



NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see by the length of this newsletter, our community connections and wider opportunities during and after the school day are certainly back with a bang! We are finally beginning to get back to the varied and rich curriculum opportunities that were taken away by the pandemic.

Although it has been a longer half term than usual, it has given the children time to settle into routines and get to know new staff members really well. A huge thank you to parents for ensuring children are here on time, ready to learn and looking super smart! We do notice and appreciate your efforts – in the newsletter you can see some of the events planned for connecting with parent voice groups and we hope you can take part as and when you can.

It has been a busy term for new staff babies this term with Miss Moore, Miss Yardley and Mrs Gallier all giving birth to healthy baby boys. Congratulations to them and their families during this precious time.

As the nights become darker and fireworks a plenty, please ensure you talk to the children about road and bonfire night safety. So many accidents happen at this time of year and the West Midlands Police have issued reminders to schools about the dangers so we will be including this in our safety curriculum.

Last but not least, I would like to say thank you to the staff team for all of their hard work this term. As the Government continues to challenge our school funding, we attempt to maintain as many positive experiences for the children as possible and I hope this newsletter reflects that dedication and commitment.

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

Miss Fowles

REMINDERS

Inset and Half-Term

Pupils break up for half-term – Friday 27th October 2023
Half-Term (Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023)
Monday 6th November 2023 – INSET DAY

Bonfire Dinner – Friday 27th October 2023
Bonfire Night – 5th November 2023



For events during Half-Term – See pages 8/9



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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. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **31st October 2023**. 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'. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **15th January 2024**. Offer day is 16th April 2024.



Come and Explore our Exciting Reception Environment

To support parents with this we will be having a 'Reception Open Day' on **Thursday 9th November 2023 from 3.30-4.30pm** for parents to have a look around our Reception setting before they apply.

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).

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.

CHS offers Nursery Provision for Children aged 2-4 Years

Nursery 2-Year-Old Provision

Children who are 2 years old 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://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

Nursery 3- and 4-Year Olds

All children aged 3 to 4 years are entitled to 15 hours of early education funding per week the term after their 3rd birthday.

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



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REPORTING BACK

Summer Fair 24th July 2023

A fabulous time was had by everyone at the summer fair. Thanks to all the amazing families for coming along to support school and have fun! We managed to raise a phenomenal £2,500.



CHS Governors

We would like to welcome Ms Whiting and Mrs Izzard onto the Governing Board as Co-opted Governors. Information about the CHS Governing Board can be found on our website.

In this Together



On Tuesday 26th September, the school held a coffee morning with information being given from local service providers – Around Again Charity, West Midlands Police, Chelmsley Christian Renewal and Inclusive Sports Academy CIC.

There was also an opportunity for parents/carers to obtain some pre-loved uniform.

Battle of the Bands Competition and Out of School Award

We have had some extra things to celebrate, with our TTRS most valuable players from our Battle of the Bands competition, and an award from an out of school football team! Amazing stuff!



Harvest Donations



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our harvest collection. The Renewal Christian Centre in Chelmsley Wood/Helping Hands charity will be distributing your donations, supporting people who need help in the local community. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support!

The two classes who collected the most were: Mandela - Year 5 and Newton - Year 2. These classes were rewarded with 10 minutes extra play time.

We celebrated harvest with an assembly from Birmingham City Mission.

KINDNESS





World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10th October 2023 we celebrated 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 mental wellbeing. Thank you for helping us to raise awareness.

KINDNESS



Show Racism the Red Card



On Friday 20th October, we supported 'Show Racism the Red Card' by wearing red. Thank you for your donations – we raised £194.31.

Football 4 a side

Girls and boys competed in 4 a side football matches, where the girls won all three matches and the boys won two and drew one. Congratulations to all concerned!

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Dodgeball



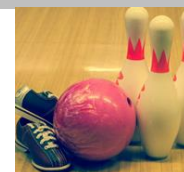
We have had two teams compete in a Dodgeball Festival where they played against other teams in our local area. The children represented Coleshill Heath really well. Well done to both teams.

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Ten Pin Bowling

A number of children attended the Pentathlon Ten Pin Bowling at Acocks Green Bowling Alley. The children competed against lots of other schools including secondary schools and they came 4th overall. Really good achievement.

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PARENT INFORMATION

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.

Parent Voice



Hello everyone, I am Katy a parent of 2 children who attend Coleshill Heath. I have been attending Parent Voice for many years and would say over the last 12 months as we begin to resume “normality” I have been a more active member.

Parent Voice is important to me because it allows me to understand more about what approaches the school is taking to educate our children. Parent Voice allows me the opportunity to feedback on these approaches from the perspective of myself as a parent but also ensuring that the voice of our children is being heard. Parent Voice allows us as parents the opportunity to feedback on practice that might not be working effectively – the sessions work in a solution focused way to ensure that we are all striving to create the best and safest environment for our children to thrive and reach their potential. Parents are a massive part of their children’s learning journey, we as parents are part of the school community, and children love to see their parents engaging and being part of school.

