



NOTE FROM MISS BUDD, DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and productive half term with many sporting events – Infant Agility, Get Pedalling, Gymnastics, Basketball and Netball to name but a few.

Years 1 and 2 were visited by a Road Safety Theatre Group. They explored the town of Speedville, and met Mrs Plumpton the Lollipop Lady, Vince the Van Driver, and Steve the Cyclist! The children really enjoyed the sessions and learnt some important lessons about road safety.

We ended the half term with Chinese New Year Culture Day – 2024 is the year of the dragon! We celebrated with Chinese music, food and decorations. Children made fortune cards, lanterns, traditional Chinese dragons and they retold the story of the animals in the Chinese Zodiac with hand-made puppets!

We are working towards becoming a Nurture UK accredited school. We believe it is important to ensure our children are in a nurturing environment that supports them to learn. Nurture helps us to develop our social and emotional skills to support our development as well as to develop our resilience. Check out the new Nurture section on the website.

As you are aware, very recently the school was sadly subject to a fire at the front of the building. It was with regret that we had to close the school to children on Monday 5th February and apologise for any inconvenience caused. All decisions were made with the safety of children in mind.

Please be reminded that the stayingsafe email can still be used if you need to contact a Safeguarding Lead.
stayingsafe@chs.solihull.sch.uk

There are lots of exciting enrichment activities planned for next half term, including: The Animal Man, A trip to Think Tank, World Book Day and many more.

World Book Day - 7th March 2024

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading. This year, children (and staff) are invited to dress up as a genre. Book genres include: Mystery, fantasy, fairy tales, thriller, science fiction, graphic novels, history, sport, and many more. If your child would prefer to come as a specific character, they are also welcome to.

Thank you for your patience and support over the last week. A huge thank you to the staff team, particularly the site team, who go above and beyond every week.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half-term.

Miss C Budd

REMINDERS

Half-Term

Pupils break up for half-term – Friday 9th February 2024

Half-Term (Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024)

Monday 19th INSET Day - School re-opens to children on Tuesday 20th February 2024

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

Red Nose Day/Comic Relief – Friday 15th March 2024

Details to follow





School closure due to weather or an emergency

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

- ◆ Dojo system
- ◆ School texting service: 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.
- ◆ Coleshill Heath Social Media Sites – Facebook and X
- ◆ Coleshill Heath School website – google Coleshill Heath
- ◆ Search www.solihull.gov.uk internet site.
- ◆ Listen to FREE or Heart FM radio stations where announcements on school closures will be made.

INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

All applications for school places for September 2024 have to be made via the Council website:

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application.

Information for Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2024

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2024. **Offer day is 1st March 2024.**

Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2024

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 start full-time school in September 2024. This first year is called 'Reception'. **Offer day is 16th April 2024.**

Applying for a Nursery school place

We currently have spaces available in our Nursery for children who have turned 3-years-old. Children can start with us the term after they turn 3 years old and they are entitled to 15 hours of Nursery education (AM or PM daily sessions). You can also apply online for 30 hours of free Nursery education via the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> (certain criteria apply).

CHS offers Nursery Provision for Children aged 2 to 3 and 3 to 4 Years

Nursery 2-Year-Old Provision

Children who are 2 years old before 31st March 2024 may be entitled to a free nursery place for up to 15 hours per week. Please use the following link to check if you are eligible.

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/earlyeducation2yearolds>

****Introduction of New Childcare Funding Scheme for Working Families****

The new scheme starting in April 2024 is able to offer childcare for 2-year olds where their family meet criteria relating to being in employment. The new scheme is managed by the National Childcare Service.

To apply for this new childcare funding for working families please apply to the National Childcare Service by 31st March 2024 for your code for the Summer 2024 term. Parents can also call them on 0300 123 4097 if you need support submitting your application.

Nursery 3- and 4- Year Olds

All children aged 3 to 4 are entitled to 15 hours of early education funding per week the term after their 3rd birthday. If your child is 3 years old before 31st March you can apply for a place to start in April 2024.

