



Dear Parents/Carers,

As the weather warms up and the nation prepares for the Queen's Jubilee and the Commonwealth Games, you can see in our newsletter that additional and wider opportunities for our children are certainly back on the map! From educational visits and residentials to special visitors from Team GB; things are gearing up for an exciting half term ahead.

This term has involved children in KS1 and 2 taking formal end of key stage assessments and I would like to congratulate them on their resilience and bravery because we all know these experiences can be tricky. As ever at CHS, we remind our children about **all** of their skills and talents (not only what it takes to pass a test). Thank you to the staff team for the support offered to children during that time.

This term, our team have worked hard on ensuring our reading areas are not only accessible but also inspiring. Reading aloud to children happens every day and we would appreciate any support you can offer in also reading to children at home. Learning new words and understanding how to use them really gives them a real head start – not just for school but their future life chances. Just ten minutes a day can make a massive difference.

This week we have welcomed Governors into school and they were impressed with the consistency of vocabulary teaching and how articulate our children were when sharing opinions about school life and learning. A huge thanks to Mrs Vogel, Miss Sterenberg and Miss Brown for giving up their own time in order to help us improve further and celebrate what we do well.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half term!

Kind regards,

*Miss N Fowles - Headteacher and Lead Learner*

## REMINDERS

### Half-Term Holiday

**Miss Fowles and the staff at CHS would like to wish you a safe and happy half-term break.**

Enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations.

**Break Up** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 / **Return** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**INSET DAY: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

### Your Child's Attendance and Punctuality Matters

It is expected that children **are in their classrooms by 8.55am** each day and **collected at 3.10pm**. Children need to enter their classroom via the doors on the playground and not via the school office.

**Appointment cards** need to be shown for all appointments so that these can be authorised.

Thank you to all parents who continue to wear face masks.



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**REPORTING BACK**

**Whitemoor Lakes Residential**

Year 5 travelled to Whitemoor Lakes, Staffordshire, for 3 days of adventure. They had the opportunity to experience new sports and tackle their fears. The children had lots of fun, did a range of activities such as, zip-wire, rock climbing, canoeing, fencing and problem solving. All the children represented the school exceptionally well.

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**Boys 4-a-side Football Finals**



On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Coleshill Heath took part in the 4-a-side football finals. The tournament was held at North Solihull Sports Centre. The boys played amazingly well and showcased the core values of CHS on the pitch. They just missed out on a final place but they should be very proud of themselves. Well done to Ryan, George, Corley and Blake.

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**SATs**

Well done to children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 who have completed their SATs during May. We are very proud of them.

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**National Numeracy Day**



To celebrate National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, each year group explored a story book which had a Maths focus. Based on books, the children completed different engaging activities to explore maths. Ask your child all about the book they explored.



## Athlete Visit

Coleshill Heath were very lucky to have a visit from a Great British Athlete, Lucy Robinson. Lucy is a Paralympian in Wheelchair Basketball and has achieved many medals competing in her sport and has recently participated in the Tokyo Olympics. The children had a fantastic day learning skills such as, being seated like a wheelchair basketball play and understanding what dedication it takes to become a Paralympian.



## PARENT INFORMATION

### National Online Safety

Coleshill Heath School have recently subscribed to the National Online Safety platform. This online platform contains a wealth of resources on eSafety topics, ranging from social media and cyber bullying to online gaming and tik-tok. So far, we've had an excellent response from staff members, with over 70 users well on the way to completing essential safeguarding and e-safety training. Moving forward, we plan to roll out this resource to parents who can access the platform via a free app and access resources tailor made for them and the issues around eSafety they're likely to encounter. Initiatives like this show just how committed we in #TeamCHS are to the safeguarding and wellbeing of our children both in, and out of school. A big thank-you to those already signed up and using National Online Safety. Be sure to take the time to have a browse through the website's vast library of content! #CHSRocks #eSafety



### Every Minute Counts – Attendance Expectations



Please phone on the first day of absence leaving your child's name, class and reason for absence. This needs to be done every day that your child is absent from school. A message may be left on the school answer phone or in person to the office. You can also email your child's absence to: [CHS-attendance@chs.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:CHS-attendance@chs.solihull.sch.uk)

<https://www.chs.solihull.sch.uk/parents/attendance-expectations>

### Important – Parking with consideration

Please be considerate to local residents that live in close proximity to the school when parking and refrain from playing loud music. **Please reduce your speed** in and around the school site. Speed limit to 5mph on school property. **Nothing comes before the safety and well-being of the children and school community.** Thank you

### Could your child be eligible for extra funding?

This is for all years (Reception – Year 6). If you have not done so already, we would appreciate you completing the online application to find out if you are eligible. Please go to the link below and complete the online application for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium: [www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm)





### School Meals

Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to the Government's Universal Infant free school meal regardless of a parent's income. Year 3 upwards, as you are aware, are now required to pay for your child's school dinners as they will no longer qualify for the Government's Universal Infant Free School meals programme. Some families may be entitled to continue claiming free school meals depending on family income - if you would like to apply for free school meals, please do so via the Solihull council website at: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm>. Families that do not qualify will be charged for each school meal their child has; payment is to be made online via ParentPay or at any PayPoint.

