

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

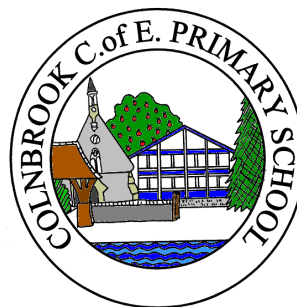
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Newsletter

10th January 2025

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Respect**

A message from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. What a great first week back it has been, despite the bitter cold!

All the children have been engaged in their new units of learning and most have even come back with a great attitude towards taking more responsibility for their learning. Please look out for the curriculum newsletters for your child(ren) which will explain what they are learning in each subject along with activities they can complete at home to assist with their learning in school. We have a few trips coming up in the next few weeks, please see the diary dates below and look out for further information via Teachers2Parents app.

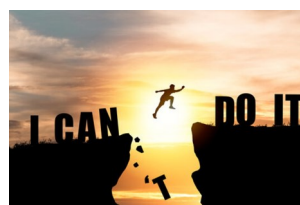
We have run successful workshops last term for parents to attend and gain more of an insight to how we approach learning as well as information workshops. If there are other workshops you are interested in, look out for a survey that will be sent out next week (see below for further details).

Mrs A Bharj
Acting Headteacher

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Worship Section

In collective worship this week we focused on looking ahead to the new year, especially thinking about what our hopes and goals are. However, we also considered the events that are coming up which maybe exciting, yet some may be daunting. Therefore, there are a mix of emotions we may feel about the coming year, but it is important to keep a growth mind set of accepting challenges and willing to learning from mistakes. This takes us back to our vision, of being strong and courageous .



Church Section

This Sunday at St Thomas the service is a communion service at 11am. Everyone is always welcome, even if you haven't been before. There are refreshments after the service and there are activities for children.

School office reminders

This is a gentle reminder that all school dinners, both hot or cold need to be pre booked and paid via the Teacher2Parents app, no later than the night before. Parents who do not book their child's school dinners via the app will need to provide a packed lunch. This is not the responsibility of the class teacher. Please also ensure your lunch choice on trip days is booked as school packed lunch. This option needs to be selected unless you will be supplying packed lunch from home. On class trip days there will be not hot dinner options further distance trips.

Attendance

Nursery AM	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 2	98.85%
Year 5	98.15%
Reception	96.67%
Year 6	95.56%
Nursery PM	95.00%
Year 3	94.64%
Year 1	89.88%

Star of the Week



Nursery - Jessica

Reception - Frankie

Year 1 - Francesca

Year 2 - Ayaan

Year 3 - Baher

Year 4 - Ishaan

Year 5 - Arianna

Year 6 - Darryl

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

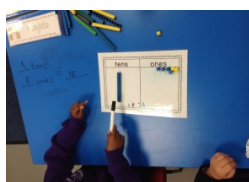
Look what we have been up to



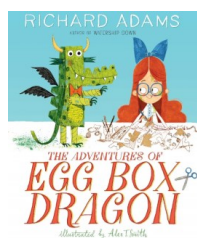
This week Discovery class have been enjoying some fun activities using 3D shapes, while learning the different properties and names of them!



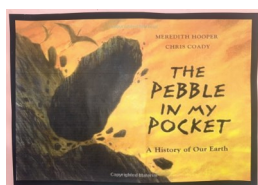
Early Years started their Starry Night topic this week. The children have been enjoying roleplaying astronauts in our space station home corner.



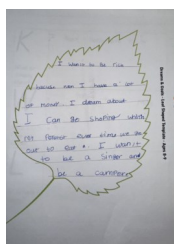
In Year 1 the children have been learning about tens and ones and using place value mats to build numbers!



