

Weekly Newsletter

Coleshill C of E Primary School and Nursery

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

BDMAT Birmingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust

Christmas comes Early for our Winners!

All of our prize winners from the PTA's recent competitions are enjoying an early Christmas present this week. Thank you to all who entered the competitions and particularly well done to the winners!



Upcoming Diary Dates:

17th December—Christmas Service Y2 2pm (at church)

18th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

18th December - R & Y1 Nativity Performance 9.30 & 2.15pm (at school)

19th December—Nursery Christmas Performance 9.15am (at school)

19th December—KS2 Christmas Service 2pm & 6pm (at church)

20th December—End of term 1:30pm

6th January– INSET

14th and 24th February—INSET

Santa's Grotto is a Huge Success

Well over a hundred children had a wonderful meeting with Santa last night at the School's Christmas Fair. Many thanks to the PTA for a fantastically organise event and to the many members of staff who manned stalls. Most of all, thank you to our parents and children for supporting the evening and creating such a lovely atmosphere which everyone was able to enjoy. The main raffle draw for the Coleshill Mortgages sponsored hamper is this evening (13th Dec).







Posada comes to Coleshill CE Primary

The word posada means inn or lodging, and traditionally posadas are a celebration of the Christmas story in Mexico. Rev. Nick brought in a Nativity set this week that KS1 are using for Posada. Each night a different child is taking the set home to welcome it into their family. In the morning it comes back to school for the next child to take home. The Nativity will be brought for its final journey to the church for Y2's Toy Service on Tuesday 17th Dec, 2pm.



Attendance

This week's attendance has begun to recover from last week's low to 94.8%. We look forward to an even greater improvement next week and to finishing the term at our target figure of 96%.

Top three classes this week;

4G (98.5%), 3P (97.7%) & 4M (97%)

Classes above 96%

1W (96.7), 5FH (96.4%)

Classes below 96%

3J (95.9%), 1JO (95.7%), 6B (95.7%),

5C (93.9%), 2M (92.9%),

6J (91.9%), RM (91.2%), RJ (90.7%) 2R (90.4%)



Services over the Festive Period

We'd like to take this opportunity to let you know about some family friendly services happening at Coleshill Parish Church this Christmas, where you and your family can share in the joy of the season together:

Christingle service - Saturday 21st December, 4.00pm

A special candle-lit, festive celebration that's perfect for families.

Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story: The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ, the sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

Crib service - Christmas Eve, 4.00pm

Get out of the house for an hour on Christmas Eve! Activities and stories for all the family. Come in costume and join in with a pop up nativity play.

Christmas Jumper Day

For those who would like to, we will be wearing Christmas
Jumpers on Wednesday 18th
December (same day as Christmas Lunches).





Applications for Free School Meals: Message from the Local Authority

Please advise parents to <u>apply online</u> using the following link <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</u> or <u>by phone</u> via the customer service centre on **01926 359189**.

These methods of application are quick, easy and allow parents to utilise their existing account set up initially to apply for a school place. Over 95% of Warwickshire parents apply for a school place through the online facility, and it was decided to incorporate other services through the online portal, this now includes:

- 2 year nursery funding
- School places, i.e starting school, changing school and moving onto secondary school
- Registration for the 11+ selection test
- Apply for free schools meals





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