



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

Thursday 7th May

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and safe.

Once again, it continues to be a joy to share in your learning both academically and with valuable life skills. We have seen lots of fantastic activities this week and continue to be impressed by all you are doing. For example, this week in Mrs Chalkley's class children have been coming off stabilisers on their bikes, climbing trees and baking food from their country of choice (France last week, America this week). They have also had a zoom meeting with a rainbow themed scavenger hunt.

Keep the photos coming in, we love knowing what you're up to.

75th Anniversary of VE day - Friday 8th May

Don't forget that you have the day off remote-learning tomorrow to celebrate VE day. Please e-mail and post photos of you celebrating the day. You will be able to join in with the 11am silence as well as listen to Churchill's speech at 3pm.



Thanking our Key workers

If you have passed by school, you will have noticed the lovely banner to thank our key workers. There are also lots of smaller pictures on the fence around the premises that all made by the children in our emergency childcare. If you would like to contribute to the thank you messages, please feel free to add some pictures yourself if you are wandering past or alternatively, if you pop them through the post-box in the black side door of the Key Stage 2 building (accessed via vehicle access), we will laminate and hang them for you.

Charlotte Sparrow Day – Friday 15th

Since I started at Colwich all the staff have told me how much I was going to enjoy Charlotte Sparrow day. This is the day when we celebrate her birthday as she was the founder of the school.

So far I have learnt the following about her:

'At the beginning of the 19th century, Charlotte Sparrow saw the need for all the children of the community to have an education. In 1827 she opened Colwich School in the old school house. She paid for everything herself, including the salaries of the teachers, books, materials and repairs. The total costs for a year came to £180'.



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Charlotte's view that education was an ongoing process that would equip children for life is very much part of our school ethos now.

Normally we would mark the occasion of her birthday with a special service during which the children place flowers on her grave and celebrate her life. It is an occasion when Charlotte's vision and values are remembered along with her legacy to our school community.

As we are unable to do that this year, here are some suggestions of how you could celebrate at home: write a prayer and or poem, bake a cake, arrange some flowers or do some country dancing. I will post on Class Dojo next week and you can add below anything that you have done to celebrate the special day in the school's history.

FAO Parents using Emergency Childcare Provision

If you are using the above facility and are not in a regular shift pattern, please can you let me know by **Thursday lunchtimes** the provision you will be needing the following week.

As a MAT we are currently planning our half-term provision. Please can you let me know by **Friday 16th May** if you need a space.

Finally

As always, please remember we are here for you. Whether you need support with school work, emotional well-being or behaviour, please get in touch with us. If we can't help, we will put you in touch with someone who can.

Stay Safe

Best Wishes

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Headteacher