



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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Happy Easter!

On behalf of the Governors, staff and all connected to Coleshill C of E Primary, I would like to wish our children, parents and families a happy, restful and safe Easter Holiday.

We look forward to you returning on Monday 19th April.



Expectations for the Summer Term

Over the last 12 months we have experienced repeated disruptions to normal school life. To accommodate and adapt to new circumstances we have also had to change or relax different aspects of the school. To help us begin to get back to normal over the Summer Term we have produced this leaflet to give you guidance for our return in April.

Expectations for

- Reading at Home and Reading Diaries
- Attendance and Punctuality
- ME Time
- Healthy Eating
- PE Kits and PE days
- School Uniform



Reading At Home and Reading Diaries

Learning to read is an **essential skill** for unlocking all other areas of learning and it is therefore crucial to have **good routines** in place for **daily practice** and **enjoyment** of reading.

We will now be using Bug Club and physical books; please make the most of both of these opportunities. Bug Club has exciting games and activities to go alongside the reading which will supplement reading of physical books.



Teachers will

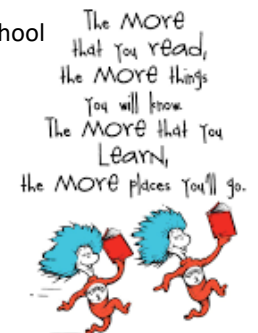
- Ensure your child is heard read 1-1 at least once a week
- Have opportunities for and encourage reading for pleasure
- Check that children have their **reading diaries in school every day**
- Reward children who are reading regularly (Reading Agency)

Parents will

- Encourage good reading routines at home
- Listen to their child read
- Sign reading diaries every time their child reads (minimum x4 a week) including if this is a digital read
- Remind their child to **bring reading diary and book to school every day**
- Reception, Y1 and Y2 children should have their **book bag every day**

Children will

- Read minimum x4 a week at home
- Read 1-1 with an adult minimum once a week at school
- **Bring their book bag, book and reading diary every day**



Uniform

All children are required to wear school uniform. This gives us a sense of 'pride in our identity' which is part of our school vision, and sets high expectations.

All children should be wearing the school jumper/ cardigan (ordered from Brigade), not a green supermarket version as the colour is not the same. All other uniform is widely available from supermarkets or clothes shops.

- Black/ grey skirt, dress or trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt (should have a collar)
- White/ grey/ black socks or tights
- Green gingham summer dresses are suitable for the summer term.
- Black leather shoes, NOT trainers. Black leather shoes are available at very reasonable prices from supermarkets. Trainers are for PE only and should be in PE bags.



Please see the school website for details of how to order uniform.
<https://www.coleshillprimary.org.uk/about-us/prices>

In Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 book bags (available at Brigade) should be used to bring books and Reading diaries to school everyday. Rucksacks are not appropriate and Rec/KS1/Year 3 cloakrooms do not have sufficient storage to accommodate them. Juniors may bring rucksacks which are small enough to fit in their personal lockers.

Uniform checks will be made during the summer term.

Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium qualify for a one off bursary each year to assist with the purchase of school uniform. Please ask the office.



PE Kits and PE days

PE kits should be in a PE bag (available for purchase from school) and left in the class cloakroom ready for use.

Indoor PE

- Black shorts
- White round necked T shirt

Outdoor PE

- Black shorts
- White round necked T shirt
- Black or Green tracksuit/ leggings may be worn for outdoor PE sessions
- Children wearing tights will need an extra pair of socks for outdoor PE
- Trainers

Lack of full PE kit will result in loss of ME time.



Attendance and Punctuality

The start of school for Rec—Y6 will return to 8:45—8:55am as before March 2020. The vast, vast majority of you are all in by 8:55am already so it seems sensible to bring the start of the day back to where it was.

Summer Term will be all about mastering the essential skills needed for children to be able to succeed in the next year group.

Every day will matter. Many year groups have only been in school for 19 weeks since March 2020—there is lots to catch up with.



100% attendance must be every child's target.

The school will work closely with parents and our attendance and welfare team to support families where attendance or lateness means children are at risk of falling further behind their peers. Children arriving after 8:55am will be **late** from 19th April 2021.

COVID-19 Symptoms

All previous information regarding actions around COVID-19 symptoms, testing and periods for self-isolation remain unchanged heading into the summer term.

ME Time

Every Friday children get to enjoy a time with their friends doing something completely different.



It's a hugely popular part of the week for children and rewards positive behaviour for that week. We are extending ME Time from 30mins to 45mins on a Friday afternoon to further increase its profile and also give us more scope for using it as part of our rewards and sanctions process.

Keeping all your ME Time

- Upholding our school values throughout the week and meeting all our school expectations.

Reasons to lose 5 minutes of me time;

- Behaviour not meeting our values and resulting in an Amber or Red (10 mins) warning on our zone board
- Not bringing in Reading Diary on a school day
- Not bringing in correct PE Kit on a PE day

Please support your child in keeping all their ME Time to enjoy by reminding them to bring in their Reading diary **everyday** and correct PE Kit on PE days.



Celebrating Easter

Healthy Eating

change 4 life

As a school we promote healthy eating and want to support your child in developing healthy eating habits. Childhood obesity and tooth decay is an increasing and concerning issue.

To help your child get their 5-a-day fruit and veg boost, we encourage **children to bring fruit or vegetables to eat at morning playtime.**

We will also soon be looking at re-applying for our **Healthy School Accreditation** and therefore items which have begun to creep into snacks and lunch-boxes need to be reviewed for items that are not allowed. Breakfast bars, biscuits, chocolate or other snacks will no longer be permitted as breaktime snacks. Classroom water bottles must be **water only.**



Healthy School

Children who are reluctant to eat fruit at home are often more willing to try when they see their peers enjoying their snacks.

There is lots of support and advice about healthy lifestyles on the change4life website along with tips and recipes to support you in the home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

fruit & veg boost

