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**This week's value is: Trust**

*My God is my strength in whom I trust.*  
(Psalm 18:2)

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents

### This week

The Fire Service has restarted its Safe and Sound programme for year 5s recently, so our children went on a visit to Stone Fire Station last Friday. They had workshops around railway safety, water safety, fire safety in the home, being a responsible citizen and financial safety. All children were beautifully behaved and engaged and a credit to the school.



There was a little added excitement for the children when the fire engine was called out while we were there and returned before we left.



Lots of classes made the most of the late summer sunshine this week and spent some of their lessons outside. Year 2/3 set up their city they made in Art week.



### Worship

This week in Worship we have continued our journey through the Old Testament of the Bible, learning about Ruth and the value of compassion.

### Award Winners

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

**Isabelle (Year 1), Joshua (Year 2), Mason (Year 3), Molly (Year 4), Kye (Year 5) and Ben (Year 6).**

Well done also to Steph (Year 5) for receiving a **'Headteacher's award'** for endurance.

### Focus on Attendance



**Last week's attendance fell to 95.3%**

*A well done to Mrs Chalkley's class for 99% attendance.*

This week's focus is: **'Roles and Responsibilities for Securing Excellent Attendance'** We all have a role to play in securing attendance at school. The expectation on parents/carers are set out below. You:

- Have a legal duty to ensure that your child of compulsory school age attends school regularly.
- Must inform school straight away if your child cannot attend and give the reason.





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- Must make every effort to make medical, dental or other appointments outside the school day.
- Must ensure school is aware of any circumstances at home that may be likely to affect your child's attendance.
- Should encourage good routines at home which promote a healthy lifestyle including enough sleep.
- Should talk to your child about school and let school know if your child is worried about any issues such as difficulties with homework or friendship problems.
- Must ensure holidays are not booked in term time – **these will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.**
- Should seek advice from their G.P. if you are unsure how long your child will be off school with an illness and provide medical evidence to support absence if requested to do so by the school.
- Must ensure school has up-to-date contact details.
- Should encourage your child to enjoy school and make the most of all the opportunities available to them.

Where possible, please walk to school or use the carpark at Little Haywood village hall.

As well as parking, a member of the community has raised concerns about the safety of children scooting along Crossheads. This is an access road to local houses as well as to the railway with a number of blind bends. The safer option is to use the path that runs from school and over the railway. Thank you for your support.

### **Healthy Snacks**



At Colwich we like to promote healthy bodies and minds. During breaks, our Key stage 1 children are given free fruit as part of an initiative we are signed up to. We also like our key stage 2 children to join in this by bringing in their own healthy snack for morning break. Whenever we have spare fruit, we offer it to our older children. Crisps and chocolates can be eaten as part of their balanced packed lunches. Your support in this would be much appreciated.

## **Meet the Teachers' presentations**

Thank you to those who attended the Meet the Teachers sessions on Wednesday. Copies of the presentations are on the school website and can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

## **Reminders**

### **Road safety**

Despite mentioning parking in the newsletter and on Class Dojo, I am still receiving complaints about unsafe parking and dropping off. Parking and dropping off on the yellow lines and yellow zig zags is both illegal and dangerous.

### **Flu vaccinations**

Our Flu Vaccination Session is on 8th November. Please find below a link to a video about child Flu vaccinations which we have been asked to share by the School Aged Immunisations Team at MPFT.

<https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLZvs>





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## Next week

<b>Tuesday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Keyboard lessons</b> <i>Led by Mrs Eccles (pm)</i></li><li>• <b>Guitar lessons</b> <i>Led by Mr Murphy (pm) CHANGE TO NORMAL DAY/TIME</i></li><li>• <b>The Hart School headteacher visit to Y5/6</b> <i>Ms Sandham (headteacher) will be available after school to answer questions)</i></li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Morning Prayers Year 2/3</b> <i>(In Church 9.10: Parents welcome)</i></li><li>• <b>Year 4-6 visit to Cosford</b> <i>(Letters sent home)</i></li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Violin lessons</b> <i>Led by Ms Hayes (pm)</i></li><li>• <b>Reception parents' lunch</b> <i>Dojo message sent out</i></li></ul>

On the next page you will find the key dates for this term. *\*Please note, dates are subject to change and more events/activities may be added.*

Have a great weekend

Best Wishes

Miss Alison De Ste Croix (Headteacher)





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KEY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2024			
September		November	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Art Week	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Design and Technology Week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>		Year 6 residential at Stanley Head
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Stone Fire Station <i>(Letters sent home)</i>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations <i>(Details to follow)</i>
	Meet the Teachers meeting 4:00pm and 4:30 pm		PTFA Non-uniform Day <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2/3 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day <i>(Details to follow)</i>
	Year 4/5/6 trip to Cosford <i>(Letters sent home)</i>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2/3 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reception class – Parents' Lunch 12pm <i>(Class Dojo message sent to parents)</i>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Parent Meetings <i>(Letters sent home 20.09.24)</i>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Class Assembly <i>(Parents welcome in school – 9:15)</i>
October		Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Advent service <i>(Approx. 9:15. Details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Individual Class Photos	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Village Christmas Light switch on
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SEND parent Meetings <i>(Letters sent home 20.09.24)</i>	December	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Themed Lunch <i>(Details to follow)</i>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival <i>(Details to follow)</i>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Christmas Fun <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Play <i>(Approx. 9:15 – 10:00. Details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening <i>(4:00pm - 6:30pm - Details to follow)</i>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Play <i>(Approx. 9:15 – 10:00. Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>		Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
	Parents Evening <i>(4:00pm - 6:30pm - Details to follow)</i>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-Y6 Christmas Concert <i>(Approx. 5:30 – 6:30. Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2/3 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Disglow <i>(6:00pm – 8:00pm)</i>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-Y6 Christmas Party Afternoon
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner for children <i>(Details to follow)</i>
		Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Movie and Munch <i>(3:20 – 5:00. Details to follow)</i>
		Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carol service <i>(Approx. 9:15. Details to follow)</i>





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## Term Dates

### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024 - 2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Tuesday 3rd September	Term starts
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term
Friday 20th December	Term ends

#### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January	Term Starts
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 11th April	Term ends
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday

#### Summer Term 2025

Monday 28th April	Term Starts
Monday 5th May	May Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Friday 23rd May	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 18th July	Term ends for pupils
Monday 21st July	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

