



# Coleshill C of E Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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

## School During Lockdown

Welcome back to school after our Half Term break.

As you will be aware, we are now experiencing the second National Lockdown of the year. However, this makes very little difference for our children as no changes have been required in schools to enable us to continue learning as before.

One element for us to manage is the regulation surrounding people only meeting one person from outside their household outdoors. Please ensure that when you are dropping-off and collecting children you are remaining distant from other parents and you leave the school premises promptly. Also, may I remind all parents that unfortunately teachers are not available for face to face meetings at the end of the day. Teachers will be very happy to discuss any issues or concerns over the phone. Please contact the school office to arrange a call back.



## Manor Adventure


We are currently beginning the process of returning Manor Adventure payments. This is quite a lengthy admin process and has to be done individually for each account. Please be patient as the office completes this task next week. If you believe you are in need of a refund and have not received it to your bank account by next Friday, please contact the school office so they can investigate the matter for you.

## Your Generous Donations

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Harvest collection for the Kingfisher Food Bank, organised by the PTA. So far we have raised nearly £200!

If you would like to make a donation (from as little as 50p), you can still do so via ParentPay. Donations will stay open until next Friday (13th November). You can find out more about the food bank at [www.kingfisherfoodbank.weebly.com/](http://www.kingfisherfoodbank.weebly.com/)



This Week: <b>97.2%</b>		Year to Date: <b>96.9%</b>	
<b>RM—100%</b>	2R—97.7%	4M—98.8%	6J—98.8%
RJ—96.5%	2J—97.6%	4L—97.7%	6B—96.2%
1W—99.4%	3P—93.9%	5C—98.8%	
1JO—98.3%	3M—94.2%	5FH—93.5%	

Collective Worship:

**Song of the week**

**Click here**





## Special Mentions

This week we have been preparing for Remembrance. Mrs Currin opened our theme of Remembrance and Rev. Nick continued our reflections on Thursday. With that in mind children have been noted when they have shown **RESPECT**.



1GW	Gracie	Laila	4SL	Kaiden	Riley
1JO	Kian	Jacob	4SM	Kaelen	Seanna
2TJ	Danny	Sophie	5C	Olivia	Seb
2JR	Poppy	Jakob	5FH	Lillie-Mae	Elijah
3CP	Eva	Amelia-L	6WJ	Poppy	Nathan
3LM	Millie	Leo	6TB	Nicole	Olivia
Computing: Lucas 5JC					
PE: Joshua 6B and Isla 4M					

## School Photos

We are currently awaiting confirmation that our school photographers are able to attend the school on Thursday November 19th.

We will know more next week.



## 30th November 2020



**IMMUNISATION TEAM  
KEEPING YOU SAFE**



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

**Contact us to find out  
more about joining our  
vibrant two form  
Reception in 2021.**



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CALL: 01675 463672

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## Looking for a Reception place starting in September 2021?

You can apply online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool).

If you live outside Warwickshire you can still apply to our school, but need to apply via your own local authority – please see the links on the “Starting Reception” page of the school website

### Join us for one of our open events

Due to our arrangements for social distancing we will be holding a series of Zoom introductory sessions on the following dates;

Tuesday 13th October 10:00am

Tuesday 13th October 6:00pm

**Thursday 12th November 10:00am *\*\*coming up\*\****

**Thursday 12th November 6:00pm *\*\*coming up\*\****

Visit the home page of the website to register your interest or email [admin3586@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3586@welearn365.com) and we will forward a link to the meeting to you.

### Key dates for starting Reception in 2021:

The applications process is now open

Closing date for applications - 15 January 2021

National offer day - 16 April 2021

Deadline for accepting the offer - 30 April 2021



16/12/2020

# Christmas Menu

Served with  
Crispy Roast  
Potatoes  
Garden Peas  
and Baby  
Carrots

(v) Ice Cream  
or  
(v) Homemade  
Chocolate  
Cracknel Bauble

Selection of  
Drinks



**Roast Turkey Breast Fillet, Sausage  
& Bacon Roll, Sage & Onion Stuffing  
and Gravy or**

**(v) Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage & Onion  
Stuffing and Gravy**



Season's Greetings  
from The Nutrigang  
and everyone at  
Educaterers Ltd.

