



**ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024 - Term starts Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (INSET Day)**

Children should be back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND LEAD LEARNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very busy end of term but one that has been full of celebration and reflection! We will be sharing a film clip of all the wonderful activities and experiences we have enjoyed this year so look out for our #CHSRocks visual coming soon!

Congratulations to our Year 6 cohort who really did themselves proud this year.....above National attainment in all areas:

Reading 81% National 73%

Writing 74% National 72%

Maths 79% National 73%

Combined 66% National 59%

We say farewell to some dedicated colleagues including the retirement of the brilliant Miss Whiting [who is joining our Governing Board and intends to keep a relationship with us at CHS]. Miss Smith who is moving to the new Special school - The Heights, Mr Broadbridge who is hoping to work across other schools and Ms Scarlett who takes up an exciting role with Excelsior MAT. Miss Hughes [office team] who is taking up a new role in another local school. Last but not least, a huge thanks and farewell to Miss Wylde who has developed her teaching expertise and into leadership roles during her time at CHS. We will miss them all and wish them well! We will be welcoming several new members to the team and excited about developing exciting new opportunities including an Alternative Provision Lead Practitioner and an Attendance Officer role. We will be welcoming back Mrs Kileen to the office team.

I would like to personally thank the senior team for stepping up and challenging their own leadership skills this year as I have been supporting other schools across the borough for two days a week. This is set to continue next year but we have gained some valuable feedback about what we need to do further to ensure this positively impacts for the CHS family. In September, we will be launching a whole new strategy for parents and carers in a bid to welcome more connections and gain the skill set available within our community – this will include more information sharing about curriculum and what ‘a day in the life at CHS’ looks like, including parent workshops and informal meet-ups. The children have completed a self-evaluation and we will be sharing this alongside the parent survey results to demonstrate that we are listening and doing our best to always strive for improvement. Playground improvements are planned in and a new approach to lunchtime activities will be in offer, including the extension and range of FREE after-school clubs.

Final thanks goes to the whole CHS family, that includes staff, parents, Governors and of course, our brilliant children who make us proud and create the laughter every single day – as always, we continue to work towards a safe, positive and successful environment for every child, every day! Have a safe and relaxing summer.

Miss N Fowles

### REMINDERS

#### Summer Family Fair / Summer Holidays



**Summer Family Fair – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (2pm-4pm) All Welcome!**

*[Parents/carers can collect children from their classrooms at 1.45pm to join the fair activities]*

**Miss Fowles and the staff at CHS would like to wish you a safe and happy Summer break**

**Break Up – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**INSET Day - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



### Leavers

We say good bye to Year 6 who are moving on to different secondary schools.

We wish them lots of luck as they make new friends and flourish.

We also wish children and families moving to new settings lots of happiness.



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***New Extra-Curricular Activities, The Den and Breakfast Club***

You will be notified of **Extra-Curricular Clubs** in September. They will start week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**The Den** (Wrap-Around Before and After School Club) and **Breakfast Club** both start on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

***Thank you to CHS Governors***

We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Sterenberg (Parent Governor) and Miss Treanor (Co-opted Governor) who have decided to step down as governors. They have volunteered their time over many years, which we are extremely grateful and send our best wishes for their future.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor we will be sending out information in September.

**REPORTING BACK**

***Careers Fair – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023***

TeamCHS had an incredibly successful Careers Day introducing the children to a variety of professions from Mechanic to Sports Coach; Midwife to Voice actor and a whole host of others! Thanks to all of the volunteers who attended! The kids loved it!

*Thank you to Mr Stevens for organising this*

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***Getting Artly – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023***

Children from Years 2 and 3 have been attending a weekly Art Club run by Miss Hunt and Mrs Gibbs. One of their projects was to produce work for the Art Exhibition run by Solihull MBC at the Core Library in Solihull. The exhibition, called 'Together in Solihull', recognised how refugees are welcomed and valued. For this all the children worked on producing a box which represented themselves.



