COLEBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 6th September

Dear Parents/Friends of the School

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all of the Coleby School community for the kind welcome I have received this week. It is a real privilege to have the opportunity to work at the school and I look forward to getting to know the children better over the coming weeks. The children have all settled back into school life extremely well, they have been working hard and have certainly set the bar high for the year ahead.

On Monday, our staff team were invited to the annual Infinity Academies Trust conference alongside 17 other schools who are either in the trust or working with the Trust. It was a great day and left us all feeling inspired for the forthcoming academic year.

In our Collective Worship this week, we have been thinking about our hopes for the year ahead. We shared the story of Esther from the Old Testament and I enjoyed telling the children all about Freddie Flintoff's 'Field of Dreams', which has been a particular highlight of my summer! Both stories demonstrated that there is nothing we can't achieve if we put our minds to it and have high hopes for the future and this is the challenge we have set the children.



The year ahead looks very busy and we will keep the website/newsletters updated with all the events planned.

We hope that you all have a great weekend.

David Nicholson
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER
W/c 9th: EYFS & Y6 Baseline Assessments
W/c 16th: EYFS & Y6 Baseline Assessments
27th: Macmillan Coffee/Cake event TBC 14:30

OCTOBER:
2nd: Immunisation Team in School, Nasal Flu Spray
8th: Harvest Festival Coleby Church 09:15
18th: End of Term 1
29th: Start of Term 2

NOVEMBER:
11th: Tempest Photographers - Individual & Sibling Portraits 08.30
W/c 18th: Assessment Week
W/c 25th: Assessment Week

DECEMBER:
16th: FOCS Whole School Aladdin Panto trip. Newark Theatre.
17th: Christmas Performance at Coleby Church, TBC
19th: End of Term 2

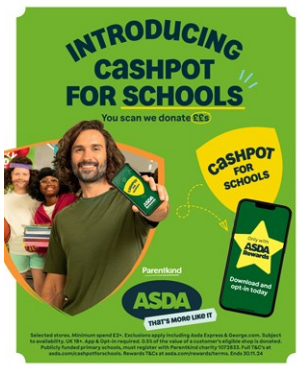
**** FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY ****

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals as this can help the school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning. From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals and we would encourage you to submit an application if you feel you meet the following criteria:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Please apply online: https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx

Coleby School has signed up for the **Asda Cashpot for Schools** scheme.



Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda who are making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus**, it doesn't stop there, Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started**. It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode (LN5 0AJ)
3. Shop instore across Asda and George or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot, as you shop Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. Remember anyone can sign up, so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner! For more details please visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

Thank you.

BUSY BEE HIVE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB— Reception to Year 6

The school currently runs an onsite extended provision after school club. There is currently some availability on certain evenings and we are therefore able to accept ad-hoc bookings … but do ask for at least one week's notice.

Additionally, the school will be offering the following clubs:

FRIDAY MULTI SPORTS CLUB—Open to Years 2 to 6

A new after school Multi Sports Club will be commencing on Friday, 20th September with Coach Riley.

The club will operate on Friday, 20th and 27th September and 4th, 11th and 18th October from 3:20 to 4:20 p.m. at a cost of £2.50 per session, total cost £12.50 per child for the five sessions. Places will be limited.

WEDNESDAY (CREATING IN THE KITCHEN) COOKERY CLUB—Open to Years 1 to 6

Due to the age range, children will learn to make quick, fun snacks as opposed to rustling up a three course meal!

The club will be offered on 18th, 25th September and 2nd, 9th and 16th October from 3:20 to 4:20 p.m. at a cost of £3 per session, total cost £15.00 per child for the five sessions. Places will be limited.

Please contact Mrs Ashton if you are interested in any of the above or require further information.

Regrettably, we were unable to proceed any further with the Lego Club offered by an external provider due to a low take up thus making it not financially viable. However, the school will look to offering a similar club in the near future and will keep you posted

PARKING

Please can we politely remind everyone that parking is provided at the Park and Stride facility at the village hall and is for the use of all those who drive their child/ren to school.

Regrettably, this reminder has been necessary following a local farmer being held up along Rectory Road due to cars being double parked. The school has been notified on past occasions of speeding cars; unsafe parking; cars blocking residents driveways and making it very tight for them to exit and enter; parking too close to junctions. We would ask for the Park and Stride to be used to maintain harmony within our lovely village and also for the safety of all road users.

Please be mindful and thank you for your co-operation.

UPDATE ON WEEK DAY PE SESSIONS

Please note that due to a change in this term's timetabling, our PE/Sports sessions will be held on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Would you kindly ensure that children are sent to school in their PE kit on those days.

Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

We would love to wish Pippa, Oscar R and Benji belated greetings as they all celebrated their birthdays during the school holidays.

Additionally, since we've returned to school Molly, Ida and Emmerson-Lee have all turned another year older.

Happy birthday to them all.



And last but not least, we would like to extend a warm Coleby School welcome to all the new families who have joined us at the start of this term. We hope you will all be made to feel very welcome and soon become part of the Coleby School family.

The school is supported by a very hardworking group of parents, the Friends of Coleby School/ FOCS, who give freely of their time to host a variety of fundraising events—to make the school a better environment for our children to learn. Your help would be welcomed in any way whatsoever when these events are being organ-ised.