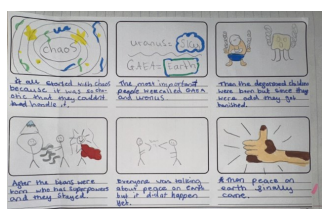
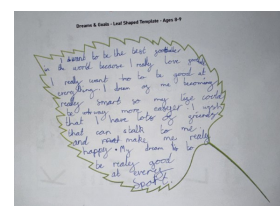
In Year 2 the children have started a new book called 'The Adventures of the Egg Box Dragon.' They made text maps on whiteboards to help them learn the text.



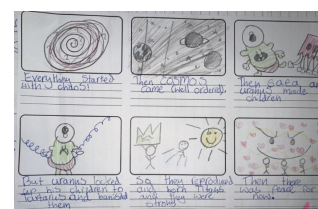
Year 3 have been introduced to a new book called 'The pebble in my pocket'. The children made predictions based on the front cover and created illustrations.



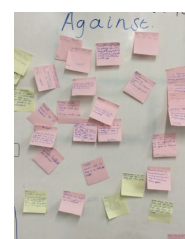
During our PSRHE lesson, Year 4 explored the theme of hopes and dreams through the life of a world famous basketball player who was told he would not make it from a very young age! The children then explored their own hope and dreams for the future and wrote them down.



Year 5 have been starting to learn about the Ancient Greeks. We started by learning about how the Ancient Greeks believed that the world was created and retold the story.



In English our Year 6 class have started looking at their new book "Shackleton's Journey". The children have been looking at the advert he circulated for his 1914 Expedition and came up with pros and cons for going away. We then had to share our ideas to try and convince others to change their view.



Parent workshops and communications

We are reviewing the way that we communicate as a school with our parents. To help streamline this process the school office will send one email followed by one message with "What's On" for the following week. Every Friday parents will receive the weekly Newsletter, within this the upcoming dates section gives you a wider view of what you need to look out for in the coming weeks including school events which parents can attend.

Any additional messages which are sent out from the school office will be kept to a minimum where possible. Office staff will be in contact with you and send reminders for any outstanding payments or permission slips as these are essential for your child to attend any external trips as well as required statutory permissions required. If payments and permission slips are not completed for trips then your child will be unable to go.

After the success at previous parent workshops, Mrs Bharj would like your view on topics for new parent workshops. You will be receive on Monday a short Microsoft forms survey to complete. This will help us tailor the Parent workshops to topics you would like to attend. Our aim is to make these sessions engaging and have as many parents attending as possible to get the full benefit of the content. Please check your emails for the parent survey on Monday.

PTA updates

The PTA are happy to announce that they will be purchasing 13 new iPads for the school. These will be used and benefited by all children across the school.

The next PTA event which they will be hosting will Valentine's Disco's. Tickets available to book in the Shop section of Teacher2Parents app.

If you would be interested in joining the school PTA please email mail@colnbrookprimary.com and Mrs Kaur will be able to provide you with more information about upcoming fundraising events.

Finally PTA will be collecting unwanted clothing for the Rags2Riches scheme. Please bring all donation of unwanted items into main reception by Monday 10th February. Please see link to do's and don'ts for donations: [What We Collect - Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools](#)



HOME START
Berkshire East

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Just two hours a week can make a world of difference for parents and children. In those two hours, your support could brighten someone's day. In two hours, you could transform how a mum or dad feels. In two hours, you could build a LEGO house with a child —and imagine how amazing that would feel!

JOIN US NOW office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk
Tel: 01753 572958 and ask for Alison

Upcoming calendar dates for Spring term

January diary dates	
14th January	Year 1 trip - London Zoo
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
28th January	Year 6 trip - Eton College

February diary dates	
5th February	Year 3—Rocks & Fossils workshop
10th to 12th February	PTA Valentines Discos—more details to follow—tickets available in T2P app
13th February	End of term
14th February	INSET day - no school
17th to 21st February	February half term
24th February	School opens— all children in Nursery to Year 6
28th February	9:00-9:30 am - Year 3 Class Assembly - Parents welcome