A lucky 14 of the Club were able to go to the Library for an Arts event which included watching a play about Theseus and the Minotaur and taking part in dance and art workshops. As always, the children did us proud with their enthusiasm, talent and behaviour.





### **School Games Mark Award**



We are delighted to announce that CHS have gained the GOLD School Games Award for a second year. Well done!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.

A big thank you to Mr Day for making this happen and all involved in supporting sports across school and leading these events.

### **CHS Girls Football Team in Finals of Girls World Cup**

A massive congratulations to Coleshill Heath Girls Football Team. They made it all the way to the finals of the Girls World Cup. They showed great courage, team work and determination in every game. Score 2-0 - well done girls for the silver medals.

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### **Sports Days – Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**



Early Years and Reception, KS1 and KS2 Sports Days were a huge success as all children participated and had lots of fun. Children showed good resilience and team work. Well done to everyone taking part.

Thank you to all parents/carers for coming along to show your support. We hope you all enjoyed the event.

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### **Kingswood Residential**

Year 4 had a fabulous time away at Kingswood in Staffordshire. They did a range of activities including cave walking, zip line, rock climbing and an obstacle course. They all had a great time and tackled some of their fears. They represented the school well. The teachers are proud of what they achieved. Well done!

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### Achievements from Outside of School



We've had some super achievements from outside of school brought to our attention! Ballet gymnastics, trampolining and dance. A massive well done to all

### A Year in Year 4 at CHS

One of the best things in Year 4 for me, has been going swimming because I learnt to swim in the deep end. Also, we had our Sports Day, which was great fun as we did activities like 100m sprint, javelin and a rugby ball game, as well as many more.

In Year 4 we went to the Sea Life Centre, where we saw sharks (baby ones of course), sting rays and jelly fish!

Year 4 has certainly been great.

*Sophia - Year 4*

### A Year in Year 6 at CHS



I have had some incredible moments in Year 6. My favourite has to be the overnight stay in our capital city – London. I really enjoyed every moment of it but the London Eye was my favourite part as when you are at the top you can see so much! Though the theatre show we went to (Wicked) was great as well. We also had SATs. This was an anxious time but I did my very best!

What a fantastic way to finish an awesome last year of primary school.

*Riley W - Year 6*

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Parent Voice



Hello everyone, I am Katy a parent of 3 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 parent 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.**





### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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](http://www.brigade.uk.com)

Enter Coleshill Heath School (delivery to school service) and select the school from the drop-down list provided.

**You must have ordered by 22<sup>nd</sup> July to guarantee delivery before September. Orders made after this date will not be delivered until mid to late September.**



#### **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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### The Den (Before and After School Club)



CHS offer wraparound childcare available for school aged children in Reception - Year 6. Open from 7.30am until 5.15pm - all sessions are chargeable

Session	Times	Daily Cost
Before School	7.30am – School drop off	£7.00
After School	From pick up to 4pm	£4.75
After School	From pick up to 5.15pm	£9.50

If you would like to book a place for your child to attend 'The Den' booking forms must be completed. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. Please call the school for further information.

Breakfast Club runs from 8.30am and includes breakfast, children should arrive at their classroom by this time. A payment of £9 per half-term or £15 for a full-term to contributes towards the cost of running the service to be paid via Parent Pay. **Only those who make payment will secure a place in the Autumn Term.**  
**All payments must be made by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### Solihull MBC Events Happening in Our Area

For information on Summer Activities in Solihull please call 0800 389 8667 or go to [www.solihull.gov.uk/summeractivities](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/summeractivities)

### Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge 2023



The **Summer Reading Challenge at Solihull Libraries** starts on 8<sup>th</sup> July. You can join in at any time, you just need to visit the same library. Read six books across the summer holidays and collect stickers and rewards along the way. If you match the challenge, you earn yourself a certificate, a medal and a free family swim. You can also enter the free prize draw. You can read any book you like. Visit the library, take a look at the children's catalogue of suggested books, find out about events and much more ...

