



Coleshill C of E Primary School

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

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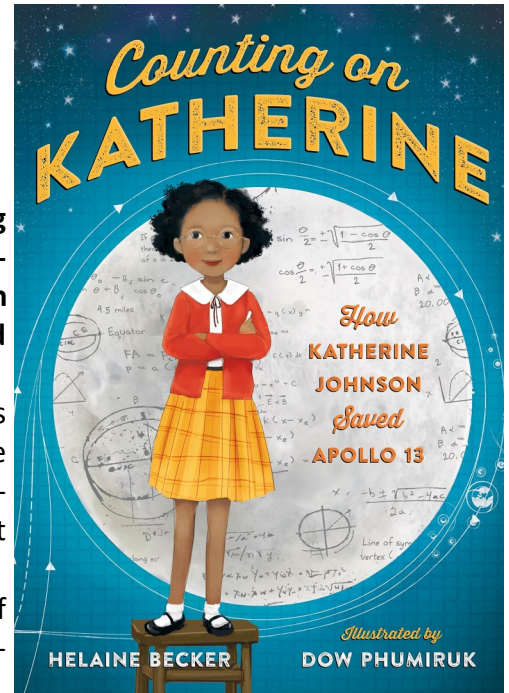
A CHANCE TO DRESS UP!

Monday 11th October 2021

In the last two weeks of term, the whole school will be celebrating the life and achievements of Katherine Johnson. We will all be enjoying the bold story of Katherine Johnson, an African-American mathematician who worked for NASA during the space race and was depicted in the film *Hidden Figures*—you may have seen it!

As a child, Katherine Johnson loved to count. She counted the steps on the road, the number of dishes and spoons she washed in the kitchen sink, everything! Boundless, curious, and excited by calculations, young Katherine longed to know as much as she could about maths, about the universe.

She dreamed of a life working with numbers. You've likely heard of the historic Apollo moon landing. But we will learn about the mathematical genius who made sure that Apollo 13 returned safely home!



What do our children dream of being when they are older? What aspirations to they hold for the future?

If you want to, come to school on Monday 11th October dressed as the person you would dream of being. It could be anything - only you know what you want to be!



Attendance

There has been a marked fall in attendance in the last 2 weeks as a variety of colds and bugs are circulating. For the first time in a long time our weekly attendance has dipped below our 96% target.

In many cases these will not be COVID related, however more and more evidence is coming through that COVID-19 is now presenting as sickness or cold like symptoms in children and vaccinated adults. Please use freely available Lateral Flow Tests to test your child if they are off school for illness **before they return to school**. This will help us reduce possible infections over the next few weeks. We look forward to this spike in sickness easing over the coming days.

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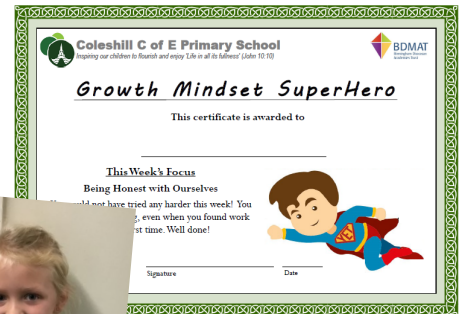
School	94.6%
RJ	95.86%
RM	91.54%
1O	92%
1W	86.67%
2C	88%
2RA	90%
3M	88.08%
3SM	91.38%
4G	94.64%
4P	84.64%
5FH	93.29%
5J	96.21%
6B	89%
6J	91.16%



Growth Mindset SuperHeroes!

Congratulations to our children who have earned our first **Growth Mindset Super Hero** certificates this week and last.

Last week we celebrated children who have given their all, even when they found themselves in the 'learning pit'!



This week we are celebrating those who have been kind and supportive to those around them, encouraging others not to give up but to keep going.

Parents' Evening Update

You will find your login details for Parents' Evening in your child's home reader diary. The exception is Reception children and new to school starters.



We are waiting for an update from our website host to enable the booking service to work for 2021-22 cohorts and also upload our Reception children and new to school children. Once that is done Reception and new to school children will receive their login and the system will be open for bookings.

We will let you know by text/email as soon as the update goes through and booking is live.



Book Bags

As we have mentioned previously we are investing a significant amount in new books this year - around £10,000 on a new phonics scheme, books and training, guided reading book sets, reading for pleasure library books, KS2 stage readers and free reader books for book corners. This is an investment for years to come!



To keep these in the best condition we can, we have been speaking to children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 this week about whether they have a book bag or not and if they would prefer one with or without a strap. The overwhelming response was to have book bags with straps.

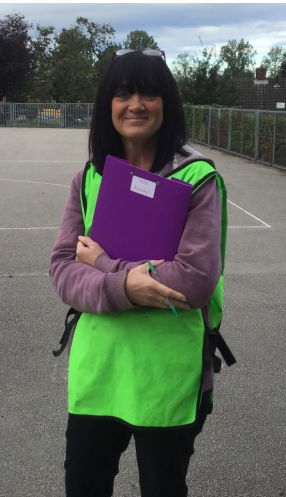


We have ordered 150 bags, the majority with straps, which we expect delivery of by the end of next week. We are able to offer them at a much reduced and subsidised cost of £4.00 for bags with straps and £3.50 without. We will issue bags directly to children who don't have one and would value your support in helping us cover the cost of these through Parent Pay.

We look forward to many years of enjoyment and learning coming from the many hundreds of books bought for Coleshill children.

Any Messages?

