



*Miss Fowles and the staff at Coleshill Heath School would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.*

*We break up on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022*



Dear Parents and Carers,

I think it is fair to say that it has been an interesting term but one with many successes and positive experiences! The impact of the pandemic continues to provide many unexpected challenges that we are working through the best we possibly can. We really do appreciate all of your patience, understanding and team work.

This is always a reflective time of year and as usual, I have been reflecting on the quality of educational experiences we offer at CHS. Reading remains extremely high profile and the children and staff have been exceptional at putting this important life skill at the forefront of our learning and teaching. It has been staggering to see the progress children have made despite the amount of time missed from education. Our new Early Years offer continues to expand and grow – this is all credit to the staff team working closely for the best possible provision and we are excited about our new modular building. We have appreciated the patience with our current parking arrangements and keeping our eye very much on the long-term goal.

We welcome Ms Moore as our new Family, Welfare and Safeguarding Lead. Ms Moore has an experienced career in social work and brings much to the team.

From all of us here at CHS, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Miss N Fowles  
Headteacher and Lead Learner*

## REMINDERS

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club finishes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and will re-start on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If you have not done so, could you please pay for this half-term as you will have to pay for Spring half-term at the beginning of January. Breakfast Club is still £5 for the half-term. If you need a barcoded letter to pay, this can be requested from the school office, thank you.

### Health and Safety – Stay Safe



Thank you to all parents wearing face masks and distancing. 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.



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### INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS

All applications for school places for September 2022 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. Please note that all admissions (except Nursery) are now done online.

### Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2022

Children with a date of birth between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 start full-time school in September 2022. This first year is called 'Reception'. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Offer day is 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### Free Childcare places for 2-year-olds at CHS

Children who are 2 years old before 31<sup>st</sup> December may be entitled to a free childcare 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>

If your application is successful, please contact us to apply for a place to start in January 2022

### Early Education funded Nursery places for 3- and 4-year olds at CHS

All children aged 3 to 4 are entitled to 15 hours of early education funding per week the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Some children may also be eligible for additional early education funding depending on a household's circumstances.

If your child is 3 years old before 31<sup>st</sup> December please contact us to apply for a place to start in January 2022.

### REPORTING BACK

#### Parent Governors

As a result of our election for parent governors, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Zoe Brown and Lesley Sterenberg on to the Board of Governors. We would like to thank all those who put their name forward and took the time to complete candidate statements and for those of you who voted.

### National Anti-Bullying Week (ABW) 2021

Our Anti-Bullying Week 2021 was launched with 'Odd Sock Day', to show that 'everyone is different but equal'.

This year's national theme was 'One Kind Word', recognising that a little can mean a lot. Through classroom discussions and assemblies, the children explored how and what they can do to stop bullying, focussing on how to help anyone who looks unhappy, alone or is being bullied.

The week ended with awards being given to class Kindness Champions, those who go above and beyond not only to show kindness everyday but also know how to respond effectively to bullying.

We are proud of all the children at CHS and their commitment to being part of a school that is determined to work on being kind all year round.

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**Thank you to everyone for your support.**

**If you have any concerns about bullying, at any time, please do talk to any member of staff.**

*Ms Whiting*



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### Poppy Appeal 2021



The Royal British Legion would like to thank you very much for helping with the Poppy Appeal. It continues to be a difficult time with collections so without our help, they would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

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### Children in Need



Thank you to everyone from CHS who donated to Children in Need. We managed to raise approximately £370 for this worthy cause and everyone had a great time.

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### Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we held Christmas Jumper Day and raised £146 for “Save the Children”. Thank you for your support.



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### PARENT INFORMATION

#### Team CHS - PE and Sports News

Please see CHS website.

### How to contact the school

**Go to CHS Website** – click on the ‘contact us’ tab for General Enquiries, COVID Reporting, Attendance & Safeguarding. - *A member of staff will get back to you and answer your query.*

**Dojo** – message class teachers for class-based queries related to learning.

### School closure due to weather or an emergency

#### **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 Twitter Site:** log-on to Twitter.com, search Coleshill Heath, click on Coleshill Heath to view our “tweets”.
- ♦ **Coleshill Heath School website** – google Coleshill Heath
- ♦ Search [www.solihull.gov.uk](http://www.solihull.gov.uk) internet site.
- ♦ Listen to **FREE or Heart FM** radio stations where announcements on school closures will be made.



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**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.

**Extra-Curricular Activities 2021-2022 Spring (1)**

A decision will be made and you notified in January 2022.

**Academic Year 2021-2022**

**Autumn Term 2021**

Term Starts: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
 Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
 Term Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Spring Term 2022**

Term Starts: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
 Half Term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
 Term Ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Summer Term 2022**

Term Starts: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
 (May Day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022)  
 Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022  
 Term Ends: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

**REMINDER OF INSET DAYS**  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
 INSET 5 - TBA

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