*The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays.*



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## EXPLORE THE 5 Ways to Well-Being WITH SOLAR AT SUMMER

Connect      Be active      Give  
Take notice      Learn something new

We are inviting **11-15 year olds** across Solihull to join us as we explore the five ways to well-being in a series of sessions over the Summer Holidays.

**WHAT?** A series of 6 sessions focusing on how we can take steps to improve our mental health and well-being. Activities and light snacks included, but feel free to bring your own packed lunch!

**WHERE?** Three Trees Community Centre, Hedingham Grove, B37 7TP

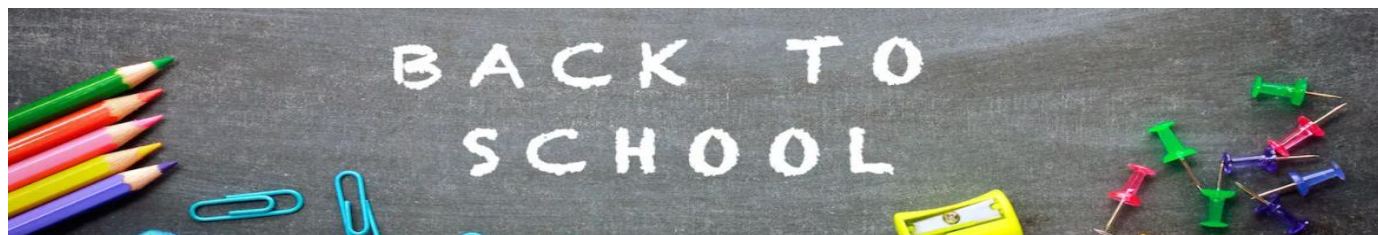
**WHEN?**

1. Thursday 27th July 2023	4. Thursday 17th August 2023
2. Thursday 3rd August 2023	5. Thursday 24th August 2023
3. Thursday 10th August 2023	6. Thursday 31st August 2023

All sessions will be from **12:30pm-3:30pm**

**HOW?** Register your interest by emailing [bsmhft.schools@nhs.net](mailto:bsmhft.schools@nhs.net)  
Let us know your child's name, which date(s) you are interested in, and any allergies! Places are on a first come first served basis and your place will be confirmed before the start date. Please do feel free to drop us any questions and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible!





**TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2023/2024**

**Autumn Term 2023**

Term Starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> INSET Day)

Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 (6<sup>th</sup> INSET Day)

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

**Spring Term 2024**

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day)

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**Summer Term 2024**

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

**INSET Days**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Bank Holiday (May Day)**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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







*Dates for your Diary*  
*Autumn Term - September to December 2023*

September 2023		
04.09.2023	-	<b>Start of Autumn Term (1)</b>
04.09.2023	-	<b>INSET Day</b>
		Musician of the Month – Stevie Wonder
05.09.2023	-	Reception Intake 1 – Parent Voice Tea and Toast (9.00am) in the hub
06.09.2023	-	Meet the Teacher (3.15pm-5.00pm)
07.09.2023	-	Reception Intake 2 – Parent Voice Tea and Toast (9.00am) in the hub
15.09.2023	-	Parent Voice Coffee Morning (9.00am) in the hub
18.09.2023	-	Year 3 – Library Visit (1)
21.09.2023	-	Reception Curriculum Meeting (3.20pm)
25.09.2023	-	Year 3 – Library Visit (2)
26.09.2023	-	In this together Coffee Morning (9.00am) in the hub – all parents invited
27.09.2023	-	Year 6 – HAL Project: More than Big Numbers
28.09.2023	-	Year 3 – Hindu Visitor (1.30pm-2.30pm)
28.09.2023	-	Reception Parents’ Meeting - RWI (9.00am and 3.20pm) in the hall
October 2023		
		Black History Month
		Musician of the Month – Diana Ross
03.10.2023	-	Harvest Assembly (Dean Glover)
06.10.2023	-	Year 5 – Harvest Festival
09.10.2023	-	Year 4 – Library Visit (1)
10.10.2023	-	“Hello Yellow” - World Mental Health Day
13.10.2023	-	Parent Voice – Breakfast Morning (9.00am) in the hub
16.10.2023	-	Year 4 – Library Visit (2)
20.10.2023	-	Show Racism the Red Card (Wear Red Day)
23.10.2023	-	Governor Review Day
25.10.2023	-	Year 5 – HAL Project: Explorers and Adventurers (1.30pm)
25.10.2023	-	Year 6 – PCSOs - Darker Nights
25.10.2023	-	Parents’ Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
27.10.2023	-	Bonfire Lunch ( <i>Bonfire Night – 5<sup>th</sup> November</i> )
27.10.2023	-	Break Up for Half Term
<b>Half Term - Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023</b>		





