



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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CONGRATULATIONS! Our Achievers of the Week!



This Week's House Points

1st	** Pandas **	285
2nd	Giraffes	279
3rd	Elephants	276
4th	Leopards	221



Attendance

This week's attendance has been **97.8%**.

We are delighted with attendance this week. In particular with both Y2 classes into the green—Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Muir and Mrs Wood will be very pleased! A big well done.

Top classes this week;

1JO (100%), 3P, 3J, 5FH & 6J (all 99.2%)

Classes above 96%

4M (98.8%), 2R (98.4%), 4G (98.1%), RJ (97.6%), 2M (97.6%), 1W (97.5%),

Classes below 96%

5C (95.7%), RM (95.5%), 6B (92.4%)



TARGET.



Dogs on site: Thank you for your support

Thank you for your positive response to our request to not bring dogs onto the site (even very small ones). Unfortunately we did have a incident where a young child arriving for Kid's Club this week jumped out of their car in the car park and trod into dog mess. Not knowing, the Mum picked up their child and got the mess all down her work clothes. Not a good start to a busy working day!

Please do continue to refrain from bringing any dogs onto the site to avoid these types of anti-social accidents.

Reception Open Morning

There will an open morning on Thursday 26th September between 9:00am and 10:30am for parents who have children ready to start school in September 2020. There will be opportunities to sample food from the kitchen, take a tour of the school, learn about the admissions process and meet members of staff who can explain all of the benefits of becoming part of our school community.

*****FUN FEST COLESHILL Holiday Club is open for October half term.*****

Over 20 different activities for your children to enjoy including all the favourites and our BRAND NEW sessions Lego Creations and Coleshill's Got Talent.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY at www.fun-fest.co.uk/colview

Final Call for Prospective Parent Governors

We have been pleased with a number of parents expressing an interest in joining the Local Academy Board (the school's governing body). If you are also 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.

ALDI STICKERS

Once again, thank you to those who have brought stickers in already. Our chart in the Y2/3 Corridor and is beginning to fill up—but we have a long way to go! If you shop at ALDI please ask for the stickers and let see how many posters we can fill in during the promotion.

Attendance Letter

Towards the end of this newsletter you will find the Attendance Letter which was given to all parents who attended the recent parent meetings. We will also soon be putting the PPT presentations on the website which include the On-line Safety guidance.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
AND **NURSERY**

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Is your child starting Reception in 2020?

Headteacher Mr Edwards, the staff,
pupils and governors invite you
to join us for our

OPEN MORNINGS

on

Thursday 26th September
and **Tuesday 5th November 2019**

*Starting at 9.00am
until 10.30am.*



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School & Nursery
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Register your interest at
[www.coleshillprimary.org.uk/
starting-reception-2020](http://www.coleshillprimary.org.uk/starting-reception-2020)



Coleshill C of E Primary School

Standing at the heart of our local
community for our values of
honesty, kindness, perseverance,
respect and self-control.

**You are warmly invited
to join us for:**

*A guided tour of the school
and our extensive grounds.*

*A presentation about our
Early Years curriculum.*

*The chance to hear our children
talking about school life.*

*Refreshments from the
school kitchen.*

Help with the application process.



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We are proud to be part of the
Birmingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust.
*Working together to provide a high quality
education with a Christian ethos for children of the
local community of any faith or none;
to ensure our pupils and staff enjoy
life in all its fullness.*



September 2019

Dear Parents

This year to celebrate Harvest Festival, the PTA would like the children to work as a class to create a 'Class Hamper'. The Hamper will be a box which can be filled with non-perishables and can even be decorated with a harvest festival theme.

Items for the hamper could include the following items which the foodbank has low stocks of at present. You could also include toiletries and other non-perishable items.

Tinned Fruit	Tinned Fish
Milk Long Life	Tinned Soup
Squash	Tinned Potatoes/Powdered Mash
Tinned Tomatoes	Biscuits or Snacks
Pasta/Curry Sauces	Custard/Rice
Hot Chocolate	Sponge Pudding Tinned
Coffee	Jam
Tinned Meat	Snacks & Treats

The best and most creative hamper will win a class prize. All hampers will then be donated locally through the church or via a local food bank. Donations can be brought in from Monday 30th September and hampers must be completed and presented for judging on Friday 11th October.

