



NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome to new children, parents and staff members to the CHS family! We have many new faces this term, so have focused on relationships and ensuring that children feel welcomed and settled into school life. This half term, we have held our annual 'Meet the Teacher' event as well as Parent's Evening. Both events were well attended and we have taken the feedback on board about the wait times for some of you. As a result, we are researching new options and ways of making these events a smoother process all round.....watch this space!

SAVE THE DATE.....**29th November!** This year, we will be working with **Solihull Parent Carer Voice** in order to enhance and connect more deeply with parents in and across our school. We value your ideas and contributions so would love to have more of you involved [especially as we are a pilot school for the Solihull Inclusion Strategy]. We feel parents will play a huge role in making our school as inclusive as it can possibly be for EVERY CHILD.

As always, at the beginning of a school year we outline key priorities. These are as follows:

- **Behaviour and Inclusion** – how can we ensure all children feel positive, safe and can manage their emotions/mental health?
- **Embedding curriculum** – how can we continue to provide the best learning opportunities so children achieve their full potential?
- **Parents and community** – how can we build on relationships and make further connections with our parents and local community?

We all wish you and your family a lovely half term.

Miss Fowles

REMINDERS

Inset and Half-Term

Pupils break up for half-term – Friday 21st October 2022
Half-Term (Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022)

Bonfire Dinner – Friday 4th November 2022



Events during Half-Term

There are some events taking place at The Renewal Centre over the October half-term. For further information please see links below:

Activity Day: renewalcc.com/kidsactivityday

Light Party: renewalcc.com/lightparty

National Online Safety



Thank you so much to all parents/carers who signed up for National Online Safety at Parents' Evening. There is a Watch List full of useful guides to social networks, online gaming and more to keep you in the know.

For those that didn't get chance, you can still sign up by visiting <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/coleshill-heath-school>.



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INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

All applications for school places for September 2023 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 2023

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2023. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **31st October 2022**. Offer day is 1st March 2023.

Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2023

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 start full-time school in September 2023. This first year is called 'Reception'. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **15th January 2023**. Offer day is 17th April 2023.

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).

2-Year-Old Provision

We also have spaces in our new 2-year-old provision, children can attend from the term after they turn 2 years old. Find out if you are eligible for funding at <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>. Application forms are available on our school website, or through the office as detailed above.

Please note that all admissions are now completed online (with the exception of Nursery). If you do not have access to a computer you can visit any library and use the computers there. To ensure your space, please do not miss the deadlines specified and please ensure that you complete the appropriate admissions forms.

REPORTING BACK

Harvest Donations



'Helping Hands' charity were thrilled with the food collection that Coleshill Heath children brought in. We hope you will agree that this is a very worthwhile cause, helping people who need help in the local community. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support!

We also had an assembly from Birmingham City Mission about 'Sharing and being Generous' giving to people that have less than we have which linked in nicely to Harvest. **# KINDNESS**



World Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October 2022 was World Mental Health Day. On this day we chose to raise awareness by wearing yellow. A big thank you to our families for supporting this. In school, children and staff wore yellow, took part in themed activities and lessons based around yellow and mental wellbeing. Thank you for helping us to raise awareness. **# KINDNESS**



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PARENT INFORMATION

SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 8th May 2023 – Thursday 11th May 2023 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.

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

School Meals

Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a 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 from 1st September 2022: a school dinner for one child will cost: £2.30 per day /is £11.50 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. Please discuss if you are in need. School dinners are £2.30 a day.

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.

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.

CHS – do sell ties, book bags and water bottles. Please enquire at the school office.



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)



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Where's My Jumper?

Please remember to put your child's name on EVERY item of uniform. If some of your child's uniform goes missing we have a much greater chance of returning it to you if a name is clearly printed on it.



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



Dogs are not allowed on the school site, either walking, in your arms or tied to railings. We have people who are scared or allergic to dogs, please leave them at home, 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. *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.

Concerns – Safety of Parking/Entrance Access – 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 and resident's driveways free.
- **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.

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.



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Dates for your Diary
Autumn Term - September to December 2022

October 2022	
01.10.2022	Black History Month
10.10.2022	"Hello Yellow" - World Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow Day)
12.10.2022	Year 3 – Portals to the Past - Stone Age Visitor
12.10.2022	Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
14.10.2022	INSET DAY
21.10.2022	Show Racism the Red Card (Wear Red Day)
21.10.2022	Break Up for Half Term
Half Term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022	
31.10.2022	Start of Autumn Term (2)
November 2022	
02.11.2022	Year 6 – Explorer Dome (School Hall)
04.11.2022	Bonfire Lunch (<i>Bonfire Night - 5th November</i>)
10.11.2022	Year 5 – Portals from the Past – Viking Workshop (School Hall)
11.11.2022	Remembrance Day
14.11.2022	Anti-Bullying Week (14.11.2022 – 18.11.2022)
14.11.2022	Phase 1 (Rec & Year 1) - Nursery Rhyme Week (14.11.2022 – 18.11.2022)
14.11.2022	Parent Partnership Reports out to Parents
18.11.2022	Children in Need
23.11.2022	Reception & Year 6 – Height & Weight Check
24.11.2022	Reception & Year 6 – Height & Weight Check
28.11.2022	Reception - Year 6 - Immunisation (Flu)
30.11.2022	Reception – Nativity (2.30pm)
December 2022	
01.12.2022	Reading Advent begins
01.12.2022	Nursery – Elf Workshop – Parents Invited (10.30am and 2.30pm)
03.12.2022	Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December
06.12.2022	Phase 2 (Years 2&3) – Christmas Concert (9.15am and 2.15pm)
07.12.2022	Phase 2 (Years 2&3) – Christmas Concert (9.15am)
09.12.2022	Christmas Jumper Day
12.12.2022	Year 1 – Christmas Production (9.15am and 2.15pm)
13.12.2022	EYFS & KS1 - Christmas Lunch
14.12.2022	KS2 – Christmas Lunch
14.12.2022	Reading Rewards – Tea with me
15.12.2022	Attendance Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
15.12.2022	Christmas Parties (pm)
16.12.2022	Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
16.12.2022	End of Autumn Term
Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023	
January 2023	
03.01.2023	Start of Spring Term (1)
03.01.2023	INSET DAY

Dates correct at time of print (18.10.2022)

Information to follow regarding the above events
If children are receiving an award, parents will be sent a text





TERM DATES

Academic School Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 5th September 2022 (INSET)
Half Term Holiday: Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28th October 2022
Term Ends: Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 (INSET)
Half Term Holiday: Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023
Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17th April 2023
Half Term Holiday: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023
Term Ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023

In addition, please note that schools are required to have 5 INSET/Training days per academic year.

Inset Days

Monday 5th September 2022
Friday 14th October 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 26th June 2023
(one further INSET day to be confirmed)

Bank Holiday (May Day)

Monday 1st May 2023

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

