



Colwich CE Primary School



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This half-term's value is: Koinonia

Live in harmony with one another. (Romans 12:16)



Friday 22nd December

Dear parents

This term

Our first term of this academic year has finally come to an end. I don't remember ever finishing so close to the Christmas break before. Both the children and staff are ready to sit back and enjoy the break. We have finished with a flourish of parties and Christmas activities that the children have really enjoyed.



It has been a productive and successful term in many ways.

We now have a more functional and up-to-date main building, with new spaces for the children, as well as the new windows to finish it off. There will also be more changes over the next few months.

The PTFA events that have been supported by yourselves, mean that, as well as improvements to the inside of the school, we are also going to be able to improve the outdoor area too. We are always grateful for the support we receive from the PTFA as it means we can enrich the lives of our children beyond what we can afford from our budget.

We have welcomed new team members on board who have quickly become part of our Colwich family. At the start of the term, we welcomed Mrs Gully, Miss Bentley and Mrs Slade-Nowell to the teaching team and Mrs Plimmer to our office team. After the retirement of two of our lunchtime supervisors we also welcomed Miss Patrick and Miss Finegan to our school.

We also went through a successful Ofsted in October. This has been followed in recent weeks by both a safeguarding audit and our 5 yearly health and safety audit. I look forward to sharing the positive outcomes from these in the new term. We must not forget our 5 stars from our kitchen team too!

All this, however, doesn't mean anything without our fantastic children who have worked really hard over the term, focusing on their work, growing both academically and socially. It was so lovely to see them all participate so confidently in our end of term shows. This is a credit to both staff and you.

Stars of Week

Well done to the children who were awarded 'Star of the Week' for their year groups:

Ted (Rec), Harriet (Year 1), Iyla (Year 2), Bethany (Year 3), Esme (Year 4), Joe (Year 5) and Jude (Year 6).

A special mention also to Michaela (Rec) for receiving a 'Headteacher's Award' for Friendship.





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TT Rock Stars



Well done to last week's top 3 most valuable players. They were: Leo (Y5), Harry P (Y6) and Jack C (Y5). Year 6 retain the trophy for most points but year 4 and 5 were much closer this week. Let's see if another class can win it back!

After the holiday we will also be giving certificates out for the most improved players – so keep practising!

Focus on Attendance



Last week's attendance rose to 97.5%

A well done to Miss Arnold's class, for the highest attendance for a second week in a row at 99.4%

Staffing changes

As the term draws to an end, we say goodbye to Mrs Bolas-Burn from our teaching assistant team, thanking her for her hard work and sending her best wishes for the future.

Parent Governor role

We also say goodbye to Mrs Claire Farish who has been an active and valued parent governor over the past 4 years. We send her our best wishes too.

You will have seen that we had been advertising for a parent Governor earlier in the term. Following an appointment process, I would like to thank Mr Dean Piper for successfully putting himself forward for the role. Dean is parent to Sophia in Year 3 and brings with him a wealth of transferable skills and knowledge from his current working role that we feel will enhance the skills of our current team. I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming him onboard.



Save the Children

Thank you to those of you who have donated to Save the Children following our Christmas Jumper day. We have raised £71 for this worthy cause. The page is still open for anyone who may still wish to donate. Click [HERE](#) to donate online.



Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and send my best wishes for the year ahead.

Have a relaxing and fun time and I look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Best wishes

Miss De Ste Croix (Headteacher)



St Michael and All Angels' Church Colwich

3 Dec • 🌐

Special Advent and Christmas Services at [St Michael and All Angels' Church Colwich](#)

Sunday 17th December: Carols by Candlelight at 6.00 pm.

Sunday 24th December:
Carols at the Crib at 3.00pm; and
First Communion of Christmas at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day
All-age Celebration and Holy Communion at 9.45am.

