



Parent update 30th June 2023

THIS WEEK IN 5 WORDS: “Wishing you all Eid Mubarak”

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E



DIARY DATES

SUMMER TERM 2022	
Monday 3rd July	Class Swaps morning – new teachers
Monday 3rd July, 2pm	Eid Parent Celebration
Tuesday 4th July	4M Trip (weather permitting)
Wednesday 5th July	4B Trip (weather permitting)
Wednesday 5th July	Teacher Strike
Thursday 6th July	Year 3 (both classes) trip to Visit a Hindi temple
Friday 7th July	Teacher Strike
Thursday 6th July and Friday 7th July	Book Fair
Wednesday 12th July	Year 6 Transition Day to secondary school (See individual details from secondary schools)
Wednesday 12th July	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 12th July	Parents' Evening Drop ins – straight after school
Thursday 13th July, AM	Reception Graduation
Thursday 13th July, AM	Year 2 Sleep Over
Monday 17th July, 9am	Year 6 Leavers' assembly to parents
Tuesday 18th July, 2pm	Year 6 Leavers' assembly to parents
Wednesday 19th July	Summer Fair (2pm -4.40pm)
Thursday 20th July	Sports Day (See times in the main section)
Monday 24th July / Tuesday 25th July	INSET DAYS – school closed to all pupils
Autumn Term	
Monday 4th September	INSET DAY – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 5th September	Autumn Term Starts. Year 1 to Year 6 start back
Wednesday 6th September	Nursery and Reception start

Full term dates are available on the school website.

Please note – these are revised dates

Eid - Parent get together

Celebrate Eid with us at Colebourne! Join our school-wide Eid party on Monday, 3rd July, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Parents are invited to bring a dish to share, creating a delicious feast for all. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the festivities and connect with our school community. Save the date and see you there! Please contact Mrs Arshid for more information: a.arshid@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

Please note, this is a parent only get together; children will remain in class and can be collected at usual dismissal time.

Summer Fair – Stall booking form

If you would like to have a stall for the summer fair – please complete this form. Please also pass on to friends and people you may know that may want to have a stall.

Thank you: [Stall booking form](#)

Staffing for 2023-2024

Please find below the staffing and new classes for September.

We are delighted to welcome some new members to the team including:

- Mrs. Mistry (Rainbow Teacher)
- Miss Harriot (Year 1 Teacher)
- Mr. Michael (Year 5 Teacher)
- Mrs. Dean (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Groves (Teaching Assistant)

On Monday 3rd July, children will spend the first session of the day with their new class teacher and assistants.

Classes for 2023-2024

<i>Current Class</i>	New Class	Teachers	Additional Staff
<i>n/a</i>	Nursery	Mrs. Brierley	Mrs. Kaur
<i>n/a</i>	RN	Miss Nelson	Miss. Bagl
<i>n/a</i>	RT	Mrs. Tuffey / Miss Begum	Mrs. Tovey
<i>n/a</i>	Rainbow	Mrs. Mistry	Miss Davies
<i>RN</i>	1H	Miss Harriot	Mrs. Naughton
<i>RT</i>	1G	Mrs. Grocott	Mrs. Keddan
<i>1F</i>	2M	Miss. Martin	Mrs. Mirza
<i>1G</i>	2I	Mrs. Iqbal / Mrs. Murphy	Miss. Moroney
<i>2K</i>	3C	Miss Connolly	Mrs. Lewis
<i>2M</i>	3P	Miss Perry	Miss Groves / Miss Nashad
<i>3P</i>	4M	Mr. McKinney	Mrs. Robertson
<i>3C</i>	4K	Mrs. Keeley	Mrs. Dewell
<i>4M</i>	5R	Miss Raja	Mrs. Rizwan / Miss Joshi
<i>4B</i>	5M	Mr. Michael	Miss Hemming
<i>5H</i>	6A	Mrs. Ahmed	Mrs. Dean
<i>5R</i>	6H	Mrs. Hallahan	Mrs. Haigh

Teacher Strike Days – Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July

The next teacher strike days are due to take place on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. As union members are not required to inform schools whether they will be striking or not we will only fully know on the morning of the strike which staff are in school. **Some teaching staff will be in school** and therefore we will be able to open some classes.

The following classes are likely to be **NOT affected by the strike action** and these **children should be in school**:

Wednesday 5th July:

Nursery, RT, RN, 1F, 2M, 2K, 3P, 4B, 4M, 5H, 5R, 6T

These children should attend as normal.

Friday 7th July:

Nursery, RT, RN, 1F, 2M, 2K, 3P, 4B, 5H, 5R, 6T

These children should attend as normal.

The following classes **may be affected by the strike action** so please make sure you have arrangements in place:

Wednesday 5th July:

1G, 3C, 6A

These children may need to be off school.

Friday 7th July:

1G, 3C, 4M, 6A

These children may need to be off school.

If anything changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

We will message parents around 8.30am to confirm the arrangements for the day.

