



# Coleshill C of E Primary School and Nursery

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



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## Welcome back to a new school year 2019-20

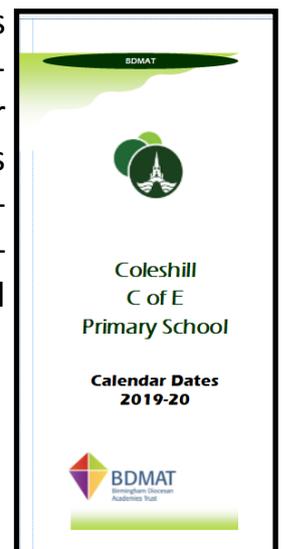
It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces as children have come back to school this week. We've certainly enjoyed welcoming everyone back and we're looking forward to a very happy and successful year.

## We're Going Back To School



A special welcome to our new teachers Miss Jerromes, Miss Matthews and Miss Wittering. I know they will quickly become invaluable members of our fabulous school community. Please take advantage of our new year parent information meetings over the next two weeks (details of timings are on classroom doors) - find out important routines and expectations and what's new for 2019-20. Also please look out for the calendar leaflet that your children are bringing home tonight which has all the important dates for the year ahead.

## Our First Achievers of the Year! **CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Attendance

Our whole school target for this year is **96%** which is slightly above last year's National average for primary schools of 95.8%.

This week's attendance has been **96.3%**.

### Top three classes this week;

**Joint 1st—RM, 3P and 5FH all 100% !!**

### Classes above 96%

**6J (99.4%), 1JO (99.4%), 4M (98.9%), 4G (97.8%), RJ (97.4%) and 5C (96.8%)**

### Classes below 96%

**6B (95.2%), 1W (95.1%), 3J (93.1%), 2R (91.4%), 2MW (88.7%)**



## FOOTBALL TRAINING

In order to expand our sports provision, we are pleased to offer after school football coaching for Reception and Key Stage 1 children, in association with the **BCFC Community Trust**. Whether your child is an aspiring footballer or has never kicked a ball before, each session will focus on learning new and exciting skills with an emphasis on fun.

The experienced coaches are minimum Level 1 FA qualified, have an enhanced DBS check, are qualified in emergency first aid and have attended an FA child protection course.

Sessions will run on the field directly after school on **Wednesdays**, from 11th September until half term. The session ends at **4.30pm**.

The cost for the half term (seven sessions) is **£28.00**. Please log in to ParentPay to book your child's place. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis via ParentPay.



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## Get Set to Eat Fresh

with Aldi and Team GB

To support Get Set to Eat Fresh and its aims, Aldi's Kit for Schools scheme is giving every primary school in the country the chance to win £20,000 to spark a health legacy. Find out more and explore Get Set to Eat Fresh resources today.



From 6th September 2019 until early November ALDI are offering stickers to all shoppers who spend £30 or more in store. These stickers can be brought into school to put on a poster and every completed poster will enable us to receive a free sport kit and be entered into a prize draw to win £20,000! There will be 20 lucky schools who will receive their prize.

If you shop at ALDI please ask for the stickers and let see how many posters we can fill in during the promotion. There are 300 stickers for each poster and we have been given 2 posters. It would be great if we could fill both of the posters.

The children can bring the stickers to school and give them to the class teachers.

More information can be found at [www.getseteatfresh.co.uk](http://www.getseteatfresh.co.uk)



## A message for the PTA

Dear Parents

On Monday 23rd September 2019 at 6.00pm, the PTA will be holding its first meeting of the new school year.

This is always an exciting time as we begin to look forward & plan many of the amazing events that take place throughout the year.

Our PTA is a friendly group of parents & teachers who get together around once a month for an informal & relaxed meeting during which we organise events such as Christmas & summer fayres, school discos & sponsored events to name but a few. Events such as these help raise much needed funds that are invested back into the school & help to pay for school trips, literature & much more.

We are always on the look out for new parents who are equally as passionate about raising money for their school as we are. New & creative fundraising ideas are always welcome and you would only need to spare around an hour per month. If however you are unable to commit to the PTA but feel you would like to help, we are always in need of parent helpers at events throughout the year, perhaps setting up or running a stall. Please leave your details at the main school office.

All parents will be most welcome, whether you are an existing parent, are new to the school or have a child in nursery, all are welcome. Now is a great time to join following our success in 2018/19.

Tea, coffee & biscuits will be available. We look forward to meeting you.

Charlotte Ellis  
Chair of the PTFA

### Request from the Governors

We currently have one space on the Local Academy Board (the school's governing body) for a parent to join. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor and would like to find out more about the role, please can you contact the school office who will be able to pass your information onto Mr Carl Hindle, Chair of Governors.

The Governors are also looking for anyone who might be interested in becoming the Clerk to Governors. For more information about this secretarial role, please contact the office.



# PLAY TENNIS FOR FREE



**FREE Taster Session to try  
Tennis at Coleshill Tennis Club**  
(off Maxtoke Lane, B46 3DG)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**12:00pm-1:00pm**

At Coleshill Tennis Club

All Equipment Provided

Free children's taster session to suit all ages

**TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE:**

Contact Jack Crossley (coach) on:  
07895414873 or [crossleyjack@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crossleyjack@hotmail.co.uk)



## 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 36,101 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 6,398 on the previous year.**