



NEWSLETTER

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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Summer Holidays are Here!

We have reached the end of what has been an extraordinary academic year. On behalf of all the staff and governors I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

It has been a tremendously challenging last few months for everyone up and down the country. But for our children who have been unable to attend for such a long time (and parents) it has been particularly hard.

We have missed you all and (although we are looking forward to our holidays) cannot wait to see you back and learning in school in September.



Farewell Mrs Ellis—

Read on to see how we honoured a lifetime in education.



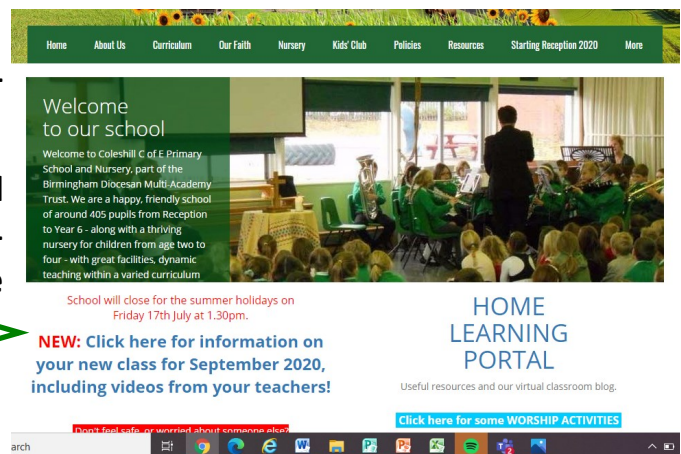
Transition Videos and PPTs

Please make sure you access our transition videos for every class.

You can find out about next year's learning and receive a video message from your new teacher. Go to the school website and click on the link on the home page.



Year 6 Graduation!



See page 4 and 5 to learn about Year 6's last day at school and see more photos of their graduation day and Leaver's Service.

Mrs Ellis Retirement

This week Coleshill C of E Primary School have been celebrating the career of Mrs Pam Ellis, who is retiring as Deputy Headteacher after 26 years of loyal service to the school.

Despite the challenges of the times, we were delighted to welcome Pam's family, friends and colleagues past and present to join us for an invitation only socially distanced afternoon tea on the school field.

Earlier in the day Mrs Ellis was 'Flash Mobbed' by our children as they sang a special rendition of Mamma Mia. Mr Fagg had re-written the words to tell the story of Mrs Ellis and how much we are going to miss her. Thanks to Mr Fagg we will always remember Mrs Ellis every time we here 'Pamma Mia' in the future!



In the afternoon, Mr Edwards led a service of celebration where Rev. Nick Parker from Coleshill Parish Church gave a heartfelt speech on behalf of the church and the governors, saying how important Pam has been over the years in enabling the children at Coleshill C of E Primary School to enjoy life in all its fullness.

Special guest, Sarah Smith Director of Education for the Birmingham Diocese, spoke about Pam's ability to always provide a warm welcome, her dedication to the community she serves, and the impact she has had on generations of children and their families. Former Headteachers Joyce Wardle and Andy Kershaw also paid tribute to Pam and a letter of congratulation from local MP Craig Tracey was shared.

Pam herself spoke of the many changes she has witnessed throughout her career, ending with a quote from a school inspection from the late 1800s that sounded so familiar it demonstrates that although initiatives come and go, the basics of a high quality education never change.



Mrs Ellis is renowned for her baking skills and in honour of this, the day finished with "The Great Ellis Bake-Off" where Pam judged numerous showstoppers brought in by staff and guests. Mrs Ellis thanked the school for, "a brilliant day. One that I will never forget".

The staff, governors, children and the wider community thank Mrs Ellis for everything she has done for the school, and wish her a wonderful retirement.

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Mrs Ellis with newly appointed Deputy Headteacher Mrs Alison Currin, Rev Nick and Mr Edwards.