So, if you have that spare hour to join us, we would love to have more parents attend and contribute to our school Parent Voice – Next Meeting: Friday 17th November 2023 – 9.00am

Christmas Jumper/T-Shirt Exchange



Parents/carers can bring in preloved Christmas tops between now and 24th November either to their classrooms or the main reception.

On Friday 1st December we will be offering parents/carers the opportunity to choose a re-cycled top for a voluntary donation.

Donating/Recycling of clothes has a positive impact on the environment



This project is supported by Parent's Voice of CHS

Donations Required



Solihull Rotary Club have asked if we could help with collecting donations of:

Socks (preloved or new) which will go to the Children’s Storehouse based in Solihull. They will be donated to families in need in the local area.

Tinned food which would be passed onto the Renewal Church/Helping Hands Food Bank for distribution to local vulnerable people.



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School Uniform

- Navy blue sweatshirt with School Logo
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue cardigans with School Logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Navy blue and white school summer dress
- Black, grey or white socks or grey tights
- Black shoes (trainers are not acceptable)

The only jewellery permitted is a **single** pair of **stud** earrings

Courage *Kindness* *Confidence* *Honesty*



School Uniform Suppliers

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



Brigade

Order your school uniform online
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

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

Unwanted Good Quality 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.



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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. A school dinner for one child will cost: £2.70 per day / £13.50 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 £2.70 a day.

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.

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 some pupils at CHS who are allergic to nuts, so we have made CHS a nut free school for the safety of our children. No nuts or any snacks/food containing nuts are permitted in school ie peanut butter or chocolate spread. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. 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.





Inclusive Sports Academy CIC

Whats on?

Check out everything that's going on under the Inclusive Sports umbrella.



Inclusive Sports... What's on?

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
<p>Inclusive Families @ Three Trees 4-5.30pm</p>	<p>Inclusive Families @ Heriden Park, M1A4 5.50-5.50pm</p> <p>Inclusive Youth/Development @ Hetchard Brook 5.50-8.30pm</p>	<p>Inclusive Gaming @ Three Trees 4.45-6.45pm (up to 13yrs) 6.45-8.30pm (14-21yrs)</p>	<p>Inclusive Youth @ Crabtree Hall 10.50-12.50pm</p>

You must be registered with ISA to attend all of these sessions. All require a booking, strictly **NO WALK INS**. Look on Class for Kids!

For any questions or enquiries, please get in touch with andy@inclusivesportsacademy.org or call 07547 227 639





Inclusive PA Service

Providing a bespoke, 1:1 service for your loved one, with a focus on all of their needs and interests.

For further info, please email Kat@inclusivesportsacademy.org or call 07734713161



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HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



October Half Term at the Gardens
NATURE TRAILS AND WORKSHOPS, AND HALLOWEEN FUN

OPEN EVERYDAY SAT 28TH - SUN NOV 5TH
SELF GUIDED TRAILS EVERY DAY

BOOKABLE WORKSHOPS:
• SPOOKY DISCO: 31ST OCT
• WOODLAND WIZARDS: 1ST & 2ND NOV
• BUSHCRAFT FOR FAMILIES: 3RD NOV

Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

Unplug & Play



BIKE IT Solihull

Free Get Pedalling Sessions
The perfect opportunity for children to learn to ride and improve their cycle skills and confidence.
Fun indoor cycling sessions available for children aged 4-11 years.

Monday 30th October – Sports Hall at North Solihull Sports Centre, Conway Road, B37 5LA. Sessions start at 9.30, 10.30 and 11.30am.
Friday 3rd November – Indoor Tennis Courts at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Blossomfield Road, B91 1NB. Sessions start at 9.30, 10.30 and 11.30am.

Balance bikes and pedal bikes are available to borrow or bring your own bike. Places are limited, please book in advance and only book one timeslot per child.

Certificates and badges awarded. Book via: <https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

#OWN THE RIDE

If you would like further information please email solihullactive@solihull.gov.uk



Say BOO to your worries with Solar at Halloween

We are inviting 5-11 year olds across Solihull to join us as we explore our worries this Halloween. We are offering a one-off session filled with fun and educational activities around worries and emotions - small people friendly!

including slime making, worry monsters, glitter jars, and mindfulness

Tuesday 31st October 2023
10am-12:30pm
Three Trees Community Centre

Register your interest by emailing bsmhft.schools@nhs.net
Let us know your child's name, age, your contact details, and any allergies! A member of the team will be in touch to gather some additional information and to confirm your place. Places are on a first come first served basis.



FREE Get Pedalling Sessions during half term! (4-11 year olds)
Monday 30th October - North Solihull
Friday 3rd November - Tudor Grange
For more info/book a place:
<https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

Say BOO to your worries with Solar at Halloween
SOLAR are inviting 5-11 year olds across Solihull to join them to talk about their worries this Halloween.

Tuesday 31st October (Half Term) from 10am until 12.30pm at the Three Trees Community Centre (B37 7TP)

E-mail bsmhft.schools@nhs.net to register your interest, including your child's name, your contact details and any allergies - you'll receive a confirmation email from the SOLAR team. Places on a first-come, first-served basis.