**Prices unchanged from 01.09.2020:** a school dinner for one child will cost: £2.20 per day /£11.00 per 5-day week.

### Dinners/Trip Payments

Please could we remind you that dinners should be paid for in advance. Any outstanding debts should be paid as soon as possible. Any debts move through the school with the child, thank you.

### Improving Communication Links with School

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we are continuing to use Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message. In addition to Schoolcomms, we also use ParentPay for trips, dinner money etc and Class Dojo for communicating with parents.

**URGENT: Keep the office informed of your current mobile number and email address together with other contact information we hold.** *If you are not receiving communication by these sources, please contact the school office and they will look into the reason why.* Help us to help you, thank you. Limited information can also be found on our website and noticeboards around school.

### School Website

Please look at our school website for Latest News Events, Upcoming Events, Policies, Class Blogs, Term Dates, Lunch Menu's, Calendar, Contact us enquiries form etc and more. [www.chs.solihull.sch.uk](http://www.chs.solihull.sch.uk)

### CHS is a Nut Free Zone



We have a few pupils at CHS who are allergic to nuts so for the safety of our children we have made CHS a nut free school. No nuts or any snacks/food containing nuts are permitted in school ie peanut butter or chocolate spread. Thank you for your co-operation.

### No Dogs on Site



Please can you refrain from bringing dogs on to the school site, either walking, in your arms or tied to railings. We have people who are allergic to dogs as well as some who have a fear of them. Please leave them at home, thank you.



**Correct School Uniform and Jewellery**

Please could we remind you to send your child to school with the correct uniform. If your child has pierced ears, only stud earrings are allowed. Lots of children are wearing hooped earrings, necklaces and bracelets which are a health and safety issue at school. Nail varnish should also not be worn. Long hair needs to be tied back. Don't forget to apply sun cream and bring in hats during the hot weather. Thank you for your co-operation. A list of uniform and suppliers is given below.

RECEPTION – YEAR 5	
Girls	Boys
White polo shirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Navy blue sweatshirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Navy blue cardigan ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Black or grey skirt, trousers or pinafore White or grey socks ( <i>ankle or knee length</i> ) Grey tights ( <i>colder months</i> ) Blue check gingham dress ( <i>warmer months</i> ) Black school shoes ( <i>no trainers or open toe sandals</i> )	White polo shirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Navy blue sweatshirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Black or grey trousers Black or grey shorts ( <i>warmer months</i> ) Black or grey socks Black school shoes ( <i>no trainers</i> )
YEAR 6 ( <i>Secondary School Ready</i> )	
Girls	Boys
White polo shirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Or white blouse and school tie School blazer ( <i>with school logo</i> ) Navy blue sweatshirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Navy blue cardigan ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Black or grey skirt, trousers or pinafore White or grey socks ( <i>ankle or knee length</i> ) Grey tights ( <i>colder months</i> ) Blue check gingham dress ( <i>warmer months</i> ) Black school shoes ( <i>no trainers or open toe sandals</i> )	White polo shirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Or white shirt and school tie School blazer ( <i>with school logo</i> ) Navy blue sweatshirt ( <i>School logo or plain</i> ) Black or grey trousers Black or grey shorts ( <i>warmer months</i> ) Grey or black socks Black school shoes ( <i>no trainers</i> )

*The wearing of our School blazer, school tie and a button up white shirt is optional for all year groups*

**School Uniform Providers**

Uniform can be purchased through **Brigade or Mansuri Schoolwear**. Please see details below:

**Brigade**

Order your school uniform online from



Log on to:

[www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)

Enter Coleshill Heath School (delivery to school service) and select the school from the drop-down list provided.

**Mansuri Schoolwear**

163 Yew Tree Lane  
Yardley  
Birmingham B26 1AY  
Tel: 0121 784 4230

**CHS** - CHS do sell ties (£2.75), book bags (£5.00) and water bottles (£1.50)

**SMBC School Holiday and Term Dates - Academic Year 2021/2022**

**Summer Term 2022**

Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Term Ends: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**REMINDER OF INSET DAY**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

***All holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks that the school is closed***



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