



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

FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I wanted to say what a fantastic first full week it has been. You should all be very proud of your children. They have come back with such positive attitudes, have adapted quickly to the new routines in school and have listened well to their teachers.

Thank also for your co-operation in adhering to our new drop off and collection routines.

In light of this week's up-dated guidance regarding group gatherings, please can I kindly ask that during the above times you:

- stay 2 metres away from other parents;
- keep hold of younger siblings;
- stick to your allotted time slot;
- if waiting for a second child, do not allow your child to mix with children from other year groups;
- avoid congregating in groups when travelling to and from school.

Parent Questionnaire/Remote Learning

As a school we need to be fully prepared to return to remote learning should we have to partially or fully close the school due to a COVID outbreak.

In order to make sure that we are fully meeting the needs of our children, firstly we need to ascertain the capacity you have at home to access online learning and secondly we would like to know your thoughts on our provision during lockdown in order to build on our successes and develop any areas that need improving.

We would therefore be grateful if you could complete a short online questionnaire by Friday 18th September. Please click [HERE](#) to access the questionnaire. Your participation is much appreciated.

Reading Books

We are very pleased to be able to send home reading books again albeit with a few guidelines in place. Guidance states that children, *'can take books home although unnecessary sharing should be avoided'*. Therefore, we ask that books be kept in a child's bag unless being read. We

would also advise the use of hand washing or sanitiser before and after reading the books.

All children on the reading scheme will **change reading books on a Monday** so please ensure your child has their book that day. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours. They will then be returned to the shelves ready for book changing the following week.

Each child will bring home one reading book each week. In the past, children may have had more books than this but due to books being quarantined each week, there will not be enough to send home more. Research shows that repeated reading of books leads to improved sight reading and better fluency when reading.

Our expectations are that:

- children in Reception and Key Stage 1 should read daily to an adult;
- children in Key Stage 2 should be read aloud to an adult at least once a week;
- parents comment and sign in their child's reading record at least a week to show the book has been read and how the child has responded.

If you have any questions about reading books, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Chalkley, our English Lead.

Celebration Time

Due to current regulations, we are unable to meet in the hall for daily worship so are meeting over Microsoft TEAMS instead. Monday's worship will now include time for us to celebrate children's achievements both in and out of school. Teacher's will be choosing a Star of the Week and celebrating what has gone well in their class. We will also celebrate what children have achieved outside of school, for example certificates for activities such as brownies or sporting trophies. If your child would like to share what they have achieved please could you send a photo of them with their trophy/ certificate to me via Class Dojo or e-mail by Monday morning.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.

Alison De Ste Croix

Headteacher





DIARY DATES 2020/2021	
AUTUMN TERM	
01.09.20	INSET DAY
02.09.20	INSET DAY
03.09.20	TERM STARTS
18.09.20	PTFA AGM - Virtually at 1:30pm <i>Please contact admin@colwich.staffs.sch.uk</i>
02.10.20	Harvest Festival – Virtual <i>Details to follow</i>
21.10.20	Parents Evening <i>Details to follow</i>
22.10.20	Parents Evening <i>Details to follow</i>
26.10.20 30.10.20	HALF TERM
11.11.20	Remembrance event <i>Details to follow</i>
13.11.20	Children in Need <i>Details to follow</i>
9.11.20	Whole School Flu Immunisation <i>Details to follow</i>
18.12.20	TERM ENDS
SPRING TERM	
04.01.21	INSET DAY
05.01.21	TERM STARTS
15.02.21 – 10.02.21	HALF TERM
01.04.21	TERM ENDS
02.04.20	GOOD FRIDAY
04.04.20	EASTER SUNDAY
SUMMER TERM	
19.04.21	TERM STARTS
03.05.21	MAY DAY – School Closed
10.05.21 – 14.05.21	Year 6 SATs <i>Details to follow</i>
31.05.20 – 04.06.20	HALF TERM
07.06.21	INSET DAY
21.07.21	TERM ENDS