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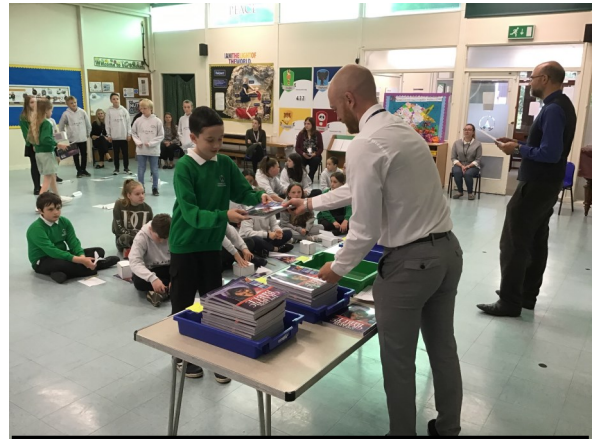
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Y6 Leaver's Day

On Thursday, Year 6 came into school for their last day at primary school. As part of the day our pupils took part in their Leaver's Service which was slightly different to usual but still carried lots of meaning and significance.

Rev Nick came in to conduct our services which was based on the Diocese's Video service featuring the Bishop of Birmingham.



Mr Jolley hands out a copy of the Graphic Bible. A terrific modern version devised for younger readers!



The PTA provided super Class of 2020 mugs for all our pupils.



Mrs Bunn hands out mugs to each of our leavers



Rev Nick explains the task of writing down any fears, hope and dreams that children might have about moving on to Secondary School. After that our leavers turned those thoughts into paper aeroplanes to be used later in the day...



Get those shirts signed!

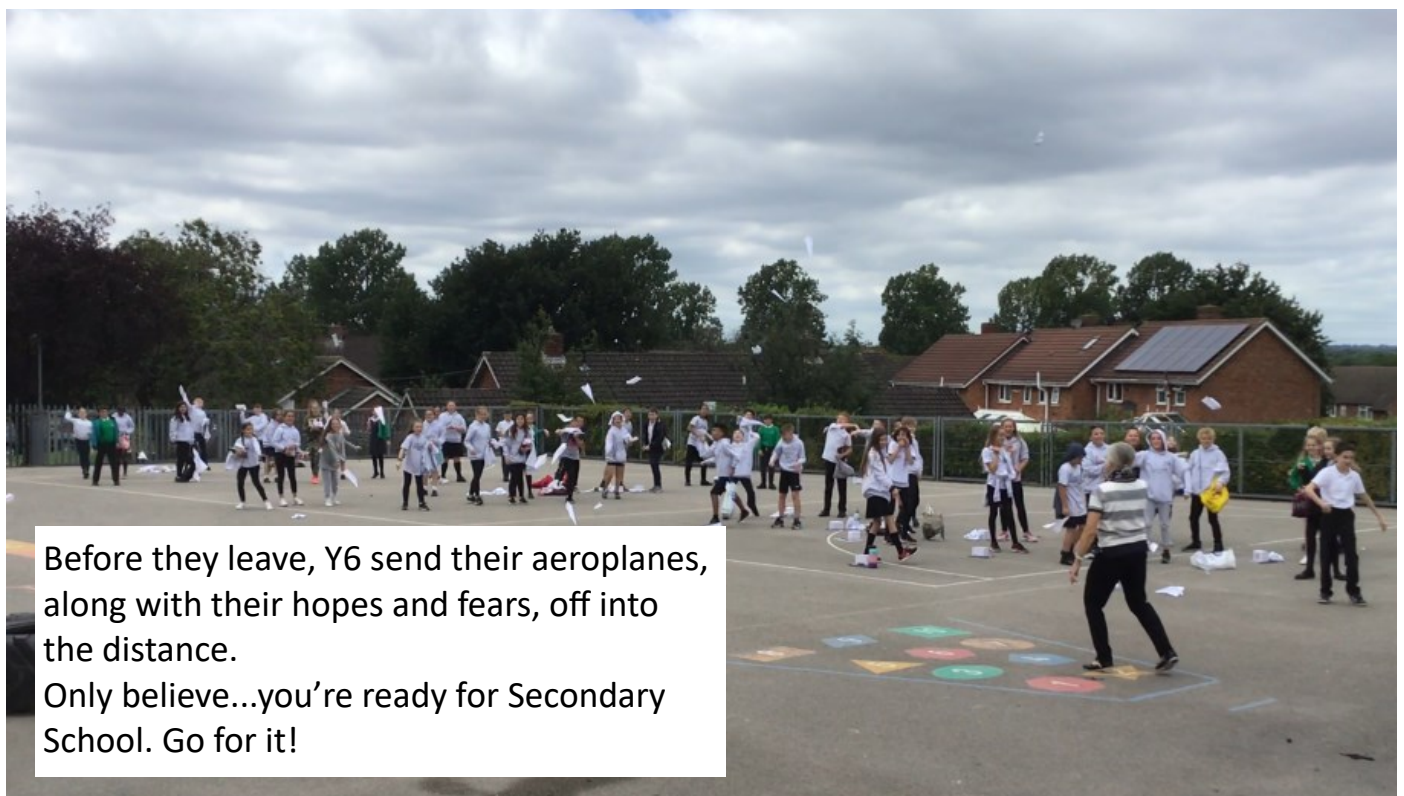
It has become a right of passage as children graduate from one phase of education to another and we wanted to make sure this year was no different to any other.