Critical Key workers

If any key workers require a place please contact the school for details; key workers are requested to arrange childcare where they can and will not automatically be granted a place.

Work for those classes who are closed

Teachers who are striking are not required to set work.

If you would like to do some work with your child we would recommend:

- <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- <https://ttrockstars.com/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Other offline activities can include:

- Writing (letters, stories, poems)
- Reading (reading for pleasure, book review)
- Maths (cooking – weighing ingredients, learning timetables facts / number bonds)
 - Draw, paint, build, create
 - Go on a nature walk or to the park

Breakfast clubs and after school club

Breakfast club and fun time after school care will be open as usual.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Book Fair

Primary Books will be in school next Thursday and Friday, selling books.

Children in Years 1 – 6 will be given a money envelope which they can bring in on the day their class will visit the fair (we will let you know which day each year group has).

Otherwise, parents can also visit the book fair with their children after school on Thursday 3.15pm – 3.45pm and on Friday from 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

We will also be selling some stock of CGP learning / revision books that we have.

The Primary Books Book Event is coming to your school soon...



...do you know when it is?
...do you know what to expect?



Book Fair Date

THU & FRI
6th & 7th JULY

...have you put the date in your diary?

Dear Parents and Children

Come to the Primary Books Event and see for yourself over 500 titles of the best quality and range of children's books on the market today.

We have got all of your favourite books, including those just published, some famous, some entertaining and amusing, some informative but all of excellent quality and at affordable prices. Books to suit all pockets from £1 to £10 – most picture story books and reading books are between £4 and £6.

All our books are for sale on the day, AND every book you buy will help your school. We will give your school free books to help them and to say thank you. Please support your school by coming to this event which will be a very enjoyable experience for everyone. Many events incorporate activities aimed at fostering a love of books and reading in children.



Parents are encouraged to join their children at the event after school when a Primary Books advisor will be available to help with choices and give you the best and latest information about children's books.



Primary
BOOKS

If you would like any further information please contact your Primary Books local proprietor at the book event or visit our website at www.primarybooks.net

Bring it on Brum! Summer Holiday Clubs

Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for those children and young people aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Throughout the summer school holidays, each club runs for up to 4 weeks and each child is eligible to attend a maximum of 16 sessions. Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type of provision and location of each club, but every day young people will get a nutritious meal served up for free!

Bookings for summer holiday clubs will open from **Monday, 3 July 2023** at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk.

Colebourne is hosting one of these clubs which you can find details of here and on the flyer on the next page: <https://www.fitkidszone.co.uk/hodge-hill-summer-camp/>

Can't attend a face-to-face holiday club?

For families with children who are not able to access face-to-face holiday clubs, activity packs are also available for the summer school holiday. Packs are available one per eligible child for primary or secondary age.

Families can register for a free summer activity pack from **Monday, 26 June 2023**; registrations close on **Wednesday, 12 July 2023** or as soon as all activity packs have been allocated. More information on the activity packs and how to register can be found at: [Bring it on Brum Activity Packs](#)

Booked but can't attend?

During some of the earlier programmes, we experienced a number of non-attendees. We would encourage parents who book activities for their children and can no longer attend, to kindly contact the provider and cancel the booking so the space can be given to another child.

For queries or further information, please contact Birminghamholidayactivities@streetgames.org

FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C

HODGE HILL SUMMER CAMP



WEDNADAY 26TH JULY
TILL
WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST



ALL WELCOME

IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL
MEALS YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO
ATTEND OUR CLUB WITH A SMALL
CHARGE PER DAY
£10 PER DAY WITH OUT FOOD
£13 PER DAY WITH FOOD
9AM TILL 3PM

FREE
9 AM TILL 1PM

CHILDREN MUST RECEIVE
BENEFIT RELATED FREE
SCHOOL MEALS AND HAVE A
CODE

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES MULTI-SPORTS

9am Till 1pm or 3pm

This summer camp will provide life skills and help build confidence. Children will be able to access a nutritious balance meal throughout the day as well as refreshments which will all be provided by Fit Kids Zone C.I.C

COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
STECHFORD ROAD
HODGE HILL
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WWW.FITKIDSZONE.CO.UK/CLUBS

07985607421

Swimming at Colebourne

We are delighted to be able to have the on-site swimming pool again next school year. This will be in place for the first half term in September-October.

We have managed to get a longer period of time for the pool and also to have extended hours – meaning that we will be able to offer some extracurricular opportunities to use the pool.

Looking at the swimming data for our school we know that there is a high need for swimming. It is with this in mind that, in the Autumn term, children in Year 2 will also be included in our swimming provision and will have a few taster sessions in the pool.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have swimming lessons each week with the aim to increase the confidence of children and to increase the number of children reaching the KS2 expectation of being able to swim 25m.

You will be notified by the end of term which day your child will need to have their kit in school.

