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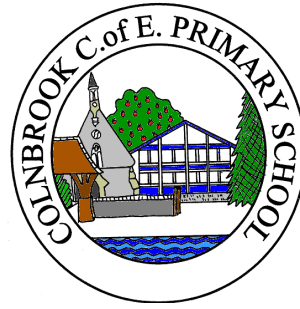
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Newsletter

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Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Resilience**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week this week for Early Years, with Reception and Year 1 giving fantastic performances of the Nativity - Whoopsie Daisy Angel. Performing in front of large audiences for the first time is difficult, but they were very courageous and did a wonderful job. Well done Reception and Year 1! Nursery also performed brilliantly by singing Christmas songs in the Jingle Bells concert along with parents, which definitely raised the festive spirit! There are further festive events coming up in the final two weeks, for both parents and children. See our dates page for further information.

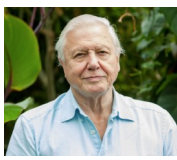
Finally, I would like to invite you all to the annual Christmas Breakfast Stories next Friday 13th December at 8:00-8:35am. It would be a great opportunity to share a book with your child as well as a chance to enjoy some pastries!

Mrs A Bharj
Assistant Headteacher

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Worship Section

This week we have been focusing on our new school houses. We selected aspirational people from our curriculum then organised them into the following categories: writer, scientist, artist and inspirational leader. All the pupils and staff then voted for their favourite, which were decided as: JK Rowling, David Attenborough, Vincent Van Gogh and Rosa Parks. Everyone has now been reorganised into these new houses. We look forward to using these new groupings more frequently within teaching specific themes throughout the year. We spent a lot of time this week getting to know the struggles and triumphs of these individuals, linking them with our school values.



Attendance

Year 4	100%
Year 5	99.07%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 6	97.92%
Year 1	96.30%
Reception	95.83%
Year 3	95.26%
Nursery AM	90.91%
Nursery PM	88.37%

Church Section

This week at St Thomas there is an 11am communion service, led by Reverend Patrick. We are pleased to welcome new people and children. You are guaranteed a friendly, warm welcome. Refreshments are served after the service.



Star of the Week



Reception The Whole Class!

Year 1 - Noah

Year 2 - Rueben

Year 3 - Meral

Year 4 - Iustin

Year 5 - Comfort

Year 6 - Basil

Well done to all the children that were awarded certificates this week. Keep up the good work!

Look what we have been up to



This week Discovery class have been having fun in Maths, practicing subtraction skills. The children really enjoyed the bowling activity and using counting skills to work out "How many are left standing?"



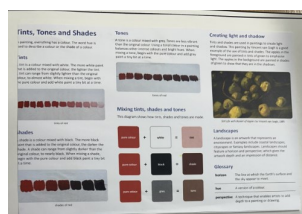
On Tuesday Year 2 had their Express Event - Movers & Shakers. They enjoyed sharing their learning about significant people with their parents through large posters, space models, character re-enactment (through dressing up as Neil Armstrong) and creating a significant person 'stick model'.



In Year 3, the children have been creating the Bell Beaker pots using clay. They have been enjoying getting messy and manipulating the clay to create the shape they like.



This week in Year 4, the children had a brilliant time in our Art lesson by creating their own mythical creatures out of pastels. This links into the english book they are reading, Arthur and The Golden Rope.



Year 5 have started their art topic on tints, tones and shades by learning how to add grey, black and white to change colours.



In art this week Year 6 have been learning about and creating abstract art. They have distorted images, and explored using shapes and colour creatively to create individual pieces of art.



Early Years and Year 1

Nursery had a great time at their Jingle Bells concerts this week. They sang all the Christmas songs they had been working hard to learn and enjoyed playing the instruments.



Reception and Year 1 have been extremely busy this week, with three performances of their Nativity - Whoopsie Daisy Angel. On Monday we hosted some of the local community to watch the dress rehearsal of the performance. It was enjoyed along with a mince pies and hot drinks served by our team of Prefects. Parents and Carers then enjoyed the show on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings this week. It was a joy to see all their hard work come together. Well done to all the children from both Reception and Nursery. You were fantastic!



PTA reminders

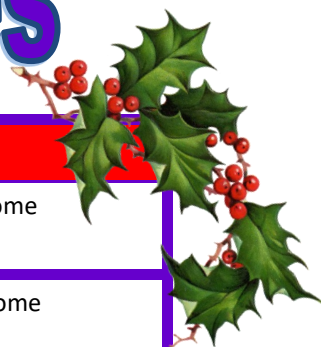
Next week the PTA Santa Grotto will be on Monday to Wednesday. Every year group has an assigned day and each child will need a ticket to visit. It's not too late to book your child's ticket via the Shop section on Teacher2Parent app, tickets cost £4.50 per child.

The PTA Christmas fair is on Thursday 12th December. It will be on in the hall from 2:30pm. Children will be dismissed from their class teacher to you. Children who walk home will be dismissed at 3:15pm.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from the school office, there are brilliant prizes to be won. Tickets are 50p per ticket for 5 for £2. Cake and baked donations are warmly welcomed for the Christmas fair. A request from Mrs Kaur, is for fresh bakes to be brought into school on the day and long life / shop bought bakes can be brought in from Monday until Thursday's fair.

The PTA team would like to thank everyone who brought items in for the tombola in exchange for wearing own clothes to school last Friday, it means our tombola will be overflowing!

Calendar dates



December diary dates	
9th December	2:45-3:15pm - Year 4 Express Event - parents welcome PTA Santa's Grotto—Early Years & Year 1
10th December	2:45-3:15pm—Year 5 Express Event - parents welcome PTA Santa's Grotto - Year 2 & Year 3
11th December	PTA Santa's Grotto—Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
12th December	2:30-4pm - PTA Christmas Fair - parents welcome
13th December	Choir trip to Windsor Castle - children to be collected from Windsor Castle - details sent to parents
18th December	Christmas lunch, class parties & Christmas jumper day - more details to follow
19th December	Nursery end of term 2:15-3pm - Christmas Service at St Thomas Church
20th December	End of term All children to be collected promptly at 1:15pm

January diary dates	
23rd December to 6th January 2025	Christmas break - school will be closed
7th January 2025	First day back for Reception to Year 6 children
8th January	Nursery opens
16th January	Year 5 Swimming lessons begin - 10 weeks course
21st January	Year 4 trip—Henley River & Rowing Museum
23rd January	Year 2 trip — Woolley Firs
24th January	9:00-9:30am - Year 4 Class Assembly—parents welcome
28th January	Year 6 trip - Eton College

February diary dates	
5th February	Year 3—Rocks & Fossils workshop
7th February	Reception—Zoolab
10th to 12th February	PTA Valentines Discos—more details to follow
13th February	End of term
14th February	INSET day - no school
17th to 21st February	February half term
24th February	School opens— all children Nursery to Year 6