Children brought in a spare shirt and during the day had the chance to sign each other's shirt to keep as a memento.



Thank you to Mrs Buchanan who provided the 'Well Done' banner which proved to be a very popular back drop for lots of fun photos.

A selection of photos taken will be available to Year 6 children via email. If you would like a copy please email admin3586@welearn365.com and they can be forwarded later in the summer.



Before they leave, Y6 send their aeroplanes, along with their hopes and fears, off into the distance.

Only believe...you're ready for Secondary School. Go for it!

September Full Opening

We are only a holiday away from full opening in September! We have been working hard digesting the DfE guidance for full opening and applying it to our setting.

There are many, many details surrounding our September return which we will expand on in this newsletter and in future communications, however some of the big headlines are as follows;

Dates

- **1st and 2nd September** will be INSET days (no children)
- **3rd and 4th September** will be phased return to test school procedures
- **Monday 7th September** first day of all children attending

School Systems

- **Kid's Club will fully re-open** on 3rd September for those year groups who are in school (7:45am—5:30pm)
- Key Worker status no **longer applies** in prioritising attendance
- **Full school uniform** will be expected
- All sessions for Kid's Club **return to being paid services** (please contact school for places)
- There will be **No Bus Service** to and from High Meadow (Arks and Owls club is now for High Meadow Community School children only)
- **No temperature testing** on entry for children
- Hand washing/sanitising **will be compulsory** on entry to building rather than gate
- **NO VEHICLE DROP OFF** in the morning
- Carpark exclusively used by **pedestrians only** during arrival and pick-up
- A one way system will be in place which will be clearly marked—**please follow guides**
- **Staggered start and end times** for separate Key Stages
- Parents **will not be able to access the school site** beyond drop-off gates
- Some **after school sports clubs** will be able to run (outdoors only for single year groups)

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Arrangements in detail for first days back

IMPORTANT: From September 3rd 2020, attendance is again compulsory. Similarly, the recording of late marks will be re-introduced. All attendance monitoring will resume with the support of Central School Attendance and Welfare Services (**CSAWS**).

Tuesday 1st September: INSET

Wednesday 2nd September: INSET

Thursday 3rd September:

- Nursery and Reception—parent 1:1 meetings by appointment
- KS1 Year 1 and Year 2
 - Arrival gates open 8:45—8:50; Collection gates open 3:15—3:20
- KS2 Year 3 and Year 5 ONLY
 - Arrival gates open 9:00—9:05; Collection gates open 3:25—3:30

Friday 4th September:

Nursery and Reception—parent 1:1 meetings by appointment

KS1 Year 1 and Year 2

- Arrival gates open 8:45—8:50; Collection gates open 3:15—3:20

KS2 Year 4 and Year 6 ONLY

- Arrival gates open 9:00—9:05; Collection gates open 3:25—3:30

From Monday 7th September:

- Nursery—stay and play
- Reception—Part days as per integration schedule
- KS1 Year 1 and Year 2
 - Arrival gates open 8:45—8:50; Collection gates open 3:15—3:20
- KS2 ALL YEAR GROUPS
 - Arrival gates open 9:00—9:05; Collection gates open 3:25—3:30

Drop off and collection times are to be strictly observed. Gates will not be opened until 8:45am. Gates will be closed between KS1 and KS2 admission (8:50 and 9:00). Children arriving after published times must enter through the main office entrance. This will be recorded as late.

Parents with children in both Key Stages may leave their older children on the playground during 8:50—9:00am (they will be supervised by a member of staff until their classroom is open).

PLEASE NOTE: KS2 children arriving before 9:00am will need to remain off site until admission time.