





# Colwich CE Primary School



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**This half-term's value is: Trust**  
*My God is my strength in whom I trust.*  
 (Psalm 18.2)



## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Dear parents

### This Week

It has been a busy week here in school and for Year 6 an exciting week at Stanley Head. The children have had a brilliant time experiencing a high ropes course, the power fan, a controlled jump off a high tower, the challenge wall, archery, climbing, bushcraft and a day of weaselling! Today they should be canoeing. Mrs Gully and Mr Thomas have been really impressed by their teamwork, communication and perseverance throughout the week – well done Year 6.



I thought I would also take this opportunity to share with you a picture of our new nurture space which is now up and running.

### Stars of the Week

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

**James (Rec), Joshua (Year 1), Oakley (Year 2), Molly B (Year 3), Charlie (Year 4), Oliver (Year 5) and Lexx (Year 6).**

The work on the windows has started.



Our Year 6 children will be returning to a lovely and warm, double-glazed classroom!

Next week work will start on the lower hall and kitchen windows and doors.

### Parents Evening – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please do so below by Monday.

- [Mrs Chalkley \(EYFS\)](#)
- [Mrs Cope/Mrs Slade-Nowell \(Y1/2\)](#)
- [Miss Arnold \(Y3/4A\)](#)
- [Miss Bentley \(Y3/4B\)](#)
- [Mrs Gully \(Y5/6\)](#)





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## Parking Reminder

Please remember that there should be no parking or stopping to drop off at the bottom of the school drive. This should be kept clear to ensure the safety of all our families when leaving the premises.

## Focus on Attendance



**Last Week's attendance rose to 96.8%**

*Well done to Miss Arnold's class, for the highest attendance at 98.9% for the second week in a row.*

This week's focus is on 'leave of absence requests'. Over the past half-term we have received several requests for 'leave of absence' for term time holidays. The 2013 amendments to the 2006 Education Act (Pupil Registration) (England) state that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term-time unless there are "exceptional circumstances" therefore holidays which take place partly or wholly within term-time are not permitted. Our criteria can be found by reading the leave of absence letter [HERE](#).

If parents/carers feel that there are such circumstances, they should complete this request form, clearly stating the exceptional circumstances. Upon receipt, each request will be considered on an individual basis by the headteacher in conjunction with members of the MAT leadership forum. Parents and carers will then be notified of the decision as soon as possible. If leave is granted, the Headteacher will determine how many school days are warranted given the exceptional circumstances criteria above. If leave is not granted and it is subsequently taken, it will be deemed unauthorised absence and a fixed penalty notice may be issued, regardless of the length of time a pupil is absent. Please note that the school does not issue the penalty notice, nor does the school profit from any

monies received by the local authority as a result of fines issued.

## Parent Governor

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the need for new parent governors to support us in our continuing journey. We still have one vacancy that we need to fill.

Details of the post were posted on Class Dojo on 13.10.23 with the deadlines for application being 27.10.23. I look forward to hearing from anyone who may be interested in this important post.

## Lunchtime supervisor vacancy

If anyone is interested in the post of lunchtime supervisor, or knows anyone that might be, please contact the school office or click [HERE](#) for online details.

## Next week

<b>Monday 23rd</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3/4 trip to the Black Country Living Museum</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keyboard lessons <i>Led by Mrs Eccles (pm)</i></li> <li>Parents' Evening</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guitar/vocal lessons <i>Led by Mr Moon (am)</i></li> <li>Forest School Lessons – Year 3/4B GROUP 2 <i>Run by Miss Lilley (pm)</i></li> <li>Forest School Club – Year 1/2 <i>3:20 – 4:30 run by Miss Lilley</i></li> <li>Parents' Evening</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 26th</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violin lessons <i>Led by Ms Hayes (pm)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Friday 27th</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTFA Disglow <i>Details on following page.</i></li> </ul>





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Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Alison De Ste Croix  
Headteacher

DIARY DATES 2023	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>HALF TERM</b></span>	
<b>November</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Design and Technology week
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations <i>(Details to follow)</i>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Prayers – Year 5/6 <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance service <i>(Details to follow)</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week Odd Sock day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Packington Farm visit to Reception
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Assembly <i>(Parents welcome)</i>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday Prayers – Year 3/4A <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Village Christmas Light Switch on
28 <sup>th</sup>	Packington Farm visit to Reception
29 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Prayers – Year 3/4B <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i>
<b>December</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	PTFA Christmas Fair
8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Communion service
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Production <i>(Details to follow)</i>
14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Concert <i>(Details to follow)</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party (pm)
20 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school Christmas Dinner
21 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Christmas Party (pm)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Carol Service
<b>TERM ENDS 22.12.22</b>	

