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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Summer 1: Week ending 3rd May 2024

Our assembly theme this half term is: Wisdom



Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Autumn 1	4 th September – 27 th October	Autumn 2	6 th November – 22 nd December
Spring 1	9 th January – 9 th February	Spring 2	19 th February – 22 nd March
Summer 1	8 th April – 24 th May	Summer 2	3 rd June – 18 th July
Training Days	21 st June, 19 th July	Next Year	2 nd September 2024, 6 th January 2025

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6th MAY 2024

Day	During the School Day	After School
Monday	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday	P.E. Year 5 and Year 6	Evolution multi-sports for children in Years 1 and 2 Children will need to bring a sports kit. Year 4, 5, 6 Cricket Club
Wednesday	P.E. Year 3 and 4	Evolution multi-sports for children in Years 3 and 4
Thursday	P.E. Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Year 4 Swimming Special Dinner Menu	Year 3 Tennis Club Year 3-4 Newton Shield – Venue changes to TQEA
Friday	P.E. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Dance

Reminder

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office daily on 01675 481319 or email
Shustokeparents@welearn365.com

If you are taking your child on holiday or have a pre-planned absence please complete a Leave of Absence Request Form, available from the school office or on the school website.

Thank you

Reminder

The venue for the Newton Shield has been changed to TQEA.

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Dates for your diary

May 2024	
11th April – 9th May	Year 4 Swimming
9 th May	Y3/4 Football – Venue changed to TQEA
13 th – 17 th May	KS2 SATs Week
14 th May	Year 3 Trip to Compton Verney
16th May – 20th June	Year 5 Swimming
22 nd May	School Group Class Photos
23 rd May	Sports Day (attempt 1)
23 rd May	KS1 Football (after school)
23 rd May	House Teams Raffle (Donations in House Team colour)
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May Half Term	
June 2024	
3 rd -5 th June	Years 5 and 6 Residential Visit
10 th June	Multiplication Check- Y4
14 th June	Sports Day (attempt 2)
18 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service (St Phillips)
27 th June	Year 2,3,4,5,6 SCARF day
27 th June	Sports Day (final attempt)
July 2024	
5th July – New date	INSET Day
10 th July	Secondary School Induction New Reception Stay and Play Meet the Teacher Transition Session for children
15 th July	Warwickshire Sings- Y5
16 th July	Summer Show- Y5 and Y6
17 th July	Tamworth Athletics- KS2
18 th July	2pm Y6 Leavers' Service for parents Children break up
19 th July	INSET Day

Times of the Day

Morning	The gates will be opened just before 8.40am each morning so that lessons can begin promptly at 8.45am .
Afternoon	The gates will be opened at 3.10pm ready for dismissal from classroom doors at 3.15pm

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Year 3 News

Year 3 have been inspired by the late Monet. We have been experimenting with layered colours and smooth blends, crafting a peaceful scene of lush greenery blending into calm waters. Each week we will add to the layers finalising with a captivating water lily scene.



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Year 4 and Year 5 Football Tournament

Well done to the year4/5 mixed football team. They came 3rd out of ten teams. They did not loose any matches, drawing all four games. A really big achievement.



Dodgeball Final Year 3 and Year 4

We are really proud of our year 3 - 4 dodgeballers. They came 2nd in the grand finals, only losing out on 1st place by one point. They only lost 3 out of 15 mathces. They were a big credit to Shustoke and represented the school extremely well. The competitors were of a high level in terms of ability. Well done.