If you are a parent of a Key Stage 2 child and you drop them off at the playground gate, Mrs Lloyd is there to help get messages to teachers for you. Mrs Lloyd will be happy to make a note of anything that needs to be passed on and will speak to the teaching teams once she is back in school.



Year 4 Parents!

A chance to join us...

Date: Thursday 21st October

Time: 1:45pm

Where: in the school hall

Please come and join your child to take part in Harvest craft activities and see what great learning they have been up to!

We will be collecting food for Harvest as we have done in previous years, so please bring a contribution if you are able to.

We look forward to you joining us!



Mental Health & Wellbeing





At this time of year as children are dealing with change and settling into new routines, it is important to be aware of children's anxiety levels. For our families that are under Solihull council please see the following for free short courses around mental. Warwickshire provide similar support which can be found at

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

Please do talk to your child's teacher if you have concerns around your wellbeing. There are all sorts of different levels of support we can put in place as appropriate. You can find a helpful guide on the Mental Health tab of the school website .

<https://www.coleshillprimary.org.uk/mental-health-emotional-wellbeing>




UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH


WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH?

We are delighted to confirm new dates for this workshop, designed to give Solihull parents and carers a better understanding to support their child's mental health.

This foundation workshop will be delivered via Microsoft Teams, covering a range of themes including:

- What is mental health?
- Common mental health challenges
- Preventing mental health difficulties
- Recognising risk & building resilience
- Promoting well-being





AUTUMN 2021: "WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH?"

10am – 12pm

Tuesday 5th October
Thursday 4th November
Tuesday 7th December

PLACES WILL BE BOOKED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

ADD-ON SESSIONS

You may also be interested in attending the additional sessions:

Focus on Anxiety 10am – 12pm Thursday 21 st October Thursday 18 th November Thursday 16 th December	Focus on Depression 10am – 12pm Thursday 28 th October Thursday 25 th November Thursday 23 rd December
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These sessions can be booked alongside the foundation workshop or once you have attended this session

To book your place, please contact the parenting team via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net by phone on 0121 301 2773 or by finding us on Facebook – Solihull Parenting Team



CALENDAR DATES

October

4th 5:30pm PTA New Parents Meeting (School Hall)

11th Dress Up Day (see front page)

12th Parents' Evening (Zoom meeting) 5:00—7:00pm

13th Parents' Evening (Zoom meeting) 3:30—5:00pm

21st Harvest craft activities afternoon

22nd Last day of Autumn 1 half term

November

1st First day of Autumn 2 half term

January

4th INSET

February

28th INSET

April

25th INSET

Notices

- Wednesday 6th October: **Swimming continues with Mrs Fagg/Hughes' class**
- Wednesday 6th October: **Woodwind Lessons**
- Thursday 7th October: **Guitar Lessons**

Parent evening slots will be available for booking next week.

- Tuesday 12th October: 5:00—7:00pm
- Wednesday 13th October: 3:30—5:00pm

Please Use the Crossing

We are fortunate to have a crossing patrol at the beginning and end of the day. Please use this, particularly at the end of the day.

We are seeing many children coming out through the main gates and walking straight across the road rather than walking to the crossing point as cars are still travelling down the road.



****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

HOLIDAY CLUB

We have been informed this week by Fun Fest head office

that they will no longer be running a holiday club from Coleshill C of E Primary School due to staff shortages and difficulties in recruitment. We are currently looking at alternative provision for the future however unfortunately **there will be no holiday provision available at the October half term.**

We will keep you updated regarding success around securing the services of another company at this short notice.



Earrings and Jewellery

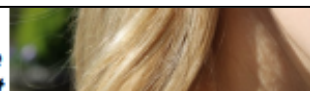
*Advice from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) supports our practice within school with all earrings being removed completely unless they have **a flat safety back**. The safety back means that the stem of the earring is protected against going into the neck. Children who wear safety earrings will also need to be able to apply tape, provided from home, over the earrings independently to prevent tearing of the lobe. Children who do not wear safety earrings and are unable to remove them will not be able to take part in practical lessons but will be able to take on the role of scorer or evaluator where appropriate.*

Please find below details as to why earrings without a safety back should not be worn;

'The reason not to wear earrings (or any jewellery) is that it can lead to injury for the wearer and for others in the class and it is the teacher's duty of care that must apply here. The reason is both about tearing of the ear lobe, but also the post of the earring going into the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain.'

Teachers are not allowed to remove earrings for children. Whilst we are willing to guide children as to where to store their earrings during the sessions, staff cannot be responsible for any losses.

Parents should encourage their children to learn to remove their own earrings or parents remove them for the whole day when PE is being taught.





**NEXT MEETING MONDAY 4TH
OCTOBER 2021, 5.30PM, AT SCHOOL.**

What do we fund? Over recent years we have funded a refurbishment & replenishment of the library, extra literature & work books, subsidised school trips, leavers & new starter gifts, key stage 1/2 transition gifts. Over the pandemic we bought the children a Santa visit, panto fun, & other activities. This year we will be launching a project to fund a new outside play/ trim trail area.

We need you! During the pandemic we have been unable to meet face-to-face in order to welcome new members. We have lost members as their children have grown older and left the school. We now need new volunteers in order to continue & thrive.

How do I get involved? Our next meeting is Monday 4th October at 5.30pm at School. This is our first face-to-face meeting in over 18 months so it would be lovely to see a good attendance. We currently have a vacancy for Vice-Chair and general committee members. Come along, have a chat and see what we are all about. You are not committing to anything by turning up! If you are unable to attend meetings but would be happy to help where needed please text 07921506321 and we will add you to our helpers whats app group.