



*In God's Name, We Learn to Love, Love to Learn, Learn for Life*

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Welcome back**

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome you all back to school this week. It certainly has been a long time coming. It has been fantastic to see how keen all the children were to get through the gates and engage with their peers and teachers. A special welcome to all our new families that have joined us in reception this year.

On behalf of all the staff, I'd like to thank you very much for your support over the past 6 months. It has been a difficult time but with your help our school community has pulled together and become stronger. You have all worked really hard to ensure that your children have engaged in their education whilst at home, and for that, we are very grateful.

I look forward to continuing to get to know more of you over the coming term and working together to ensure that every child leaves Colwich a successful learner and a well-rounded individual.

## **Curriculum**

Over the next few weeks we will be working very closely with all the children to ensure that they settle back in to school life. This half-term the main theme throughout the curriculum will be 'It's good to be me.' We want the children to think about their strengths and to develop lifelong learning skills. The teachers will also be assessing children's individual needs and helping them to move forward in their learning.

## **Home-school Communication**

During lockdown, we introduced Class Dojo as the main tool of communication between home and school. This has proved popular with both staff and parents so we will continue to develop its use. There will be further details on how we are planning to use it on next week's newsletter. If you have yet to register with Class Dojo or have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Due to the current situation, we are trying to limit the amount of items that move between home and school, therefore all newsletters letters, forms etc. will be shared digitally via Class Dojo and/or the school website. Any essential information will be highlighted to you using the school texting service. We kindly ask that you check both platforms regularly to ensure that you have all the information you need. If you can't find what you need, please contact your child's teacher or the school office (01889 88128 or [office@colwich.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@colwich.staffs.sch.uk) or [admin@colwich.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@colwich.staffs.sch.uk) )

If you wish to report an absence, please do so via the school office and not Class Dojo. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

## **Term Dates**

Term dates can be found below. Dates for events will be shared next week.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.

*Alison De Ste Croix*

Headteacher



## TERM DATES SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021

### ***Autumn Term 2020***

**INSET day:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**INSET day:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term starts:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Half term:** Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

**INSET day:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Term ends:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### ***Spring Term 2021***

**INSET day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Term starts:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Half term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

**2021 Term ends:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### ***Summer Term 2021***

**Term starts:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May - Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June

**INSET day:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Term ends:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July