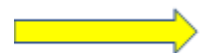
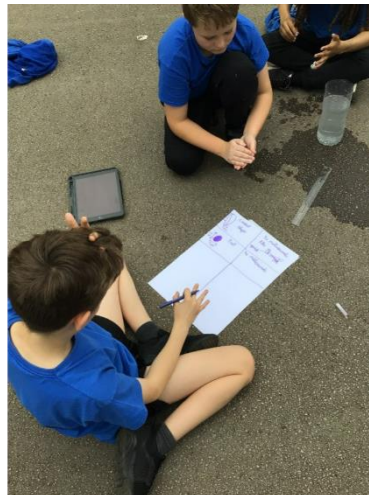
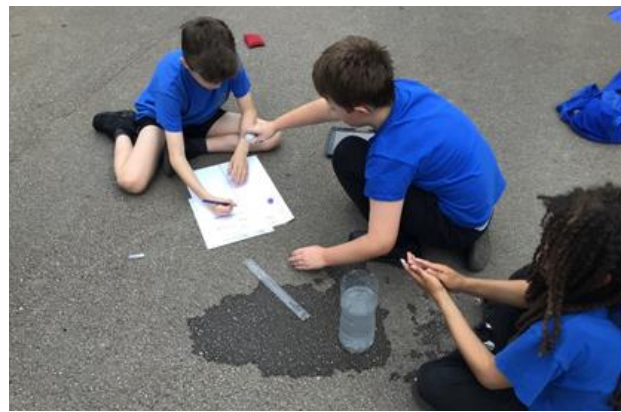
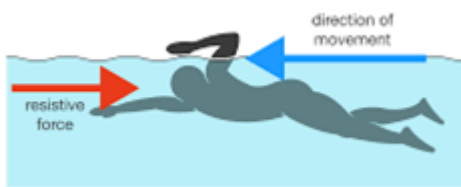
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Year 5 News

In Science this week, Year 5 have been exploring water resistance. Water resistance is the friction caused by rubbing an object against water particles.

We worked in groups to explore what happens to the water resistance of an object when it changes shape. We used modelling clay and water and a stopwatch.

We discovered that the more 'streamline' an object is, the faster it will descend through the water. The wider the object, the greater the surface area and the slower it will fall.



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Science Club

At Science club this week, we looked at air resistance. Delilah, Lily and Percy assembled stunt planes and threw them upwards with the underside facing up, so the planes did loop the loops! It was quite windy, so the planes flew well!



Year 4 News



MEET THE CAST



Lillian from Year 5 will be performing in her first musical this weekend. She is Chip (the cup) in Beauty and the Beast.

Good luck or should that be break a leg.



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Open the Book

Today Open the Book visited and told us the story of Naaman

Naaman has it all: he's a top military commander, a great man and highly regarded. But he has a disease. He travels to Israel with all the wealth and power a man of his stature can muster. He even has a letter from the king.

From the palace we move to the home of the prophet and everything changes. Elisha doesn't even go out to speak to this important visitor, instead sending the message that Naaman should go and wash himself in the Jordan seven times. Naaman is outraged. He's used to being treated with respect. His servants can see he was expecting some grand gesture or action: 'the prophet could at least come out and wave his hand' (verse 11). But Naaman humbles himself and is healed.

So often God appears in the world in unexpected places and usually without grand gestures. A king is born in a manger and simple fishermen turn the world upside down. Titles, positions, wealth and power: we can get wrapped up in the importance of these things, but the message of grace is often found in small moments and simple acts.

God of grace,

May we lose our appetite for grand gestures and see you in the small and simple. Surprise us today with unexpected moments of grace.

Amen





Attendance Matters – Week starting 22nd April

Year 2 and Year 5 achieved 97% attendance, reaching the target.
Well done.

The attendance target for each class is 97%.



Every day missed is a missed learning opportunity.

Volunteers

We would be very thankful if parents or grandparents were able to volunteer in school this year.

We are always grateful for any extra support that parents can give. It may be that you could listen to children read, or support on local walks/class trips. Or it may be that you work within an industry or have a hobby that lends itself to supporting with classroom sessions, e.g. yoga, gardening, artistic talents, cookery, construction etc.