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the  
**NUTRI  
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# **FREE SCHOOL** **MEALS**



**As we enter another lockdown we wanted to remind people about free school meals.**

If your financial circumstances have changed due to COVID-19, your child may now be eligible for free school meals.

If you receive a qualifying benefit, free school meals (worth £2.25 per day) are available for school age pupils (from Reception). If you have older children they can benefit too, since free school meals run all the way through to sixth form.

Although all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already get a free school meal, to be able to receive any future funding for the holiday periods, children must be registered for benefits-related free school meals. Schools also get additional funding to support eligible children so please do apply if you think you are eligible.

Checking your eligibility and applying is simple. Visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or call the Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410.

If you live in the within the Birmingham local authority, visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools\\_and\\_learning/687/free\\_school\\_meals](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/687/free_school_meals)

If you live within the Solihull local authority, visit [www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm)

You may also be able to access the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme which helps vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. Visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme) or call 0800 4081448 to find out more.

Please do get in touch with the school if you need any support.



# *Primary Mental Health Team Consultations and Parent Information Sessions*

## Parent 1:1 Consultations

Are you a parent or carer of a child/young person living in Warwickshire?

Would you like the opportunity to speak in confidence with one of our Primary Mental Health Practitioners about your child/young person?

**We offer one-off 45min 1:1 consultations where you are able to discuss your child/young person's current difficulties with a professional!**

We use a solution-focussed framework to explore strategies and ways to help you better support them.

You will be asked to complete the Dimensions tool and forward to us prior to your attendance.



**You are welcome to book onto ONE consultation and booking is ESSENTIAL! Please email [risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk) or call 07917 504682 to book your time slot. Please DO NOT call the Rise Navigation Hub. These consultations are for parents/carers ONLY. Please DO NOT bring children to the appointment.**

We also offer FREE Parent Information Sessions, during the current restrictions these will be delivered via the online platform ZOOM. At these sessions you will have the opportunity to meet other parents and learn about common emotional wellbeing concerns in children/young people and find out what you can do to help!

Parent Information Sessions are structured sessions on a particular topic.

TOPIC	DATES AND TIMES
<p><b>Understanding and supporting children aged 3-11 years with Anxiety</b></p> <p>You will learn about anxiety and how we can help our children manage their worries. You will learn to identify the signs and symptoms of anxiety and how it might present in children of different ages.</p> <p>You will learn to differentiate between the usual stresses of childhood and anxiety that may be more problematic for your child.</p> <p>You will learn practical strategies and techniques you can do at home to support your child when they are feeling anxious. You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>20th January 2021 @ 10am – 11.30am</p> <p>17th March 2021 @ 1pm – 2.30pm</p>
<p><b>Understanding and supporting children aged 12+ with Anxiety</b></p> <p>Similar to the above topic, you will learn about anxiety in relation to young people aged 12+ years.</p> <p>You will learn some new strategies to support a young person within this age group.</p> <p>You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>20th January 2021 @ 1pm – 2.30pm</p>
<p><b>Understanding Sensory Needs in school aged children</b></p> <p>You will learn about sensory processing in children/young people and gain an understanding of how it affects them in their day to day life.</p> <p>You will learn about your child's sensory needs and how you can support them to better manage their anxiety, low mood and other common mental health difficulties. You will learn practical strategies and techniques to try at home to manage your child/young person's sensory needs and will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>12th October 2020 @ 10am – 11.30am</p> <p>7th November 2020 @ 10am – 11.30am (Saturday)</p> <p>21st January 2021 @ 6pm – 7.30pm</p> <p>18th June 2021 @ 10am – 11.30am</p>

