



Colwich CE Primary School



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This half-term's value is: Courage



'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1.9)

Friday 28th June

Dear parents

This week

Firstly, well done to the boys that attended last night's Year 5/6 MAT cricket tournament. They demonstrated our school values really well by welcoming a child from another school into the team, behaving extremely well and demonstrating good sportsmanship. Their play developed throughout the game and they lost by only a narrow margin.



Elsewhere in school, there has been lots of science learning taking place: Year 5/6 have been practically demonstrating resistance in electrical circuits;



year 3/4 have been looking at how sound travels; and our reception children have been exploring the garden.



Also, a special well done to Year 1/2 who held their class assembly this week. Unfortunately, I was unable to stay for it all but have heard from the other staff that they did a fantastic job, sharing their learning journey.





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Worship

This week we have continued with our value of 'Courage.' We have heard the Bible story of Joshua and his spies in Jericho and used a clip from the film 'Finding Nemo' as a starting point to discuss showing courage.

Award Winners

Well done to the children who were awarded 'Star of the Week' for their year groups:

Theo (Rec), Ivy (Year 1), Mason (Year 2), Bella (Year 3), Esmee (Year 4), Joe (Year 5) and Sam (Year 6).

Well done to **Lily (Year 4)** for gaining a 'Headteachers Award' for courage and to **Jack P (Year 5)** for gaining an award for friendship.



Well done to **Honey, Teddy** and **Michaela (Rec)** who were our most improved players this week.



Well done to **Lottie (Year 4), Sophia P** and **Bella (Year 3)** who were our most valuable players this week.

Staffing 2024 – 2025

In preparation for next week's move up days, below is a reminder of the teaching allocations for next year.

Rec/Year 1	Miss Arnold
Year 2/ Year 3	Mrs Cope & Mrs Slade-Nowell
Year 4	Mrs Chalkley
Year 5/ Year 6	Mrs Gully

As you will already be aware **Miss Bentley** is leaving us. She has secured the post of reception teacher at St. John's in Great

Haywood – I am sure this means that she will still pop in and say hello as she isn't very far away! I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing her the best of luck in her new role.

Some of our teaching assistants will also be moving on. We would like to say a big thank you to **Mrs Marshall** for her work over the past 18 months and **Mrs Coe** for the past 6 months. Mrs Coe will be returning to her post at St. Peter's and Mrs Marshall will be continuing her tutoring work. They will both be missed.

Mr Thomas will also be moving on at the end of the year to embark on the journey of becoming a teacher. Mr Thomas has been a big character and part of school life over the past 4 years, both in reception, and throughout the school. We wish him the best of luck and know that he will make a fantastic teacher.

We are currently in the final stages of recruiting support staff for next year and will let you know when the appointments have been finalised.

Focus on Attendance



Last week's attendance fell to **95.8%**

A special well done to Miss Bentley's class, which has had the best attendance for 2 weeks in a row, with this week being 99.5%.



REMINDERS

Drop off

Please ensure that all children are on school premises by 8:50am. Late arrival is disruptive for both your children and staff.





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Collection

Where possible, please let the office know before 3:00pm if collection arrangements for your child are changing. Office staff are often out on the gate after this time and unable to answer your calls.

Parking

As you are all aware the main road outside of school is often busy and congested at the end of the day. For those of you unable to walk to school, we would be grateful if you could help to ease some of the congestion by choosing to park at the village hall and take the short walk over the bridge to school. Your support in this would be much appreciated.

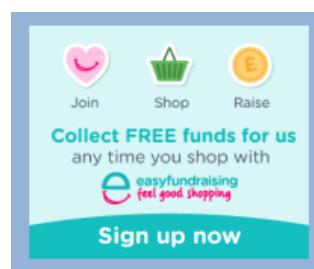
Next Week

Monday 1st
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dodgeball – Yr 4 & 5 <i>3:20pm – 4:25pm run by Progressive Sports</i> School Election for next year's house captains
Tuesday 2nd
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Class trip to Canalside Farm <i>Letters sent previously</i> Keyboard lessons <i>Led by Mrs Eccles (pm)</i> Forest School Lessons – Yr 5/6 GROUP 2 <i>Run by Miss Lilley (pm)</i> Forest School Club – Reception <i>3:20pm – 4:30pm run by Miss Lilley</i>
Wednesday 3rd
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move-up day 1 & new intake Year 6 Prayers in church – 9:15am <i>Parents welcome</i> Guitar/Vocal lessons <i>Led by Mr Moon (am)</i>
Thursday 4th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAT Y1/2 Multi-skills Tournament <i>Letters sent home.</i> Shugborough Hall trip (Class 3/4A – Miss Arnold) <i>Letters sent home</i> Violin lessons <i>Led by Ms Hayes (pm)</i>
Friday 5th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day <i>Parents welcome 9:15am to approx. 11:00am – School Field</i>

DIARY DATES 2023/2024	
Summer Term 2 2024	
July	
Tues 2nd	Reception class trip <i>Letters sent home</i>
Wed 3rd	Year 6 prayers in Church – 9:15am <i>Parents welcome</i>
	Move up day 1
Fri 5th	Sports Morning – am <i>Parents welcome – 9:15 to approximately 11:00 (School playing field.)</i>
Wed 10th	Move up day 2
	Year 1/2 prayers in Church – 9:15am <i>Parents welcome</i>
Thu 11th	Year 5/6 Production <i>2:15pm</i>
Fri 12th	Year 5/6 Production <i>2:15pm</i>
Tues 16th	Year 6 Leavers outing <i>Letters sent</i>
Fri 19th	Year 6 Leavers celebration – 9:15am <i>Details to follow</i>

Have a lovely weekend.

Alison De Ste Croix, Headteacher



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