Please can you complete the online form (link below) if you are interested in helping in school. As with all members of staff and visiting professionals, parent volunteers will need an enhanced DBS certificate which can be completed via school.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-hEVTLM6ekOhnanlPyn9sCf_ku7SuEJAp-0JZGo6CmRUN1hETTVZN0g2QjJVU041WENTR1JVU042Wi4u

**Please send your child in with a
Warm Water proof coat EVERY DAY.
The weather is changing please send in
a sun hat and sun cream.**

Please can all uniform, coats, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottle be **clearly labelled
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The Coleshill Grammar School Trust

To qualify from our individual grant funding applicants must be **aged 25 or younger**, **attend one of the schools in the Coleshill Cluster** (or have attended The Coleshill School), and **be in financial need**. All applications will be considered on their 'educational merit' and impact against the long term aspirations and goals. As a charity we are required to carefully consider each application to ensure that it meets its objectives, but also to apply the available funds in a way that makes the biggest impact.

If you are struggling to pay for uniform or school trips please look on The Coleshill Grammar School Trust website and you can apply for a grant.

Drop Off/Parking

Please do not park across driveways or block access/entrances, do not park on the zig zags, illegally or dangerously. Please **do not** use residents drive ways to turn around. Please use the Wilkinson Way carpark at the back of school. Please cross your child safely across the road.

Please slow down.

If your child is late please do not block the school gates when dropping them off.

Thank you for your co-operation.

School Debt

School currently has a significant level of debt, over £3000.00.

As you know, we are a small school, and it is difficult for us to continue to carry this level of debt.

Please could any outstanding payments to School be settled as soon as possible.

Should you have difficulty with paying any of your outstanding amounts, please contact School and we can look to arrange a payment plan for this debt.

Thank you.



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The PFA is currently operating on very few volunteers and we would love to have more. We would really appreciate any time you could offer from year-round planning preparations to helping out at odd events. Any time you could spare would help. We worked hard to produce a magical Christmas Fair and would like to do more event throughout the year so if you could help in anyway please contact the school office and they will pass on your details.

Many thanks the PFA.



We are on week 2 dinner menu

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Due to the current situation many families are finding themselves in a difficult situation financially. Please see the link below which will direct you to information regarding eligibility for free school meals.

You may apply, even if your child already receives a free school meal through the Government universal scheme for children in Early Years and KS1.

Any application will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

Free School Meals Free School Meals give you extra money in your pocket, extra money for your child's school and a healthy balanced meal for you child! What's not to like! Applying for one is quick and easy.....Check it out - What have you got to lose?!

[Apply here for Free School Meals](#)

Website - www.northwarks.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to contact school with a confidential or sensitive matter, or a hometime arrangement please use the shustokeparents@welearn365.com email address.

The shustokelearning@welearn365.com email address should be used to submit examples of work to teachers or for general communication directly with the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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How can I help improve my child's literacy?

1

Turn On The Subtitles

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When children watch TV or a device with the subtitles switched on, they can double their chance of leaving school a great reader.

2

Don't stop reading to your child.

Reading to your child til the age of 13/14 still has huge benefits as it allows them to focus on the complex vocabulary and ideas in the story.

3

For the reluctant reader - read anything!

Any form of reading in a topic they are interested in and in any format counts!

Did you know you can download lots of old comics for free at www.digitalcomicmuseum.com?

4

Try free electronic books from your Library service

Reading online can also offer you options to increase font size, change background colours - all of which can impact readability.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk also has lots of free eBooks for children age 3 - 11.

5

How about turning reading into a game?

NightZooKeeper.com keeps children interested using fun, engaging games and provides parents personalised reports on how it's going. Note; there's a monthly fee with this one though.



Find out more at www.turnonthesubtitles.org
Email us at hello@turnonthesubtitles.org



Did you know that watching TV with the subtitles turned on can double the chance of a child leaving school a proficient reader?

Turn over for more top tips on helping your child's literacy

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Orders are placed in a queue until 15th and 30th of each month and delivered into School up to 14 days after.



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IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

Last order date for free delivery into school is **14th June** then service switches to home delivery until **13th September**

(Place your home delivery order by 26th July for delivery before the start of term)

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