Current year 2 parents should have received a message regarding a quick swimming survey about your child's swimming ability – please complete this as it will help us group the children for their lessons when they are in year 3.



ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

End of Year Assessments

Children will be completing end of year assessments over the next few weeks. These help teachers to make end of year judgements for the end of year reports. They also allow us to identify key strengths and areas for learning to pass on to the next teacher.

It is important that the children are here to complete these so please ensure high attendance over the coming weeks.

Sports Day!

The rearranged Sports Day is Thursday 20th July.

- 9:30am - 10:30am **Reception**
- 11:00am - 12:30pm - **KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)**
- 1:30pm - 2:45pm - **KS1 (Years 1 and 2)**



Please come to the school field via the car park entrance. Please do not park in the car park. We are also unable to allow parents to stay on site over lunchtime.

Summer Fair

We will be having our summer fair on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th July,
2pm – 4pm



More details will follow but the key information is:

- Fun and Games
- Food and Drink
- Inflatables and rides
- Stall Holders (*booking will open soon*)
- Water fun

And much more.

Hotter weather

A few key summer reminders:

- Please ensure children have a water bottle with them every day.
- Please ensure sunscreen is applied before school
- Consider summer uniform (see below)
- When the pollen count is high, consider if your child needs their hay fever medication before school.

Summer uniform

As the warm weather approaches, I just wanted to remind parents of the summer uniform options.

- Pinafore - Black or Grey
- Summer Dress - gingham pattern, navy blue
- Shorts - Plain Black or Grey



Arbor Update

9% of our families are now connected via Arbor.

If you are yet to login – please do so.

For those families with two adults with parental responsibility, we would encourage both to download the APP so that both can receive messages and alerts.



[Applications to Birmingham Grammar Schools \(Current Year 5\)](#)

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (entry to Year 7 in September 2024).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2023.

The test will take place on 16th September 2023.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk Email: admissions@kevibham.org

Term Dates

We have now published our term dates for 2023-2024 school year. These are also available on the school website: [Diary Dates](#)

Please note the start dates for **Nursery and Reception** vary – please ensure you note the start times and dates that you have received.

Please note: Parents should not book holiday or other planned absence in term time. Research and our own school analysis shows that those whose attendance is high perform better academically.

School Year 2023 to 2024

Staff Training Days:

- *Monday 4th September 2023*
- *Monday 6th November 2023*
- *Friday 22nd December 2023*
- *Friday 3rd May 2024*
- *Friday 19th July 2024*

Other key dates that affect school:

- Thursday 2nd May 2024 - Voting Day

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22 March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2024

School Year 2024 to 2025

Staff Training Days: tbc

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2024

[School Policy reminders](#)

[Jewellery](#): Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings to school. Watches can be worn as part of learning to tell the time or when they are able to tell the time. Smart watches with any audio, photo or video recording are not permitted. Watches with games on are also not allowed.

[Sweets and gift for birthdays](#): Children should not bring in sweets, goody bags or gifts to be handed out.

[Attendance and holidays](#): Good attendance is vital to children's success in school. When a child is not in school and their class is, they miss out on key learning and the sequence of learning is disrupted. Please ensure high levels of attendance.

Holidays are not permitted and although we understand the reasons for cheaper tickets and other factors such as heat, these are not authorised.

School MUST be informed of any planned absence – please complete a leave of absence request form which is available from the main school office. We ask that parent talk to us before booking tickets. In certain cases, children can lose their place at Colebourne, or parents can be fined for taking unauthorised leave.

Uniform: Please ensure correct uniform is worn. Details of uniform expectations can be found on the school website.

PE uniform should be plain black jogging bottoms or shorts with the coloured team t-shirt.

What's On?

FULL DETAILS HERE: [Children and families | Birmingham Museums](#)

Summer is here, the sun is shining and there is loads going on at **Birmingham Museums**. With so many fantastic events for adults and kids alike, you won't want to miss out.

Head out to one of the museum gardens for a nature-themed adventure, enjoy delicious pizza and wine in the courtyard at **Sarehole Mill**, or immerse yourself in Celtic culture at the Summer Solstice Calligraphy Workshop. And that's just the beginning! **Weoley Castle** is back with their highly anticipated and much loved Medieval Open Day. A Wildlife Walk returns to **Aston Hall**, where you'll spot all sorts of creatures great and small on a stroll through the beautiful grounds. Meanwhile, Nature Explorers at **Blakesley Hall** is perfect for the little ones, with sensory play, crafts and outdoor discovery catering to curious minds.

Here is an example of just one of the events:

Calling all young knights, ladies, and peasants! Get ready for a day of medieval mayhem at **Weoley Castle!**

On **Saturday 1 July** you'll have the chance to learn all about life in medieval Birmingham with the help of re-enactors, engaging battle displays, captivating storytelling, and informative guided tours. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the past and explore the rich history of our city.



So come along and join us for a fantastically fun day out this summer that the whole family will love! Details here:

<https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/events/medieval-open-day>