



Colwich CE Primary School



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This half-term's value is: Friendship

'Encourage one another and build each other up'

1 Thessalonians 5.11



Friday 17th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week

This week, hasn't quite been the week I expected. As you will be aware I had to close Class LM/LB due to a Covid outbreak within the class. I would like to thank all the parents for their patience, support and understanding. Despite the children not being in school, they have been absolute stars and have worked hard on the work set during their TEAMS sessions. We are looking forward to welcoming them back on Monday.

In other news...children from Year 4 and Year 6 had an enjoyable time taking part in cyclist training.



Miss Wilde's class have been learning how to use dictionaries to help them with their work



And our reception class loved their first PE lesson.

High School Admissions

Parents of children in year 6 will have received an information pack regarding high school admissions. The deadline for applications is 31st October. Further information can be found by clicking [HERE](#). As we receive information from high schools on their open evenings, we will keep you up-dated on Class Dojo.

Curriculum Plans

Last term, some of you told me that you wanted to know more about what your children were learning in school. In response to this, each teacher has put together an information sheet to let you know about the exciting learning opportunities that await your children this term. If you haven't already received this, you will do so at the start of next week.

Currently, Class Dojo is our main communication tool in letting you see what is going on in the classroom. Over the course of the Year we will be up-dating the school website so that you will be able to see more clearly how our curriculum develops as your children travel through the school.



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Covid

Please rest assured that we are doing all we can to keep your children safe in school. We continue to follow our Covid risk assessment as well as our outbreak management plan. Having to close a class like we have done this week, is always a last resort.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Covid procedures, particularly to those who have been swift to respond if we have asked you to take your child for a PCR test. We are aware that it is not a pleasant experience so are grateful for your support.

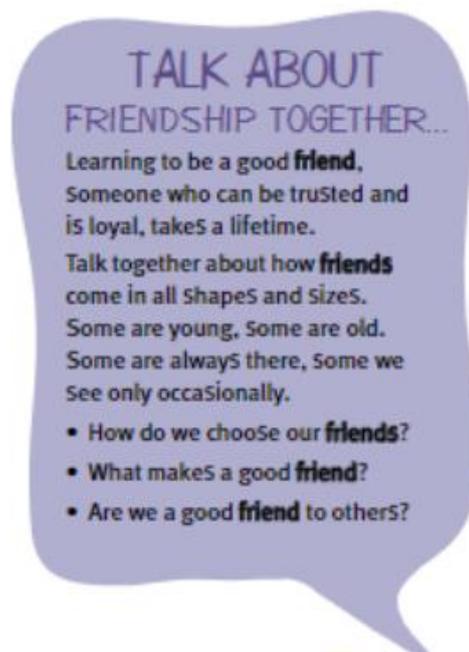
Government guidance still states that anyone with the main symptoms, should isolate and seek a PCR test as soon as possible. For those, who are nervous about testing, we ask you to do so, so that we can contain cases. This has two benefits, one we can keep the school open and allow children to continue their education without interruption and secondly, it prevents transmission into our wider community. If this week has taught us anything, it is that a swift response when dealing with symptoms of Covid, is the key to avoiding further transmission.

With this in mind, we are asking you to be extra vigilant in monitoring your children's wellness and respond swiftly to symptoms. You need to **be vigilant regarding both the main symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, temperature and loss of sense of taste/smell) as well children feeling generally unwell particularly if accompanied by cold symptoms**. If your child has any symptoms you must keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test. If any children develop the main Covid symptoms whilst in school, you will be asked to collect them and organise a PCR test. If in any doubt, please contact the school office

Values

Each half-term, we will be focusing on one of our new school values which is Friendship. During this time, we will be focusing on the value in school and also adding to the newsletter ideas for looking at the value at home as a family. If you do share in the activities, it would be lovely to have some photos of what you have done or comments that children have made to share with our school community.

This week's activity is:



Reminders from the office

- Please keep your ParentPay balance in credit if you regularly have school dinners
- When reporting illnesses on the school answer phone, please leave exact symptoms so staff can save time by not having to ring back.
- All forms for the Y6 residential should have been completed by today.
- If you haven't completed your parental permission forms, please complete as soon as possible by clicking [HERE](#).

Next Week in school ...

Here are some reminders for next week:

Monday	Keyboard lessons EYFS/KS1 Multi-skills Club
Wednesday	Guitar and singing lessons Y3/4 Dodgeball

If you have any questions about the above, or anything else, please contact myself or the school office.

Alison De Ste Croix
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Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Thursday 2nd September	Term starts
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half Term
Monday 1st November	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 17 December	Term Ends

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Wednesday 5th January	Term Starts
Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February	Half Term
Friday 8th April	Term Ends
Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April	Easter Holiday
Sunday 17th April	Easter Sunday

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April	Term Starts
Monday 2 May	May Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Tuesday 7th June	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Thursday 21 July	Term Ends