Extended childcare is also available between the hours of 8.00am-5.15pm for nursery children at an additional cost.

For more information or to apply for a place please email 15admissions@chs.solihull.sch.uk





REPORTING BACK

Achievements Gained Outside of School



A shout out to Caitlin, who brought in her swimming certificates after achieving (amongst other things) her 50 metres. Well done!

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If you've accomplished something outside of school be sure to tell us about it - we love to recognise these amazing achievements in school, too!

National Story Telling Week



National Story Telling Week took place between Monday 29th January and Friday 2nd February. The event takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Sharing stories is a fantastic way to be creative and relax, it also helps children to learn about the world and boosts vital literacy skills. At CHS we celebrated by involving the children in a range of activities, including: a comfy reading session, where children were able to get cosy and read their favourite story; Buddy Reading, where children across the school buddied up and shared stories with a different year group and a teacher swap, where each teacher chose one of their favourite stories to read to a different class

Year 5 Girls – Basketball Competition

Four Year 5 girls were awarded Gold medals at their basketball competition – they competed in 5 matches against other Solihull schools, then won 4:1 against Castle Bromwich in the final and received Gold medals. They showed such incredible teamwork and resilience – we are very proud of them!



Cleo, Ruby, Angelica, Madison

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Online Safety - Safer Internet Day 6th February 2024



Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day around the world, promoting being "Together for a better internet" and encouraging talking about life online.

Life online is often as important to our children as life offline and making space to talk about it is really important. @bbcbitesize has some great resources for parents/carers on managing your child's online world without clashing. Have a look here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9k4bqt> #CHSRocks #OnlineSafety





PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Voice



Accompany us in our 'Quest to be the Best' and join our Parent Voice. Next meeting is Friday 23rd February 2024, 9.00am – Coleshill Heath School.

Could your child be eligible for extra funding?

Please click on the link and complete the online application for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium to find out:
www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm

SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2024 are the provisional dates for Year 6 SATs. Please make a note of the dates in your diary. As you know Year 6 is a critical year for pupils and excellent attendance is expected.

Unwanted Good Quality Uniform

School Uniform



If you have any unwanted good quality uniform can you please pass this to the class teacher or the school office so we can make it available to other families. This is something the government have asked schools to implement, thank you.

This FREE pre-loved uniform is available at publicised events throughout the year. For further information please speak to the school office

School Uniform Suppliers

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

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

Please telephone before you visit to see if they stock what you require (Jumpers/Cardigans/PE tops, book bags)

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. *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.



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No Smoking or Vaping



No Smoking or Vaping on these premises

There is no smoking or vaping allowed on the school site or just outside the gates. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



NHS

MEASLES
Don't let your child catch it
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

immunisation
the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet

Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?
Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?
The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?
Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?
As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

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Immunisation Information





CONCERNS – SAFETY OF PARKING/ENTRANCE ACCESS/RUBBISH AND RESPECT

Again, we have had complains and concerns from local residents about driving at speed, not stopping at junctions and parking. In particular, Beech Avenue, Hatchford Walk, Alder Drive, Lime Grove. We need you to:

- **Reduce your speed** in and around the school site. The speed limit is 5mph on school property. Be observant when reversing and when driving through the walkway at each entrance.
- **Park legally, and with consideration to residents and others**, leaving access to the school, resident's driveways and public pathways free. The blocking of pavements means parents with pushchairs having to walk in the road, an accident waiting to happen. It's also a hazard for emergency services.
- **Keep music and noise down** as some residents work shifts so may be trying to sleep.
- Do not park under the barrier or on the curved part of the front entrance, delivery vehicles need to have access and this causes a safety hazard. If you park in this way and your vehicle is damaged the school is not responsible.
- Ideally, park away from the school site and walk in, this will ease congestion.
- **Take your rubbish home or put it in a bin** we have had complaints from neighbours about empty energy drink cans being thrown in her garden by parents. Please have some respect.

