

# Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

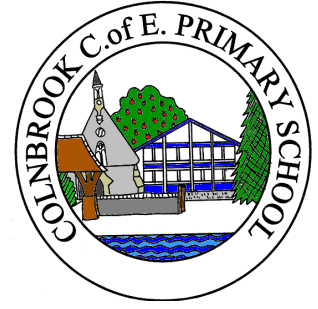
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## Newsletter

26th January 2024

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

Our focus value is: **Respect**

### A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've visited lots of lessons alongside other members of the senior leadership team this week, looking closely at how well children are learning. I've been delighted to see children consistently demonstrating all our values, particularly **resilience** when faced with challenges and **community** where children have supported one another in their learning. Well done everyone!

Thames Valley Police visited the Mini Police in Year 5 and 6 again this week. The officers helped the children to plan an investigation that they will complete in the coming weeks. The children learnt how the police work together to solve crimes and what goes into an investigation.

Next Friday, I look forward to welcoming parents of children in Year 4 to your class assembly. Please note that this will start promptly at 9:00am in the hall.

Have a great weekend.

**Mr T. Brunson**  
Headteacher

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### Worship Section

In collective worship this week, we have thought about our focus value of the term: **respect**.

We looked at the parable of the Good Samaritan in the Bible. Samaritans were not liked by Jewish people, but in the parable, the Samaritan was the only one to stop and help the injured man. He helped the man, and showed respect. Through this story, Jesus teaches us to love everyone, no matter who they are.



Think at home: **How can you show respect to everyone, no matter who they are?**

### Church Section

Service of this week will be Sunday 28th January at 11:00 Holy Communion, The 4th Sunday of Epiphany, Led by Reverend Samson.

### Parking Reminder

Reminder: parents and carers must not park within the school car park during the school day or at afternoon pick up. It has been noted that some parents are parking across the front gates, which is causing a danger to children, and blocking in neighbours cars outside the back gate. Please be considerate of others when parking around the school site.

### Attendance

Year 2	97.50%
Year 3	97.50%
Nursery PM	97.41%
Year 6	97.06%
Year 5	96.25%
Year 4	94.91%
Year 1	90.95%
Reception	89.41%
Nursery AM	70.45%

### Star of the Week

Reception	- Frankie
Year 1	- Sophia
Year 2	- Reshae
Year 3	- Fabian
Year 4	- Isla
Year 5	- Zara
Year 6	- Mia

## Key information and requests sent out this week...

### PTA Valentine Disco

Letters went home with children on Tuesday. The cost for the PTA Disco is £3 per child. For this, the children will enjoy the disco, get a glow stick each as well as a packet of crisps, a cupcake and a drink of squash. Please bring in named envelope to the school office envelope with permission slip and money by Friday 1st February.

### Year 1 - Trip to London Zoo

Year 1 are going to London Zoo! Letters went home this week. Please ensure that permission slips and money if put into named envelope and brought to the school office by Thursday 8th February.

### Year 2—Trip to Woolley Firs

Trip letters were sent home last week. Please ensure that permission slips and money is put in a named envelope and brought to the school office by Monday 27th February.

### Year 4 - Trip to Henley River & Rowing Museum

Trip letters went home last week. Please ensure that permission slips and money is put in a named envelope and brought to the office by Monday 4th March.

### Adventure Week - Year 5 and Year 6

Please be reminded that permission slips and non-refundable £20 deposit need brought into to the school office by the end of today, Friday 26th January.

### IMPORTANT: Clubs next week

**Please note that all clubs run by school staff next Wednesday and Thursday are cancelled due to staff training.**

### Medication in school

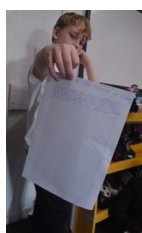
Reminder that all medication need to be brought by parent or carer to the school office not the class room at morning drop off. Parents or carers need to complete medical registration form which details for the staff, the dosage and times which your child will need to have during the school day. Without this, we are unable to administer medicine.

### MMR information

Slough has one of the lowest uptake rates of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination in the South East region. This, coupled with our close proximity to London, where cases of measles are on the rise, means that Slough is at a higher risk of a possible measles outbreak. Rest assured, there are no current cases at our school.

Please find more information on the next page and via the links below:  
[MMR vaccination \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk) // [MMR vaccination \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)

### Mini Police workshop with Thames Valley Police - Year 5 and 6 are on the case!



### DIARY DATES

29th January	Year 6 Health Checks
30th January	Parents Afternoon: <b>Year 2 only</b> <b>Appointment times confirmed via class teacher</b>
2nd February	9:00am: Year 4 Class Assembly
2nd February	Year 6 Trip to Eton College
5th February	Resource Base School trip to London Paddington
5-7th February	Valentine's discos for all classes - please check letter for your child's Disco date
<b>9th February</b>	<b>INSET Day: School Closed</b>
<b>12-16th February</b>	<b>HALF TERM: School Closed</b>
<b>19th February</b>	<b>New half term: school reopens for all pupils</b>
21st February	Year 1 trip to London Zoo
28 and 29th February	Parents Evening for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Years 3 to 6

**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**

# MEASLES

**Don't let your child catch it**  
— get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible\*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

\*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

**i mmunisation**  
the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet

## Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

### Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

### When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

### Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

### Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

## Who needs to have the vaccine?

- All children over the age of one year should have two doses of the vaccine, the first dose is usually given at one year of age and the second dose is usually given at age three years and four months old.
- Older children and adults should have two doses of the vaccine with a one month gap between them.
- Pregnant women should make sure that they are protected before they become pregnant or make sure they are vaccinated soon after the baby is born.

**It is never too late to have the vaccine if you haven't had two doses.**

## Where can I get the vaccine?

### From your GP surgery

- All children aged one year to three years four months should be offered the vaccine as part of their routine vaccinations at their GP surgery.
- Older children and adults should contact their GP practice if they have had one or no doses of the vaccine.
- Pregnant women can have the vaccine at their GP surgery after their baby is born if they don't have two documented doses.

### At your school

Some adolescents and young adults are offered their missing doses of MMR vaccine with their other teenage booster vaccines.

### From your employer's occupational health service

Health-care workers with direct patient contact should make sure they are protected against the three diseases.

## If you think you might already have measles, mumps or rubella, it's important to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to other people. You should:

- Phone your GP for advice, they may need to make arrangements for you to visit the surgery at the end of the day so that you avoid contact with people who are more vulnerable to the infection, such as young children and pregnant women.
- Avoid work or school for at least four days from when you first developed the measles rash.
- Make arrangements to have any outstanding doses of the vaccine once you have recovered. This will protect you against the other two infections.

## Is there anyone who should not have the MMR vaccine?

As the MMR vaccine is a live vaccine it should not be given to pregnant women or people who are severely immunosuppressed, for example those who have had a bone marrow transplant or are taking immunosuppressant medicines.

If you are unsure discuss this with your doctor. If you have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to neomycin you should not have the vaccine. If you have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to gelatine you should speak to your GP and arrange to have the gelatine-free vaccine.

### Egg allergy

All those who are allergic to eggs, including children with asthma, can have the MMR vaccine at their GP Surgery. Anyone who has had a documented anaphylactic reaction to MMR vaccine itself should be assessed by an allergist.