COLEBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
"With God all things are possible"

Date: Friday 8th November 2024

Dear parents/carers

It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back into school after the half term break and they are straight back into the swing of things. Over the past few weeks we have had many visitors to school either from Infinity Academies Trust or the Local Authority. A recurring theme throughout all of these visits has been that everyone is incredibly complimentary about the children and the work they are producing and we are all very proud of them all.

As you will be aware the school is on the journey to joining Infinity Academies Trust, we are currently awaiting an update from the DfE as to when this can be approved by themselves, as soon as we have an update we will be sure to communicate this with you all. In the interim period, we are still being treated by the Trust as one of their own schools and hopefully this will reassure you all that things don't change and the benefits are seen through the provision we are able to offer to the children.

The term ahead looks to be very busy as we head towards the Christmas period and we look forward to seeing you all at the different events which are planned.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

David Nicholson

NOVEMBER:

11th: Tempest Photographers - Individual & Siblings [08.30]
11th: Remembrance Day
15th: Primary Admissions open for Sept YR intake
15th: Children in Need Day
15th: Primary Admissions for Sept 2025 open
W/c 18th: Assessment Week
19th: TBC Flu Immunisation
W/c 25th: Assessment Week

DECEMBER:

4th: Last date for handing in Santa Sack donations
12th: Christmas Jumper Day
16th: FOCS Whole School Aladdin Panto trip. Newark Theatre.
17th: Christmas Performance at Coleby Church, TBC
18th: FOCS Whole School Christmas lunch
19th: End of Term 2

JANUARY:

6th Start of Term 3
15th: Closing date for Primary Admission Sept 2025

FEBRUARY:

Learning this Half Term

The beginning of a new half term brings lots of new exciting learning, the website has lots of information about our curriculum if you would like to read more about this. In addition to the usual work in English, Maths and Science this term we are now studying History and DT as follows.

EYFS
History—Our Local Village
DT—Mechanical Systems (Sliding Christmas Cards)
PE—Ball Skills

Key Stage One
History—Our Local Village
DT—Mechanical Systems (Making a Moving Story Book)
PE—Gymnastics & Ball Skills

Key Stage Two
History—Britain at War
DT (year 3/4) - Mechanical Systems (Pneumatic Toys)
DT (year 5/6) - Mechanical Systems (Pop Up Story Book)
PE—Netball & Dodgeball

MONDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER

As in previous years, our Key Stage 2 children will be attending the Remembrance Service at Coleby Church. As representatives of the school, we will expect them to be as smartly turned out as always and wearing the official school uniform.

Tempest Photographers will be in school on Monday, 11th November commencing at 08:30 in the Breakfast/After School club room to take photographs of any siblings not yet in school. Again, we would ask children to ensure they're wearing the correct uniform and reiterate that all shoulder length hair should be tied back.

PRAISING

LAST WEEK:

CLASS 1
Praise for ~
Harriet for always working so hard in RWI lessons. She is making fantastic progress.
Oliver R for his brilliant observations during the class learning walk around Coleby Village—he found lots of old and new buildings and Francesca for showing such a good attitude in Maths. She is always ready to learn and try her very best.

Well done to all these children.

Lower Key Stage 2
Mrs White praised Bethany for her super attitude to learning and for being focussed and always producing lovely, neat work and Fern for her fantastic, expressive reading and beautiful presentation, particularly with writing and Harry C for his super effort during RWI.

Upper Key Stage 2
Praise for Scarlet for persevering with difficult maths concepts and trying very hard.

THIS WEEK:

CLASS 1
Ruby was praised for always making the class smile and giggle with her funny jokes and cheeky character ~ keep being you Ruby; Eva S for being so determined in Maths even when the questions have been very challenging ~ keep going Eva! And Rory for having such a positive attitude to learning. He always tries his best and perseveres in all subjects. Well done Rory!

Lower Key Stage 2
Mrs White praised Elliot for his amazing reading effort in RWI; Darcie for listening carefully and taking pride in the presentation of all her work and James for his good understanding in guided reading. He makes such wonderful comments about the characters and events.

Upper Key Stage 2
Eva O was praised for her fantastic work on fractions; Benji for great focus and perseverance and Lily for her excellent behaviour and being a great role model for others.

Our Local Community

As part of their learning in history, Class 1 had a lovely time investigating old and new buildings around the village. They spotted lots of ways that buildings have changed over time and we are looking forwards to see what else they learn throughout the rest of the term.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO



Eva G and Oliver P who both celebrated birthdays earlier this month.

LEGO BUILDER AWARD TO

Emmerson Lee and Benji.

We have been doing some work in school on our school Vision and Values so that it is really clear and purposeful thus guiding all that we do in school. The information below will explain all of this.

"With God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26

Who are we? What are we doing here?

