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

Friday 27th October

Dear parents

This Week

We are coming to the end of what has been a very busy and very packed half-term.

The window work has progressed well and we now have new lower windows in the hall, kitchen and key stage 1 toilets. During half-term they will be fitting the top windows in the hall. The first week after half-term they will be fitting the new sash windows in the reception classroom. The children will be based in the intervention room as well as the hall for continuous provision.

In school the teachers have been focusing on bringing our half-termly topics to an end.



It was a real privilege for me to accompany our Year 3&4 children on a trip to the Black Country Museum as part of their topic on how life has changed for children. The children really enjoyed taking a step back in time and experiencing and learning about the past. Thank you very much to the PTFA for

subsidising the trip and helping out during the day. Well done to the children who were really good ambassadors for our school.

I also joined Year 1&2 at the end of their history topic - 'How am I making history?' To end their topic, Mrs Hargreaves asked them to bring in items to bury in a time capsule in the garden. The children brought in toys, a marble, stationery, coins, letters and pictures. As well as this, a letter from myself, information about our values as a school, a portrait of our founder, Charlotte Sparrow, and of King Charles III were added to the capsule.



The children were all very excited to help put the soil over the tin and are all curious as to who will find it and when.

Stars of the Week

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

Everly B (Rec), Enid (Year 1), Clarke (Year 2), Cassia (Year 5) and Sam (Year 6). Well done also to our values award winners for 'Trust' – **Oliver (Rec) and all the Year 6 children who attended the residential trip.**





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Good-bye

Today is a sad day as we are saying goodbye to Mrs Cox, as she retires.

Mrs Cox has worked at the school as a lunchtime supervisor for 24 years. During this time she has looked after hundreds of children, some of whom are now parents of children in the school. We are really going to miss her and hope she pops in from time to time to see us.

I hope you'll join me in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement.

Remembrance



After half-term children will be able to purchase poppies in aid of The Royal British Legion. They will also be able to purchase: Wrist bands; snap bands, reflectors and coat pulls with suggested prices being between 50p and £1.50.

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.

Reminders

Parent Pay

If your child has dinners regularly, please ensure that your Parent Pay account stays in credit. We have several balances outstanding. Unpaid balances may result in you being asked to provide your child with a packed lunch. If you are struggling to pay the balance, please contact the school office in confidence.

Dogs

Please can I remind you that, for safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on the school site. Please wait outside the gates if you have a dog with you and we will send your children out to you, or in the case of younger children, bring them to you. Many thanks for your support.

Clothes labels

Please can you ensure that all your child's clothing is labelled with their name so that it can be returned if found.

Focus on Attendance



Last Week's attendance was 96.6%

A special well done to Miss Arnold's class, for the highest attendance at 98.9% for the third week in a row. They have been joined by Miss Bentley's class this week who have the same attendance – well done!

This week's focus is on **'absence due to illness'**.

To report an absence please ring/email the school office as early as possible on the first day of absence. If leaving a message, please be precise as to the reason your child is off. This helps us to monitor whether there any patterns in symptoms and whether we need to put any control measures in place in school. It also means school staff are not tied up in trying to contact you to ascertain the reasons.

If your child will be off for more than one day, please let the office know.

There are government guidelines for both schools and parents to follow when deciding on whether children are well enough to be in school.





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UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?



| Yes | Until... |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>



SCAN ME

For further information about each area on the poster, click [HERE](#).

If in any doubt, please ring the school office who will be able to help you.

Tonight

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the PTFA 'Disglow' later.

Join Colwich PTFA for



AUTUMN DISCO

It's time to dance!

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023
6PM-8PM @ SCHOOL

Hot food Bar Live DJ Tattoos
Yr6 Mocktail Bar Toy shop

£2 PER CHILD
WHOLE FAMILIES WELCOME - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

Wishing you all a happy and safe half-term

Miss Alison De Ste Croix
Headteacher





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| DIARY DATES 2023/2024 | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Autumn Term | |
| HALF TERM | |
| November | |
| 6 th | Design and Technology week |
| 6 th | Dodgeball afterschool club begins (Yr3/4) <i>(with Progressive Sports 3:20 – 4:30pm)</i> |
| 6 th | Choir afterschool club begins (Yr2 - 6) <i>(with Mrs Chalkley 3:20 – 4:20pm)</i> |
| 6 th | Flu Vaccinations <i>(Details to follow)</i> |
| 8 th | Wednesday Prayers – Year 5/6 <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i> |
| 8 th | Forest School lessons begin – Class 3 / 4 A |
| 8 th | Forest School afterschool club begins – Yr 5 <i>(with Miss Lilley 3:20 – 4:30pm)</i> |
| 9 th | Rugby afterschool club begins (Class 5 / 6) <i>(with Miss Arnold 3:20 – 4:20pm)</i> |
| 10 th | Remembrance service <i>(Details to follow)</i> |
| 13 th | Anti-bullying Week Odd Sock day |
| 14 th | Packington Farm visit to Reception |
| 15 th | Year 5/6 Assembly <i>(Parents welcome)</i> |
| 17 th | Children in Need |
| 22 nd | Wednesday Prayers – Year 3/4A <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i> |
| 25 th | Village Christmas Light Switch on |
| 28 th | Packington Farm visit to Reception |
| 29 th | Wednesday Prayers – Year 3/4B <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i> |
| December | |
| 1 st | PTFA Christmas Fair |
| 8 th | KS2 Communion service |
| 12 th /13 th | KS1 Production <i>(Details to follow)</i> |
| 14 th | KS2 Christmas Concert <i>(Details to follow)</i> |
| 19 th | EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party (pm) |
| 20 th | Whole school Christmas Dinner |
| 21 st | KS2 Christmas Party (pm) |
| 22 nd | Christmas Carol Service |
| TERM ENDS 22.12.22 | |

