

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

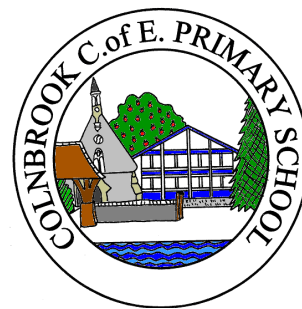
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Newsletter

05 January 2024

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Respect**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic break and have started 2024 well. It was great to see everyone back in school and this term's learning is now well underway.

Coming home next week will be a curriculum newsletter for each class, which outlines what children will be learning in each subject. Alongside this will be the knowledge organiser for the main learning project. Please take time to read this and support your child to learn some of the key vocabulary they will need to learn during their project.

As usual, over the page are key dates for this half term. Please ensure you have dates relevant to your child saved so you can find them easily and you do not miss out.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr T. Brunson
Headteacher



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Worship Section

In collective worship this week we thought about how, each year, a tree grows a new ring. Did you know that each ring represents one year of the tree's life? The gap between each ring is different depending on what happened during each year; some are thick gaps where there may have been plenty of sun and water, and others are thinner.

What is your 2024 going to look like? What do you hope for? What do you hope for others?



After school clubs

REMINDER:

After school clubs will start next week from Monday 8th January – text messages have been sent to parents/careers, confirming what clubs your child/children are booked in for.

Post Christmas Church Reflection

From St Thomas' Church, Colnbrook:

So, after this Christmas let us try and remember that after all the celebrating that 'Jesus is not just for Christmas. He's for life.' Luke chapter 3 verses 13 & 14: 'And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward men.'

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

REMINDER: any absence from school must be reported to the school via telephone call, email or ParentMail **by 09:00am** by a parent or carer. If your child is absent for a number of days, you must stay in regular contact with us.

We follow up all unexplained absences via telephone call and home visits if we do not hear from you. Please be aware that we may need to begin safeguarding processes if we remain concerned.

Following up unexplained absences causes significant additional work for the admin team, so please ensure you inform us if your child will be absent.

CAMHS Getting Help/ Mental Health Support Team in Slough



Who we are? We work for the Getting Help/ Mental Health Support Team in Slough. We are employed by the NHS and we work with several primary and secondary schools in Slough to support students, parents/carers and school staff with mental health. We work closely with Colnbrook and have provided workshops/trainings on different topics about mental health. Our team consists of a team lead, senior mental health practitioners and clinical supervisors, qualified Education Mental Health Practitioners, an assistant psychologist and administrators.

What family support do we offer? We are an early intervention team aiming at supporting children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years old with common mental health difficulties such as anxiety, fears, low mood and behavioural difficulties. We can offer parent-led interventions on managing worries, anxiety, phobias and behavioural difficulties for children aged 5-12 years old. We can also offer individual interventions to older children between 11 to 12 years old.

How to contact us? If you are interested to find more about our service and the support we offer, please pick up a flyer from the Colnbrook Reception desk. These have been printed in English, Polish, Punjabi and Urdu. Alternatively, speak to Mr Thomas, the SENDCo at Colnbrook. You can also contact us on our email address CAMHSGettingHelpEast@berkshire.nhs.uk and our telephone number 0300 247 3002.

Key Information and Requests sent out this week

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Remember that swimming lessons for Year 5 begin on Thursday 11th January.

Please ensure any outstanding permission slips and payments are brought in as soon as possible.

All details for swimming are within the letter sent home on 4th December 2023 which is also available on school website.

Year 5 & 6 Adventure week

Exciting Announcement! Adventure week for Year 5 & 6 will run from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2024.

A letter with full details is being sent home today via a paper copy and email. The letter will also be available on the school website.

There will be an **information session for parents on Monday 15th January at 2:45pm in the school hall**, where the activities and plans for the week will be explained in more detail.

Please note that a non-refundable deposit of £20 is requested, which will need to be paid by Friday 26th January, along with the permission slip.

DIARY DATES

9th January	Breakfast Workshop for Year 5
11th January	Swimming for Year 5 starts (continues each Thursday)
15th January	2:45pm: Information session for Yr5/6 Adventure Week
19th January	9:00am: Year 3 Class Assembly
26th January	Mathemagics Workshop for YR to 6
2nd February	9:00am: Year 4 Class Assembly
9th February	INSET Day: School Closed
12-16th February	HALF TERM: School Closed
19th February	New half term: school reopens for all pupils

Please note that school trips for all year groups will be confirmed in the coming weeks, so please look out for letters sent home with details of payments and permissions.