

Parent update 13th September 2024

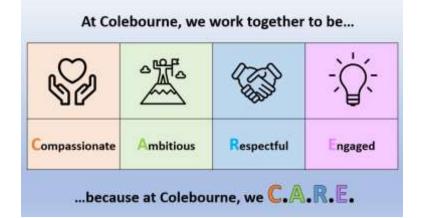
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DIARY DATES

S	ummer Term 2024
Tuesday 24 th September, 9am – 10am (from 8.40am for drinks)	Parent Update Meeting with Mr. Guest
Friday 27 th September, 8.40am – 10.15am	MacMillan Coffee Morning for parents and community members
Thursday 17 th October 9am – 10am (from 8.40am for drinks)	Parent Coffee morning
Monday 21 st October, 8.50am	Celebration assembly – Years 4-6 Parents Welcome
Thursday 24 th October, 8.50am	Celebration assembly – Years 1-3 Parents Welcome
Friday 25 th October	Last day of the half term
Monday 4 th November	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return to school for Autumn 2 nd Half term
Tuesday 19 th November	Children's Flu Vaccines

FULL TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOOL TERM DATES SECTION – PLEASE AVOID BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME



Pick-up and collection

A huge thanks to parents (and children) for adjusting so well to the new start and finish time. We have very few children arriving late or being collected late.

If you are struggling with the times, please remember we do have breakfast club and after school club provision available.

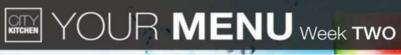
School Dinners and Menus

On the next page you can see the dinner menus. Next week is week 1 and then the following week, week 2 and so on

We are constantly reviewing menus to ensure we increase the quality of ingredients, reduce processed food and ensure effective choices for dietary requirements. Children are getting the chance to ask to try new choices alongside their favorite foods.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers with Tomato Ketchup Freshly made	Homemade Cheese and Potato Pie Vegan Meatballs in	Lamb Shish Kebab served with a minted yoghurt dip	Freshly made Margherita Pizza Slice Meatless Katsu Curry	Oven Baked Cheese and Pepper Roll Freshly made
Macaroni Cheese	Tomato Sauce	Oven Baked Vegetable Samosa with rice	with rice	Vegetable Bolognaise
Chunky Oven Chips Fresh Carrot Batons and Garden Peas	Pasta Twists Baked beans Fresh broccoli	Pilau Rice Sweetcorn Kachumber salad	Chunky Oven Chips Boiled Rice Spaghetti hoops Baked beans	Spaghetti Fresh Cajun Diced Potatoes Baked Beans or Garden Peas
		bread available daily and a sel		
Chocolate Concrete	Iced Lemon Drizzle	Freshly baked Melting		Jelly



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers with Tomato Ketchup Freshly made Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Tuna Pasta Bake Neapolitan Pasta Bake Vegetable Nuggets with sweet chilli dip	Cajun Spiced Chicken Vegetable Spring Roll Served with Egg Noodles	Freshly made Margherita pizza slice Freshly made Quorn and Vegetable Pie with a puff pastry top and gravy	Freshly made Cheese Flan Freshly made Oven Baked Fish pie with Iemon
Oven Chips Garden Peas Salad	Garlic Bread Slice Fresh Carrot Batons sweetcorn	Brown – white rice Stir Fried Vegetables	Chipped Potatoes Fresh Broccoli	Freshly made Cajun Wedges Sweetcorn and Garden Peas
	easonal salad bar with fresh b : <mark>ket Potatoes, Sandwiches,</mark> W		0	
Chocolate Hedgehogs and Custard	Iced Orange Muffins	Vanilla Shortbread and Custard	Ice Cream Tubs	Spiced Ginger Flapjack and Custard
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		OFFICIAL		

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Snacks

We strongly encourage every child to have a mid-

morning snack. This helps give them a little energy boost to get them through to dinner. We have had some children asking for a snack from school as they have not got one from home or signed up for a school snack.



Please ensure your child has a snack for mid-

morning break from home or sign up for school snack (40p per day, payable for the half term)

	Monday	Crumpet; Toast; Apple; Yogurt
	Tuesday	Croissant; Toast; Banana; Yogurt
	Wednesday	Tuna wrap; Toast; Satsuma; Yogurt
	Thursday	Crumpet; Toast; Apple; Yogurt
	Friday	Cheese and Crackers / Crackers only; Frozen
		Fruit Yoghurt: Satsuma

This half term snack menu that the children can choose from is:

If children are bringing a snack from home, please ensure this is a 'healthy snack.'

Children must not bring in crisps or chocolate items for breaktime. Please watch out for hidden sugars in certain cereal bars.

Top snacks ideas include: Fruits; Vegetable sticks; Dried Fruit

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 also get a FREE piece of fruit or vegetable every afternoon as part of the Governments School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS).

Friday Childcare

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Parent coffee mornings



Our parent coffee mornings begin this term. These coffee mornings are a great chance to come and chat together with other parents and to hear about an aspect of school.

The first meeting will take place on **Thursday** 17th October

There will be a short presentation about Phonics and reading and there will also be CGP books available for parents to order.

