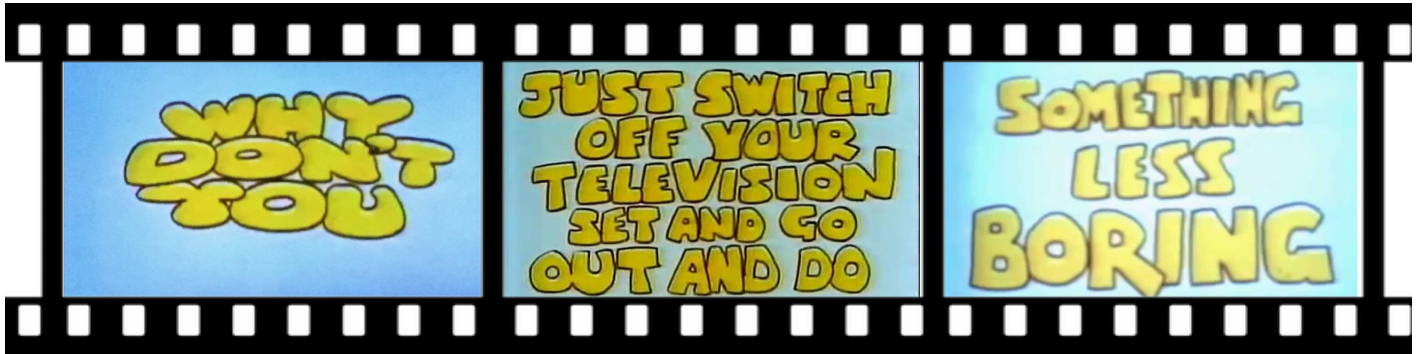




# Coleshill C of E Primary School

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



## Screen Break!

For the last 6 weeks we have been asking you to get your children watching screens for hours everyday. Not a request that would usually be made by schools! You and your children have done amazingly well, week in week out logging in, taking part, working hard and trying to make the very best of our bleak circumstances.

There is no screen based homework for this half term (hurray) but Mrs Hughes came across a

Good Mental Health initiative which was promoting ideas to help **7 Days of Screen Free Play!** You might not manage that, but teachers have come up with suggestions in each year group to hopefully inspire our children to try something away from their screens during the holidays.

You will find them in the Purple Mash 'To Do's'. Yes, there is a certain irony there — but no more than when I was a child and watched a TV show that told me at the beginning of the show to turn off my TV because it was boring! (Probably more grandparents than parents will know what I'm talking about!!)



Aiden was left smiling this week as he received his certificate in the post. Well Done Aiden!

## Teachers' Special Mentions

RecM	Martha D	Rosa W	4SL	Archie C	Kord I
RecJ	Arabella J	Theodore C	4SM	Riley J	Frankie G-H
1GW	Ali-James	Elsie-Jayne	5C	Baran E	Maisie M
1JO	Cillian	Megan M	5FH	Daisy E	Bella S
2TJ	Theo A	Logan D	6WJ	Chloe J	Jack P
2JR	Austin K	Johnny B	6TB	Zak W	Alfie B
3CP	Rafael S	Harper C	PE		
3LM	Poppy T	Millie P	Comp		



# Reading corner

**Welcome to our reading corner! This is a brand new and exciting part of our newsletter where each week we will be sharing reading recommendations, conversations and challenges for you to take part in!**

In Year 5, we have been reading Pax (Sara Pennypacker) and we have fallen in love with Peter's pet fox. There have been lots of conversations about the idea of having our own pet fox - would you like one? This got me thinking... What books have I read which remind me of my pets?

Straight away, I thought of "The 100 mile an hour dog" by Jeremy Strong. It's about a dog who is always getting up to mischief and causing trouble and it really makes me laugh. Your challenge this week? I want to know the books that you have read that remind you of an animal in your life and tell me why! **Send your ideas in by email** for a chance to get a mention in our next newsletter! [admin3586@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3586@welearn365.com)