<b>November 2023</b>		
06.11.2023	-	<b>Start of Autumn Term (2)</b>
06.11.2023	-	<b>INSET Day</b>
		Musician of the Month – Elvis Presley
07.11.2023	-	Year 3 (Dickens and Kennedy) – Stone Age Trip – Compton Verney
08.11.2023	-	Year 3 (Parks) – Stone Age Trip – Compton Verney
10.11.2023	-	Remembrance Day 11 <sup>th</sup> Assembly
13.11.2023	-	Anti-Bullying Week (13.11.2023 – 17.11.2023)
13.11.2023	-	Road Safety Week (13.11.2023 – 17.11.2023)
13.11.2023	-	Phase 1 (Rec & Year 1) - Nursery Rhyme Week (13.11.2023 – 17.11.2023)
13.11.2023	-	World Kindness Day
13.11.2023	-	Year 5 – Library Visit (1)
14.11.2023	-	Year 6 – Explorer Dome (School Hall)
14.11.2023	-	Year 4 – PCSOs – Anti-Bullying (1.00pm)
17.11.2023	-	Children in Need
17.11.2023	-	Parent Voice - TBC
20.11.2023	-	Year 5 – Library Visit (2)
24.11.2023	-	Non-Uniform Day – Bring an item for the Christmas Fair
27.11.2023	-	Year 6 – Library Visit (1)
29.11.2023	-	Year 6 – HAL Project: Powerful Writers
30.11.2023	-	Reception - Year 6 - Immunisation (Flu)
30.11.2023	-	Reception – PCSOs - Road Safety (11.00am)
31.11.2023	-	Non-Uniform Day – Bring an item for the Christmas Fair
31.11.2023	-	Reading Advent Begins
<b>December 2023</b>		
	-	Musician of the Month – Michael Buble
04.12.2023	-	Year 6 – Library Visit (2)
05.12.2023	-	Nursery – Elf Workshop – Parents Invited (10.30am and 2.30pm)
07.12.2023	-	Reception Nativity (2.30pm)
07.12.2023	-	Parent Voice – Coffee and Mince Pie
08.12.2023	-	Christmas Jumper Day
08.12.2023	-	Parent Voice - TBC
09.12.2023	-	<b>Christmas Fair – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
12.12.2023	-	Phase 2 (Years 2&3) – Christmas Concert (9.15am and 2.15pm)
12.12.2023	-	Parent Voice - Coffee and Mince Pie
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13.12.2023	-	Parent Voice – Coffee and Mince Pie
14.12.2023	-	Years 2-6 - Pantomime
14.12.2023	-	Reading Rewards – Tea with Me
15.12.2023	-	Attendance Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
18.12.2023	-	Year 1 – Christmas Production (9.15am and 2.15pm)
18.12.2023	-	Parent Voice – Coffee and Mince Pie
19.12.2023	-	Year 2 - PCSOs – Missing Elf (11.00am)
19.12.2023	-	Christmas Parties (pm)
20.12.2023	-	EYFS & KS1 - Christmas Lunch
21.12.2023	-	KS2 – Christmas Lunch
22.12.2023	-	Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
22.12.2023	-	Break Up - End of Autumn Term
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>		
<b>January 2024</b>		
08.01.2024	-	Start of Spring Term (1)

*Dates correct at time of print (19.07.2023)*

**Information to follow regarding the above events**

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



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