especially if your child is going into Year 3 as your universal fee school meal entitlement is ending:

- Child Tax Credit with an annual income assessed by HMRC of less than £16,190.*
- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance. **
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance. **
- Income Support.
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- Universal Credit.

* If either you or your partner are entitled to Working Tax Credit you do not qualify for free school meals, regardless of income.

** Contribution-Based JSA/ESA only qualifies if receiving equal amount or lower of Income-Related JSA/ ESA)

Claims cannot be backdated, so you should claim sooner rather than later to access all the benefits, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and already receiving free school meals.

Please note, the Early Years Pupil Premium for nursery children does not entitle a child to a free school meal. All nursery meals must be paid for.

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 skort
- 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 <u>each parent of each absent child</u>, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means <u>each</u> 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. Tennis and Multisport SummerHoliday Camp Days atColeshill Tennis clubOff Maxstoke Iane, Coleshill, B46 3DG

Thursday 1stAugust- 9:30-3:30 Thursday 8th August- 9:30-3:30 Thursday 15th August- 9:30-3:30 Thursday 22nd August- 9:30-3:30 Thursday 28th 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 th 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 or <u>crossleyjack@hotmail.co.uk</u> to book your place