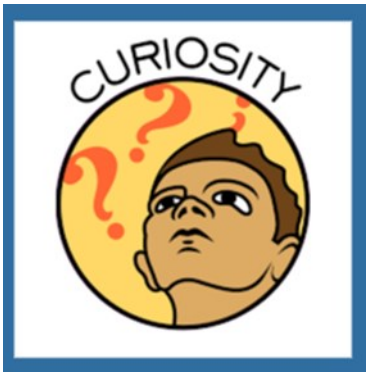
Our mission at Coleby Church of England Primary school is to work with families to build a strong, inclusive community. Founded on a broad and inspiring curriculum we will: endeavour to create a thirst for **excellence**; emphasise **hope** in all and **kindness** for others; strive to stimulate **curiosity**; inspire awe and instil self-belief.

On these firm Christian foundations, we will endeavour to build a place in which each person can flourish, know that they are valued and can make a positive difference to the world.

How shall we live and learn together?

We are proud to be a Church of England School. The Christian values we share with each other are also human values that we feel benefit all members of our school community and enable everyone to "live a life of fullness" (John 10:10).











Within the love of God, at Coleby Church of England Primary School we serve our community by placing children at the heart of all that we do.

Our Christian Collective Worship Themes work on a 2 Year Cycle of:
(Year A) Cooperation, Respect, Perseverance, Caring, Trust, Tolerance
(Year B) Friendship, Unity, Hope, Peace, Happiness, Responsibility

CHRISTMAS SACK APPEAL PROJECT

The Christmas Sack Appeal project is quite simple. The Bridge Church in Lincoln receives referrals from Social and Family Workers and other professionals who work with people struggling to provide financially for themselves and/or their families at Christmas time. Through gift donations, from establishments such as ours, they can ensure these families are able to celebrate Christmas without the additional burden of worrying about finances.

Weather permitting, Mrs Jenkins will be in the school's playground at the end of the school day on Monday, 11th November. Mrs Jenkins, despite leaving the employ of the school in July, has kindly agreed to oversee the school's donations to the Christmas Sack Appeal. As in previous years, she will be armed with a Christmas 'Giving' tree strung with tags which will have descriptions such as 'Boy aged 3', 'Girl aged 7' etc so you can choose who you might like to buy a gift for. Any gifts bought by yourselves can be returned to school and Mrs Jenkins will arrange to deliver these to the Bridge Church collection point.

Should you not be in school at the end of the day, then labels will be kept in school for the next week or two so your child may select a label if you wish to support the appeal.

All gift donations should be handed in to school no later than Wednesday, 4th December.

We're supporting BBC Children in Need

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED DAY - FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER

As advised in a recent email, we will be fundraising for the BBC Children in Need Charity on the above date.

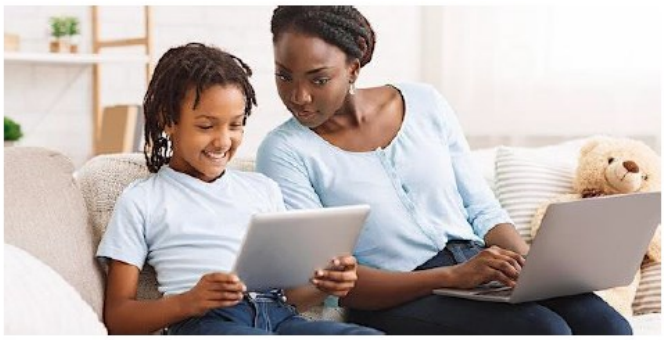
For a suggested **minimum donation of £1**, children can attending school wearing yellow and/or spotty/dotty items of clothing. The school's charity representatives will be collecting these donations at the start of the school day.

We would appreciate donations of cakes/bakes/cookies for the cake sale. These will be sold for 50p each.

This year's event will be again be lower key than in previous years but the fun factor will remain the same.

Your child should have come home with a Sponsor Form but an additional copy is attached to the newsletter. These should be completed and returned to school by Friday, 22nd November at the very latest.

The sponsored activity could be one of your or your child's choosing ~ sponsored silences have always been very popular in the past and the school would love to see lots of reading activities included as well.



Upcoming Online Safety Q+A events for Parents

Our Keeping Safe Survey Lincolnshire showed that effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. Being able to keep up to date with the latest apps and trends in order to keep your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary and Secondary schools across Lincolnshire everyday. In this event we will give you the most up to date information and tools, so you feel confident that you can keep your children safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world. Whether you want to know more around age appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media or any other burning questions this is the event for you! Sign up is required.

Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Primary** Aged Children **20th November 2024 6-7:30pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441939

AFTER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING SESSION



Advance notice:

Mrs Millard and her trusty team will once again be offering a Christmas Wreath Making Session at the start of December. This will be offered to children in Years 2—6. Further details will follow.

The cost for the session will be £6.50 per child and each child attending will take home a lovely, bespoke Christmas wreath, made with love and fun!


STAR OF THE WEEK SONG - Celebrating the success of children
FIRE
EXIT
Star of the Week
Well Done!