



CURDWORTH PRIMARY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that it is October already and with the changing weather it is starting to feel very autumnal! In order to ensure that children have as much fresh air as possible, we are taking them outside even if it is cold or drizzling. Please can parents remember to send children to school with a warm, waterproof coat, gloves and a hat so that they are able to enjoy outdoor play without getting too cold!

If your child is in need of a lovely, warm hat we are still selling beautiful handmade hats for £1, £1.30, £1.50 depending on style. The hats have been kindly knitted by Ava's grandma and all money raised has been donated to our school fund. Please contact Mrs Teasdale for more information.



HARVEST



At this time of year, we would usually be visiting St Nicholas' Church to celebrate Harvest. Although due to current restrictions, we are not able to follow our normal traditions, over the next 2 weeks the children will be participating in class harvest activities - these will be shared with parents via Class Dojo.

In addition to our celebrations, this year we will be collecting donations of food for Erdington Foodbank. The foodbank supplies families who are experiencing difficult times with food and other household goods.

The foodbank urgently need donations of: coffee, sugar, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, soup and cereals.

A collection box for donations will be placed outside the main school office door each morning for the next week. Donations of these items and other tinned or packet goods would be gratefully received. Please can all donations be in school by Monday 12th October.

COMING SOON...

WELL BEING WEEK

19th - 22nd October

During the last week of this term we will be hosting a well being week at Curdworth Primary School. Children will still take part in their normal Maths and English lessons each morning, however afternoon lessons will focus on relaxation, sleep, emotions, mindfulness and resilience. More information will follow.

PUNCTUALITY

Well done to all of the children who have made it to school on time each day.

We do still have a few children across school who are regularly late so I would like to remind parents that the school times are currently as follows:

FAMILY GROUPS	START TIME	FINISH TIME
JAGUAR & VAUXHALL	8.45 am	3.00 pm
FORD & ROVER	9.00 am	3.15 pm

SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

As the weather is starting to get colder, after October half term we will be extending our lunch time menu to include a wider variety of hot food.

If you want your child to have a school meal it is important that you book your meal via school money at least the night before, even if you do not pay for school meals! It wastes a huge amount of staff time to chase up meal orders and payment for meals when parents do not do this in advance. This is time that would be much better spent supporting learning in school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

KEEPING SAFE

I would like to remind parents and children that they must follow the one way system and remain socially distant on our school site. Please can parents also ensure that their children are walking sensibly with them on school site and not running off ahead across the pathways and grassed areas.

We have received complaints again about parking outside school during drop off and collection time. In order to keep our children safe, please do not park on the zig-zag lines or across driveways. Parents are able to park in The Beehive pub carpark, which is only a short walk from school.

Children arriving after their start time will be recorded as late and may receive a call from our attendance officer if this becomes an ongoing problem.

Please help us to minimise disruptions to lessons and maximise our learning time by ensuring children arrive on time each day.

Arriving 5 minutes late each day is the same as having 3 days off in a school year!



CHRISTMAS



Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, Christmas this year will look very different in primary schools across the globe. This year we will not be able to put on our usual Christmas productions. However, this DOES NOT mean that Christmas will be cancelled and the staff are already planning creative ways to ensure that Christmas is still just as special as always.

In order to make this year magical we would like to provide a few extra treats and surprises for the children. As we are unable to raise funds through PTA events in the same way, we are asking for parents support with this. This week Mrs Teasdale will be setting up an optional payment item of £10 on school money. Money donated by parents via this payment item, will go directly towards Christmas at Curdworth Primary School.

More information about Christmas events and activities will follow.

KEY DATES

OCTOBER

06.10.20 - 12.10.20 Harvest collection

19.10.20 - 22.10.20 Well being week

23.10.20 INSET day (children not in school)

26.10.20 - 30.10.20 Half-term break

NOVEMBER

02.11.20 Back to school

04.11.20 & 05.11.20 Virtual parents evening

23.11.20 - 27.11.20 Year 2 Phonics Screening

30.11.20 INSET day (children not in school)

DECEMBER

01.12.20 - 04.12.20 Maths week

14.12.20 - 18.12.20 Creative culture week

18.12.20 Curdworth Christmas Day

18.12.20 Early finish (2.30pm)

21.12.20 - 01.01.21 Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

04.01.20 INSET day (children not in school)

05.01.20 Back to school



CLASS DOJO



As you will be aware, this year we have introduced class dojo at Curdworth Primary School. We are finding that posting messages on the class story pages is an excellent way of communicating with parents. If you have not joined class dojo already, please can we encourage you to join so that you do not miss out on important messages. If you are having difficulty with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.



The Coleshill School



VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING Thursday 15th October 2020



We would like to welcome families to join our Virtual Open Evening which will launch on Thursday 15th October. On our website www.thecoleshillschool.org you will be able to view videos to give you a flavour of the school ethos and there will also be an introduction from Mr Smith-Childs, Headteacher. In order to give you as much support in making this important choice for your child, from Monday 15th October, you will be able to email any queries to openevening@thecoleshillschool.org

Our motto of 'Learning and Achieving Together' reflects everything we do. We are a welcoming school with high expectations of all members of our school community. We believe that every child can achieve beyond their potential and look to nurture their talents and abilities within a culture of success.

Ofsted March 2020: 'Staff have high expectations of pupils at this school. They expect pupils to behave appropriately, work hard and achieve well. The school places as much emphasis on pupils' personal development as on their academic success'.

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