

# Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

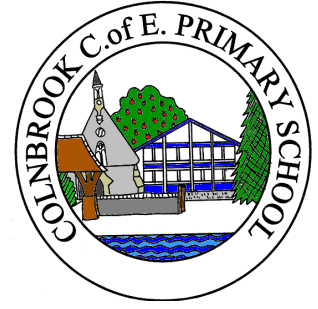
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## Newsletter

12th January 2024

**Be strong and courageous** Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Respect**

### A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome Jan from the Newbury Showground into school this week to work with children in Year 5 in a breakfast workshop. Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day as it sets us up ready for a positive day of learning. Year 5 learnt lots from Jan; you can find out more from Year 5 over the page.

Teachers are busy booking and planning this term's trips—I know there were some great experiences last term linked to learning projects in different subjects. Keep an eye out for letters coming home in the next few weeks with more information. Don't forget the **parent meeting about the Year 5&6 Adventure Week** that is taking place this coming **Monday, 15th January** at 2:45pm in the hall.

Finally, as I mentioned last week, curriculum newsletters and knowledge organisers are coming home this week; do take a moment to look over these so you can support your child's learning at home, perhaps by completing some of the suggestions of things you can cheaply and easily do outside school.

Have a great weekend.

**Mr T. Brunson**  
Headteacher

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### Worship Section

The festival of Epiphany was celebrated by Christians last weekend, which marks when the wise men came to visit the baby Jesus. As they had to travel so far, they probably didn't get to see Jesus until a couple of years after he was born. The Bible tells us they found Jesus by following a bright star.

In worship this week we thought about the gifts that the wise men brought Jesus; gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were expensive gifts the rich men could afford. But others, such as the shepherds, could only bring what they had—a lamb.

Continue to think about what gifts you have. How can you use your gifts this year to help others?



### Church Section

This Sunday, a service will be held at 11:00am at St Thomas' Church—Holy Communion Second Sunday of Epiphany, led by Reverend Samson.

### Early Years request for old or unwanted jogging bottoms

Mrs Hanrahan has asked if any parents have any old /unwanted jogging bottoms please can you donate to our Early Years class as spares for when accidents happen, ideally sized 3-4 years or size 5-6 years. If you do please drop to Nursery/Reception teachers on drop off or pick up.



### Attendance

Year 1	98.71%
Year 3	97.92%
Year 6	97.41%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	93.13%
Year 2	93.10%
Reception	90.63%
Nursery AM	85.22%
Nursery PM	75.00%

### Star of the Week

Reception	- David
Year 1	- Lucas
Year 2	- Faith
Year 3	- Prabhkirat
Year 4	- Isla
Year 5	- Zack
Year 6	- Deen

## Year 5 learning snapshot - what have we been up to this week?

Year 5 have been busy this week. On Tuesday they enjoyed a Breakfast Workshop with Jan and Margaret from The Newbury and District Agricultural Society where they enjoyed cookery demonstrations of porridge and smoothies. They also enjoyed meeting, learning and milking Buttercup the cow. The children also learnt about wheat, oat and barley and planted seeds.



On Thursday the children enjoyed their first lesson at Langley Leisure Centre. The children had an amazing time and they are really looking forward to the coming weeks, enjoying improving their swimming skills.

We learnt how to make smoothies using lots of different fruits as well as porridge with sugar and honey. It was very tasty! **Lenny**

At the swimming pool we were put into our groups and we had to try and touch the bottom of the pool and walk on our hands! It felt like levitating! **Rania**

### Attendance

We know that sometimes children cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and others. However, medical advice is clear that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support you in making about mild illness.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

#### What YOU must do:

- ♦ Report any absence before 9am each day of your child's absence.
- ♦ Tell us, in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters. Avoid these during school time if you can.
- ♦ If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- ♦ If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

#### What WE will do:

- ♦ Check your child's attendance every day.
- ♦ Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- ♦ Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- ♦ If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

### PTA Valentine Disco's

Keep an eye out for upcoming dates for the PTA Valentine's Discos for Nursery - Year 6 children. These will be 5th, 6th and 7th February.



### DIARY DATES

15th January	2:45pm: Information session for Yr5/6 Adventure Week - School Hall
19th January	9:00am: Year 3 Class Assembly
26th January	Mathemagics Workshop for YR to 6
2nd February	9:00am: YR 4 Class Assembly
<b>9th February</b>	<b>INSET Day: School Closed</b>
<b>12-16th February</b>	<b>HALF TERM: School Closed</b>
19th February	New half term: school reopens for all pupils
28 and 29th February	Parents Evening - Reception to YR 6
29th February	YR 6 Health Checks

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