We hope you agree that creating a hamper will not only help give back to our community but will encourage our children to think about and get involved with helping others.

Thank you for your continued support.

PTA

Thursday 5th September 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

At Coleshill C of E Primary School we place an emphasis on the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe through good attendance at school children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives.

We understand that there may be unavoidable circumstances on occasions when your child is absent from school and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school absence procedures.

Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS) supports school with the processes associated with children's attendance including legal monitoring services. CSAWS also provide support to help reduce the number of persistently absent pupils and improve whole school attendance.

Illness:

Occasionally, your child may wake up on a school day and say that they feel unwell. Parents will assess and decide if they think their child is well enough to attend school or needs to be kept at home. If your child has no temperature but has a cough, cold, headache or earache then (as with adults) medical advice is to give them paracetamol (calpol, etc) and send them to school. We will always contact you if your child's condition worsens or if we believe it is contagious such as chicken pox, vomiting, etc. If your not sure if your child's illness is classed as infectious and they need to be kept of school and for how long then contact the school office who will offer advice and information.

If you decided that your child is unable to attend school due to illness the following procedure applies:

- If a child is absent from school parents should contact the school on the 1st day of absence by 9.30am to inform the school of the reason for absence.
- Parents are expected to maintain contact with the school throughout the absence.

It is a school's decision whether to accept a reason for a child's absence and whether to authorise that absence. In the majority of cases a parents' note explaining that their child was ill can be accepted without question or concern. Further evidence of a child's illness may be requested if their attendance is an ongoing concern.

Medical and Dental Appointments:

- Where possible such appointments should be booked outside of school hours
- When a pupil has a medical or dental appointment this should be confirmed with an appointment card or letter.
- Pupils are expected to attend school prior to the appointment and return to school after the appointment. Any absence outside of the appointment/travel time will be unauthorised.

Unexplained absences:

Unexplained absences from school give serious cause for concern as the school is unable to confirm the whereabouts and safety of a child.

- At 9.30 am the school registers are checked for any absences where there has been no contact by parents or reason given.
- School staff will attempt to make telephone contact with parents to ascertain a reason for the child's absence from school.
- If Parent/carer can not be contacted, then school staff will contact the other emergency contacts for the child.
- If staff are unable to contact parents or other emergency contacts or ascertain the reasons for a child absence this may be followed by a home visit by a Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Officer.
- As we have a safeguarding duty for our pupils it is essential that we know where all our pupils are during the school day and where we are unable to ascertain this it may be necessary to contact the police to undertake a safe and well check.
- School is required to have more than one emergency contact for each pupil.
- **Please ensure the school has up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers**

Persistent absence and unauthorised absence.

We take a proactive approach to improving the attendance of individual children whose attendance falls below 96%. Children who have less than 90% attendance are classed by the DFE as persistently absent. We will communicate concerns about poor attendance to parents and use an escalating approach including letters, meetings in school and/or a referral to the Central School Attendance Welfare Service Officer, in order to support parents in improving attendance. Where attendance is a concern we will work with parents to agree actions plans to improve attendance.



Where children have attendance below 85% for a six week period and there are unauthorised absences and there is no improvement in attendance we will refer to the Local Authority Statutory Service for consideration of legal action. This can include:

- Written warning letters
- The issue of Penalty Notices (£60 per parent per child, increasing to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days).
- Prosecution for non-school attendance.

Parents can support regular school attendance by

- Making sure their child leaves for school early enough to arrive at school on time.
- Supporting and encouraging their child by attending parents evenings and other events.
- Contacting the school to discuss any concerns regarding their child's attendance.
- Working in partnership with the school to resolve any issues that are impacting on their child's attendance.
- Making any medical appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Not taking children out of school for holidays in term time or for other unnecessary reasons.

We thank you for your support and co operation in helping us to continue to secure and raise school attendance for all children at Coleshill C of E Primary School

If you would like more information regarding the schools approach to securing good school attendance please see the school website for the attendance policy and procedures.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter please contact Mrs Lisa Palmer at the school office.

Yours Faithfully,



Mr M Edwards