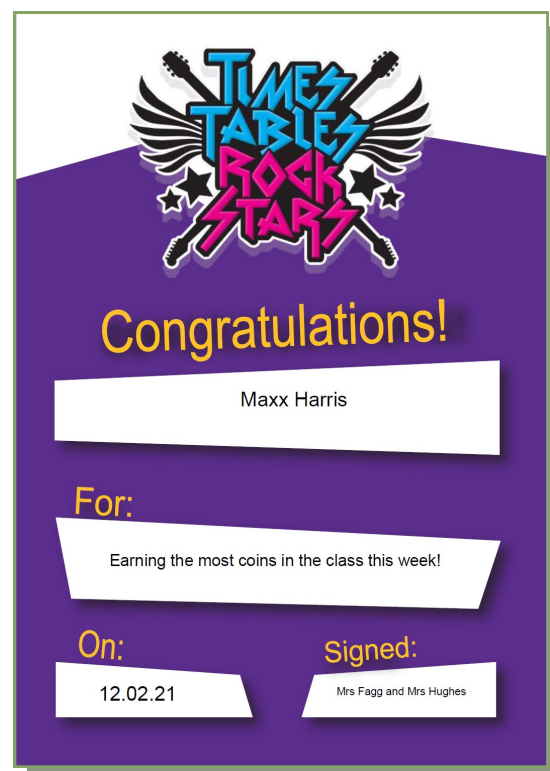
Have a wonderful half term of reading and relaxing and if you look out, you might see me being pulled around Coleshill by my two 100 mile an hour dogs!

*Mrs Conway*

## Rocker of the Week!

**After half term we will begin another weekly award which will feature the class' Rocker of the Week.**

TT Rock Stars has several categories which teachers can choose from — person with highest scores, person with most effort, most improved person of the week or the fastest fingers prize to name a few. Look out for them and make sure you keep practicing at home with your little rock stars!!





## Learning Through Nature

Mrs Fenner has been very busy with her Gardening Nurture groups as they have installed various nesting boxes and bug hotels (6 of each) in the most appropriate places available to ensure success (facing the right direction, not in full sun etc.).

Also, the children are very pleased to see that the nature area is now an established feeding pit stop for a variety of birds, and they have noticed evidence that



other animals have made use of the hedgehog hotel and cafe.



We have also joined the RHS Campaign for School Gardening which has an fantastic focus on mental health and fun projects such as 'grow your own lunch'.

We will be working through their Award Levels 1 - 5 over time and look forward to many more children enjoying these activities when we are able to re-open fully. <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/home>

### INSET date for Spring 2

We will be having an INSET training day on Thursday 1st April, just before we break up for Easter. The school will be closed to all children on that day, and Before and After School Club will be closed.

## FEBRUARY half-term FUN!

Have some fun-time WAY from screens this half-term. You could try some of the activities below.

Write your own play and act it out with your family.



Build a Lego or cardboard model.



Make an obstacle course and see who can complete it in your family. Can you beat their time?



Try painting/drawing someone or something in your house.



Fill some balloons with water. Pop them in the freezer and when frozen use them as giant marbles to play with in the garden!



Go on a nature hunt.



## Help is at Hand

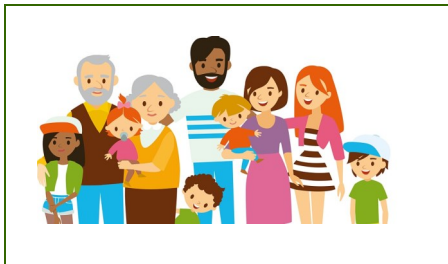
During this period of lockdown, many homes are struggling with routine and structure. Warwickshire County Council have significantly increased their support for families just for this issue.

We strongly encourage parents to take up this free service of family support to help make this period of lockdown to ensure the least negative impact on our children. They offer a service which will give ideas and support to parents around the setting of routines, boundaries and expectations in a remote learning home environment.

You can contact the Family Information Service on 01926 742274 or visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

There is also the opportunity for free online courses to support creating and sustaining routines and boundaries in the home, or to support parents managing behaviour in the home, or creating positive sleep routines.

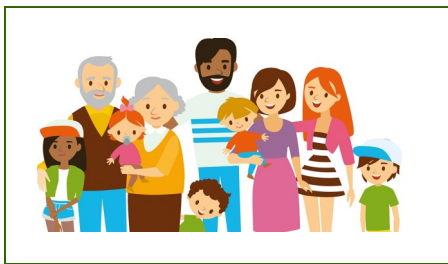
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### Routines and Boundaries Online Workshop Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite

Eventbrite - Warwickshire Children and Families presents Routines and Boundaries Online Workshop - Monday, 18 January 2021 | Friday, 26 March 2021 - Find event and ticket information. [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

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### Sleep Online Workshop

Sleep Online Workshop Facilitated by Early Help and Targeted Parent Trainer Team

[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

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## 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](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk);
- Tel 07399 567 870;
- Email: [northsolihulloffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:northsolihulloffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)