Date	Focus
Autumn 1 st Half Term Thursday 17 th October	Phonics and reading (early reading?) Revision books (there from parents evening the night before)
Autumn 2 nd Half Term	Mathematics Compass wellbeing support
Spring 1 st Half Term	SEMH and children's mental health On-line Safety
Spring 2 nd Half Term	Spelling, Handwriting and Writing
Summer 1 st Half Term	How children learn (EYFS to year 6)

Macmillan Coffee Event

Friday 27th September at 8.40am-10.15am in the main hall

We are holding a fundraiser here at school. Everyone is welcome to come and join in- there will be cakes and drinks to enjoy. Please feel free to bring along family members and friends from the local community.

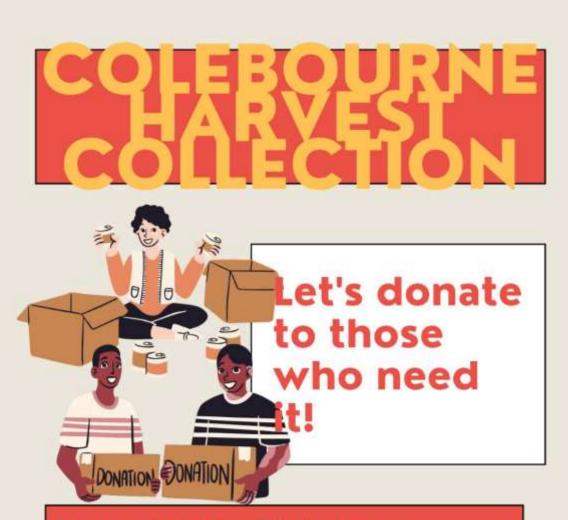
Donations of cakes will be warmly welcomed; these can be sent to classrooms the day before or in the morning or brought in with you on the morning. There will also be some competitions (e.g. guess the weight of the cake) to win some goodies.

Thanks in advance for your support.



Harvest Collection

Please begin sending items for our Harvest Collection. We are again supporting Birmingham City Mission who will distribute the items to food banks and to those in need.



This year Birmingham Clty Mission are particularly low on tinned fruit, tinned veg, rice puddings, coffee, tinned spaghetti, tinned hot meat, pasta sauces, and men's toiletries. But please donate any long-life / non-perishable items that you can. Thank you.

Swimming

On swimming days, children may wear black jogging bottoms as their school uniform trouser, if this helps with getting changed. They should continue to wear the white top half (unless this is also a PE coaching day)

Reminder – no earrings please!

Year 6 photos collection (from last year)

If you had a child leave Year 6 last year, we have the class photos.

Mr. Guest will be on the playground **after school on Monday** with these, so please go and collect one for you Year 7 child!

<u>After School Clubs - Autumn 1st half term</u>

These are the after-school clubs that will be running during Autumn Term A.

Clubs will start from the 16th of September. You do not need to return a form - just pay online through 'Arbor' to book a place for your child. Please note, all clubs will now be non-refundable.

Booking has been extended until Monday 16th September 12.30pm

Every child should be able to access clubs regardless of their family's financial situation. If your child would like to attend but you may struggle to fund it or you need help paying through Arbor, please contact us to discuss this further. Please do this before the bookings open to avoid disappointment.

Children need to be collected promptly at 4.15pm from outside Year 2. Please use the pedestrian entrance only - not the car park.

Year 5 & 6 who normally walk home alone with be dismissed at 4.15pm unless you tell us otherwise.

Swimming Club on a Friday will run from 1.30pm until 2.15pm. Children will need to be collected from outside Year 2. Children staying for Swimming Club can stay in school for their lunch on this day.

These are the clubs on offer for this half term:

Day	Year Groups	Club	Club leader	Cost	
Monday	Y3, 4,5 & 6	Singing	Miss Nelson and Mrs Naughton	£12.00 for 6 sessions	Spaces available
Tuesday	Y5 & 6	Football	Spark Active	£12.00 for 6 sessions	Spaces available*
Tuesday	Year 5	Swimming	Maverick Sports	£12.00 for 6 sessions	FULLY BOOKED
Wednesday	Y1 & 2	Multi skills	Spark Active	£12.00 for 6 sessions	FULLY BOOKED
Wednesday	Year 6	Swimming	Maverick Sports	£12.00 for 6 sessions	Spaces available*
Thursday	Year 3 & 4	Football	Spark Active	£12.00 for 6 sessions	Spaces available*
Thursday	Year 3	Swimming	Maverick Sports	£12.00 for 6 sessions	FULLY BOOKED
Thursday	Year 5 & 6	Digital Art	Mr McKinney	£12.00 for 6 sessions	Spaces available*
Friday	Year 4	Swimming	Maverick Sports	£12.00 for 6 sessions	FULLY BOOKED

*Spaces available as of 2pm on 13th September 2024

Your child will need to arrive in school in their PE kit the day they are in a sports-based club.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PAY ONLINE AS THIS WILL BE YOUR BOOKING FOR THE CLUB

Parent Update Meeting with Mr. Guest

Parents / Guardians are invited to come and have a drink and biscuit with Mr. Guest and SLT.