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<p><b>Understanding and supporting healthy Emotional Development in children aged 3-11 years</b></p> <p>You will learn about healthy emotional development in childhood and understand what healthy emotional development looks like at different ages.</p> <p>You will learn about the challenges children and parents face at different ages and what can you do to help.</p> <p>You will learn practical strategies and techniques that may be helpful to support your child's emotional development and you will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>12th January 2021 @ 1pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>9th March 2021 @ 1pm – 2.30pm</p>
<p><b>Understanding and supporting young people aged 12-18 years who Self-harm</b></p> <p>You will learn about self-harm, what it is and how you can help your child/young person?</p> <p>You will learn about some of the reasons young people self-harm and what can maintain this behaviour.</p> <p>You will learn practical strategies and techniques that may be helpful for a child/young person who is self-harming. You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>21st October 2020 @ 11am – 12.30pm</p> <p>1st March 2021 @ 10am – 11.30am</p>
<p><b>Understanding and managing Challenging Behaviours in children aged 4-11 years</b></p> <p>You will learn about social learning theory and why some children may develop difficult or challenging behaviours.</p> <p>You will have a greater understanding of some possible underlying causes of these behaviours.</p> <p>You will learn practical strategies and techniques that may be helpful to manage your child's difficult behaviours at home. You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>20th October 2020 @ 6pm – 7.30pm</p> <p>28th November 2020 @ 10am – 11.30 (Saturday)</p>
<p><b>Understanding and managing Challenging Behaviours in children aged 12+ years</b></p> <p>You will learn about social learning theory and why some children may develop difficult or challenging behaviours.</p> <p>You will have a greater understanding of some possible underlying causes of these behaviours.</p> <p>You will learn practical strategies and techniques that may be helpful to manage your child's difficult behaviours at home. You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>16th December 2020 @ 1pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>9th February 2021 @ 1pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>3rd May 2021 @ 10am -11.30am</p>



TOPIC	DATES AND TIMES
<p><b>Understanding and supporting children and young people with School Refusal</b></p> <p>You will gain an understanding of what school refusal is, who it affects and why. You will learn practical strategies and techniques you can do at home to support your child who may be refusing to attend school. You will learn about developing an action plan to support your child to improve school attendance.</p> <p>You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>11th November 2020 @ 10am – 11.30am</p>
<p><b>Understanding and Supporting children back to school with anxiety following COVID-19</b></p> <p>To understand the complexities of returning back to school following COVID 19.</p> <p>To understand different types of anxiety such as generalised anxiety, separation anxiety and panic.</p> <p>To explore the symptoms of the different types of anxiety-what do they look like? What are the warning signs?</p> <p>To explore risk and protective factors which may impact upon anxiety and low mood.</p> <p>To introduce a cognitive behavioural model of how anxiety difficulties may be maintained over time.</p> <p>To introduce strategies that can be used to support a child or adolescent with anxiety.</p> <p>To understand when &amp; how to access specialist services in relation to anxiety.</p>	<p>14th November 2020 @ 10am – 11.30am (Saturday)</p> <p>25th November 2020 @ 6pm -7.30 pm</p>
<p><b>Understanding Self-Esteem in children and young people</b></p> <p>To understand the definition of self-esteem and development of self-esteem in childhood.</p> <p>To identify and understand what healthy and low self-esteem might look like in a child or young person.</p> <p>To consider and understand the link between self-esteem and mental health.</p> <p>To explore the risk and protective factors which may impact upon anxiety and low mood.</p> <p>To introduce strategies that can be used to support a child or adolescent experiencing and low self-esteem.</p> <p>To understand when &amp; how to access specialist services in relation to self-esteem.</p>	<p>21st November 2020 @ 10am – 11.30am (Saturday)</p> <p>9th December 2020 @ 6pm – 7.30pm</p> <p>12th May 2021 @ 1pm – 2.30pm</p>

TOPIC	DATES AND TIMES
<p><b>Understanding and supporting Siblings</b></p> <p>You will understand how siblings can be affected by the difficulties of their sibling. You will learn strategies and techniques to support siblings to better understand each other and support each other in the home environment.</p> <p>You will also find out where you can access local support if you are worried about your child's emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>27th January 2021 @10am – 11.30am</p>

Please note these sessions are for **parents/ carers ONLY** and **booking is ESSENTIAL**

Please do NOT bring children to these sessions

**Please email**  
**risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk**  
**or call 07917 504682**  
**to book your place**

***Please DO NOT call the Rise Navigation Hub***

## **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 School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.**



