



Coleshill C of E Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER

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Anti-bullying Ambassadors

Just before Christmas, our wonderful Year 5 children decided that they wanted to make our school community an even better and happier place where everyone can feel safe and included. Our anti-bullying ambassadors were really excited about kicking everything off after the Christmas holidays but lockdown temporarily put a stop to that.

However, the fantastic news is that with online learning comes a whole new platform for our anti-bullying ambassadors and they are back and ready to take on Spring term (in the kindest way possible). Their focus over the next few weeks will be well-being and during lockdown, this couldn't be more important! Their first challenge is to create window displays with anti-bullying messages and kind quotes to help the community feel a little bit up-lifted and cared for.

They are so excited to start this and would love for you to get involved too. Why not join in with a window-display of your own? Look out for them over the next couple of weeks and see if you spot any good ones. Please upload a photo of yours to your Teams area and we will feature some of our favourites in the newsletter!



Special Mentions

This week Reception are included in our special mentions! Welcome to our brilliant learners in Reception.



RecM	Oliver H	Tom L	3CP	Jude B	Oscar B
RecJ	Summer W	Darcie G	3LM	Robbie I	Aisha F
1GW	Isla D	Daniel B	Y4	Finn H	Alegra-Mia
1JO	Henry B	Paige T	5C	Ava B	Seb H
2TJ	Marco B	Charlie B	5FH	Toby-Jay A	Maisy T
2JR	Olivia GJ	Jack HS	6WJ	Joshua O	Freddie M
			6TB	Lilly WH	Aiden D



HOLIDAY CLUB

FUN FEST COLESHILL HOLIDAY CLUB

The government have confirmed that schools will be closed during February half term. If you do need child care over the holiday why not try Fun Fest Holiday Club. To find out more, use the contact details below;

- www.fun-fest.co.uk;
- Tel 07399 567 870 ;
- Email: northsolihulloffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

Mental Health Week

From 1-7th February 2021, we're taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Express Yourself.



Place2Be has created activities and resources to help children (and adults) to explore the different ways that they can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

There are lots of resources on the Children's Mental Health Week website that you can use with your child at home; including activity ideas, tips for parents and carers, and an online assembly which will be available from Monday 1 February.

Visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers> to find out more.

Helpful Video

Please watch this short video with Top Tips for supporting your child's mental health during Lockdown

<https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/covid19-update/>



DO YOU NEED A LAPTOP?

We are waiting on our next delivery of laptops to loan to parents, so please bear with us. Call or email the school to put your name on the waiting list.

PE DAYS

We are now able to provide PE on **two days a week** for our children in school. Please see the table below for when we will be holding PE sessions.

On the days that your children have PE, please send them to school in outdoor winter PE kits under their

	Year groups			
Monday	Year 3	Year 4		
Tuesday	Year 1	Year 2		
Wednesday	Year 5	Year 6		
Thursday	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Friday	Year 1	Year 2		

school Jumper (plain white T-shirt; Black/navy tracksuit bottoms; trainers)



Competition...

Could you encourage adults to help look after our World?

- Create anything you like, which would encourage adults to change habits that currently affect our world environment negatively.
- Present it in anyway that you would like.
- Email photos of your entries (titled: LORAX TREE COMPETITION: name) to admin3586@welearn365.com by Wednesday 10th February.
- The winner (announced after the holidays) will be joined by the Coleshill Town Mayor to plant a tree and they will receive prize.

UNLESS someone like
you cares a whole
awful lot, nothing is
going to get better.
It's not. *- The Lorax*

Can you see what is
happening in the story board
of the Lorax?

This is fictional, however, it does
have similarities to our World.



FOR IDEAS:

- Watch or read 'The Lorax' by Dr Seuss.
- <https://www.thehealthy.com/family/childrens-health/kids-save-planet-in-minutes/>
- <https://www.onegreenplanet.org/lifestyle/10-daily-habits-that-are-killing-the-environment/>

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

The government have confirmed that the free school meals voucher scheme will continue until at least 8th March. Did you know that to support our free school meal children we are currently issuing a fortnightly £30 supermarket voucher for each eligible child?

The pandemic may have changed your financial circumstances, and we want to ensure as many children as possible are getting the benefit of this scheme, so please do check the eligibility criteria and apply as soon as possible, as vouchers can't be backdated:

- Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:
- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both.
- You should also qualify if you receive both but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.

Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on')

If your application is successful, your child(ren) will be eligible for free school meals until at least summer 2023, which is when the roll out of Universal Credit is due to be completed. This is irrespective of any changes to your financial circumstances.

After the voucher scheme ends and schools reopen fully, your child(ren) will be able to benefit from free meals in school if they wish to take them - worth £11.25 a week.

If you receive any of the qualifying benefits and your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 (and therefore gets Universal Infant Free School Meals) you should please still apply for Free School Meals. This will allow the school to receive extra funding that could support your child, and will ensure your child continues to get a free school meal when they move on to Year 3.

Please click on one of the following links to apply, depending on where you live:

Warwickshire: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Birmingham: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/687/free_school_meals

Solihull: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals>