We all have a responsibility and nothing comes before the safety and well-being of the children and school community. Please help us to be a safe and happy community, give a bit of thought and show respect and kindness to others, but more importantly think of the lives and safety of young innocent children.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Solihull Family Hubs



Solihull Council will be opening some new Family Hubs across the borough. These important new centres will give children, young people and their families access to the best health and family support services from pregnancy to 25 years, alongside social activities at places that are most convenient for them.

If you have any questions, please email: familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk

For more information about the Family Hubs please visit:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/news/new-family-hubs-solihull>

TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2023/2024

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024
 Half Term Holiday: Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024
 Monday 19th February 2024 (INSET Day)
 Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024
 Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024
 Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024 (INSET Day)

Inset Days

Monday 19th February 2024
 Friday 21st June 2024
 Monday 22nd July 2024
Bank Holiday (May Day)
 Monday 6th May 2024

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





Dates for your Diary: Spring Term (2) – February to March 2024

February 2024	
19.02.2024	Start of Spring Term (2)
19.02.2024	INSET Day
20.02.2024	Nursery – Animal in Hands
20.02.2024	Year 5 - Whitemoor Lakes – Residential Parent Meeting (3.30pm)
22.02.2024	Year 4 – Think Tank
23.02.2024	Parent Voice 9.00am
23.02.2024	Young Voices – Choir
23.02.2024	Years 5&6 – Athletics (9.30am-11.30am) - NSSC
26.02.2024	Years 3&4 – Maths Quiz (3.30pm-5.00pm) – Kingshurst PS
27.02.2024	Birmingham City Mission Assemblies
28.02.2024	Year 5 – HAL Project: Composing and Creating
29.02.2024	Years 1&2 – Gymnastics (9.30am-11.30am) - CHS
March 2024	
	Musician of the Month – Lucy Horsch
01.03.2024	Secondary School Offer Day
04.03.2024	Science Week (04.03.2024-08.03.2024)
04.03.2024	Sign Language Week (04.03.2024-08.03.2024)
04.03.2024	Year 1 – Dinosaur Visit (Life Long Ago)
05.03.2024	4-a-side Football at NSSC
05.03.2024	Year 4 - Kingswood – Residential Parent Meeting (3.30pm)
06.03.2024	Year 6 – Health Questionnaire – School Nurse (9.30am)
07.03.2024	World Book Day
07.03.2024	KS2 - SEND Archery (3.45pm-5.15pm) – Grace Academy
08.03.2024	International Women’s Day
08.03.2024	Nursery – Year 6 - Mother’s Day Workshops (2.30pm)
08.03.2024	Whole School - Biggest Ever Football Session
11.03.2024	Year 2 – Dean Glover Pastor – RE Sessions
11.03.2024	Year 2 – Maths Quiz (3.30pm-5.00pm) – Kingshurst PS
12.03.2024	Dean Glover Pastor – Easter Assemblies
12.03.2024	Year 3 – My Common Wealth Personal Best (9.30am-11.45am) NSSC
12.03.2024	4-a-side Football at NSSC
13.03.2024	Year 4-6 - HAL Project: Extravaganza
15.03.2024	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
15.03.2024	Parent Voice 9.00am
18.03.2024	Autism Awareness and Acceptance Week (18.03.2024–22.03.2024)
18.03.2024	Shakespeare Week (18.03.2024-22.03.2024)
18.03.2024	Easter Egg Entries in School
18.03.2024	Year 4 – Easter Assembly (2.30pm)
20.03.2024	Attendance Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
20.03.2024	Year 4 – Easter Workshops (Birmingham City Mission) (Curie 1.10pm-1.45pm/Pankhurst 1.50pm-2.25pm)
21.03.2024	World Poetry Day
21.03.2024	Tea with Me (2.00pm)
22.03.2024	Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
22.03.2024	Break Up for Easter Break
Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024	

Dates correct at time of print (12.02.2024)

Information to follow regarding the above events

If children are receiving an award, parents will be sent a text

