

## COLESHILL HEATH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – January/February 2021





We break up on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. School re-opens to children of keyworkers on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2001 (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is an INSET Day)



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a huge well done to parents and staff this term for how we have dealt with the challenges of lockdown round two – we are very much looking forward to seeing a greater number of children come bouncing through the school gates as soon as restrictions lift. Parents and teachers are working around the clock to ensure our children get the best deal possible under the current circumstances and I am so proud of what we have managed to achieve in partnership as we battle the virus.

On that note, I am proud to report that our recent Ofsted Section 8 inspection was a roaring success and we displayed to the inspectors our level of team work and partnership when it comes to giving our children the very best when it come to the Quality of Education. Thank you to all parents who completed the Ofsted survey - the team at CHS greatly value your engagement and support. There were a very small minority of parents who indicated concerns and I urge you to contact the office so we can work through any issues. Working together is the best way to ensure your child receives the very best school has to offer and this is what we are willing to do in order to get things right. In order to book a meeting, please call the school office and request a 'parent partnership' meeting when you leave the request.

Please stay safe over the half term and we look forward to welcoming children back as soon as we can. Have a safe and happy half term

Miss N Fowles - Headteacher and Lead Learner

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Should the school need to close, we would like to remind you of ways of securing the correct information.

- <u>Dojo system</u>
- <u>School texting service</u>: We will send the first contact on our database, a text with the necessary information. Please keep your 'phone turned on and make sure you update the office with any change of mobile number, thank you.
- <u>Coleshill Heath Twitter Site:</u> log-on to Twitter.com, search Coleshill Heath, click on Coleshill Heath to view our "tweets".
- Coleshill Heath School website google Coleshill Heath
- Search <u>www.solihull.gov.uk</u> internet site.
- Listen to FREE or Heart FM radio stations where announcements on school closures will be made.

## New School Website

Please look at our new 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



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## REPORTING BACK Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to the people below who won Christmas raffle prizes: Ethan T – Year 5 (Printer); Jack C – Rec (Amazon Echo); Imogen M – Nursery (Hamper); Eve S – Year 2 (Tropic Gift Bag); Summer – Year 3 (Tropic Gift Bag); Jack S – Nursery (Wine Glasses); Kyra B - Year 4 (Botanica Gift Set); Casey Leigh – Year 2 (Pink Fizz Gift Set); Cleo H – Year 2 (Children's Colouring Pack); Gracie J – Nursery (Big Book of Horrid Henry); Logan R – Year 6 (Falling Monkey Game); Thomas F – Year 2 (Balloon Animals); Ryder M – Year 1 (Balloon Animals). We managed to raise £665.73.

We would also like to thank Midshire Business Systems Ltd, Ian Smith Stationers, staff and all the other organisations who kindly donated the above prizes.

**#KINDNESS** 

## Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your contributions towards Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Your donation raised £279.61 for this worthy cause. #KINDNESS



### **School Values**

Our core School values of #Courage #Kindness #Confidence #Honesty, shape who we are and how we work together as a school community.

To deepen our core values, our School Parliament in 2019, chose a Value of the Month for each month. In these difficult times their importance has become even more profound. This month we are in 'Friendship February' shown through the values 'Love and Compassion'. Coming up this year we are looking forward to:

2 Mindful March	Open mindedness
Ambitious April	Dedication and risk taking
Motivational May	Perseverance and enthusiasm
Joined up June	Loyalty and teamwork
Joyful July	Trust

Think together, as a family, about how you can help spread these values through our community.

## Wellbeing / Keep Active

Please see our website for activities that can be done together to keep fit and help with wellbeing. There are many activities under the wellbeing section in Adult and Child Support. Current feedback is good so why not join in and have some fun!

https://www.chs.solihull.sch.uk/key-information/covid-19-support/wellbeing



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#### PARENT INFORMATION

#### Update on Free School Meals over Half-Term

Solihull Council will issue Edenred vouchers of £20 for Free School Meal families for half term week only. Parents will receive these via email. This is funded direct from the Council and not the School. The £20 is to acknowledge that parents will have additional expenditure with having children at home during the holidays.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

All applications for school places for September 2021 have to be made via the Council website: <u>http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions</u>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application. Please note that all admissions (except Nursery) are now done online.

#### Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2021

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2021. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions. CHS offer 15 hours a week (5 x 3-hour sessions). The additional 15 hours can be applied for at Chuckles and Chums (if entitled). Please email the school office on <u>office@chs.solihull.sch.uk</u>, telephone 0121 779 8070 or call into the school office for an application form.

#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please see Community Section on Website

# **SMBC School Holiday and Term Dates**

## Academic Year 2020-2021

(Subject to Lockdown and Government Guidance)

#### • Spring Term 2021

Starts:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 <i>(INSET)</i>
Half Term:	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 (INSET 22 <sup>nd</sup> February)
Ends:	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021

#### • Summer Term 2021

Starts:	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Half Term:	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Term Ends:	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021

#### **Bank Holiday**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 <u>Inset Days</u> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021



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