For new parents, these meetings take place at least every term and usually involve Mr. Guest (Head teacher) and other staff sharing information with you about school and seeking your views on a range of matters. It is very informal and friendly – so please come along if you can. It is a great way to meet other parents and get to know more about Colebourne.

The first meeting of the school year is on **Tuesday 24th September**, **9am** – **10am** in the main school hall. You can come straight in after drop off from 8.30am and start having a drink and a natter before the meeting starts at **9am**.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school, we have provision for 2 parent governors, and both have now become vacant.

Nominations can only be accepted from parents or carers who have children registered at the school on the day that nominations close.

The Governing Board (GB), with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the GB in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school, its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- overseeing the financial performance of the school.

The role of governor can be demanding but very rewarding. Parent governors serve a 4 year term of office and under usual circumstances, can expect to spend between 10 and 20 days a year on governance duties. These include:

- attending meetings of the GB, usually outside of school hours and contributing to GB business;
- reading reports and papers and keeping up to date on the progress that the school is making; and
- visiting the school from time to time during the school day.

You will be expected to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, sign a governors' Code of Conduct and have:

- a strong commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children;
- the inquisitiveness to question and analyse;
- the willingness to learn;
- good inter-personal skills;
- appropriate levels of literacy in English; and
- sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data.

In addition to the above, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents who may have skills in any area related to Financial Management, Human Resources, Mental Health and/or Legal. Training is available for all governors and the GB has an expectation that those new to school governance attend the free induction training.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours in any consecutive 12 month period or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school no later than Monday 23rd September 2024, 9.30am. You may also include a personal statement to support your nomination. There is no limit on the length of this statement, however, we encourage candidates to be succinct when setting out the skills, experience and attributes that they can bring to the GB to support their nomination. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If a ballot is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

To find out more about our school's GB and the GB's Code of Conduct please contact me via the school. Information about the Colebourne Governing Body can be found on the school website: https://www.hazwebs.co.uk/colebourne/?page_id=180

You can also find information about being a parent on the National Governance Association website: <u>https://www.nga.org.uk/knowledge-centre/the-parent-governor-role</u>

Kind regards,

Mr. Guest (Headteacher)

FULL DETAILS AND NOMNATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

→ Parent Governor Elections ←

Help raise fund for school

Parents and family members can easily raise money for school. These two projects cost parent nothing and just require a registration and then as you shop, school get donations from the companies.

ASDA Donations for schools

Asda have launched the 'cashpot for schools'

Asda donate 0.5% of the value of its customers shopping to a primary school of their choice

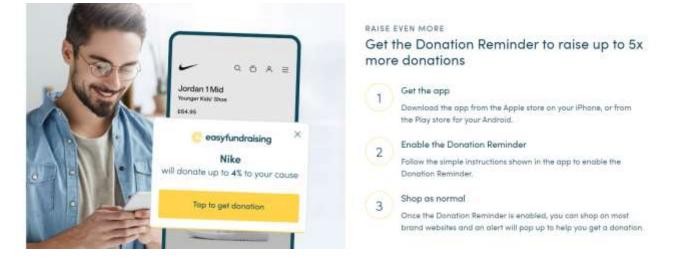


every time they shop using Asda Rewards.

Click here to register: https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started! You can find our easyfundraising page here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary/



Use of email



We are regularly using the email system to send important information to parents.

For families with two parents / carers / guardians please check on your Arbor App to make sure we have a correct email address for both. This way, both adults will be able to receive the emails.

Current Year 6 children (Year 7 Admissions - September 2025)

Online admissions opened on 1 September 2024 for Year 7 applications.

All children in Year 6 requiring a place at secondary school must make an application.



Parent/carers resident in Birmingham should apply through the Birmingham City Council

website <u>https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</u> up until the deadline of 31 October 2024. Further information as well as the admission arrangements to support parents with making their preferences can be found on our website.

We would encourage all parents to read the section on making a realistic application: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1 778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/2

If you require any help in this process, please contact us for support.

SEND Newsletter

View information here:

https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/paediatric-occupational-therapy/



Items from previous updates:

Key policy reminders

Earrings

Please ensure these are not worn on PE days or swimming days. If they are, children must be able to remove them themselves.

Birthday class treats

Please remember that we <u>do not</u> allow sweets or gifts to be given out in school for birthdays / special occasions.

Labelling clothes

We already have lost property. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE write the child's name** on items of clothing – especially **jumpers, coats, lunch boxes/bags and water bottles**.

Water Bottles

Children should have a water bottle with them every day. Staying hydrated is extremely important for health and for concentration in school.

Healthy Snacks

If children are bringing a snack from home, please ensure this is a 'healthy snack.'

Children must not bring in crisps or chocolate items for breaktime. Please watch out for hidden sugars in certain cereal bars.

Top snacks ideas include: Fruits; Vegetable sticks; Dried Fruit

School times

A reminder that the school times for Reception to Year 6 from September are:

DROP OFF

Monday to Friday • 8.30am			
Playground gates open 8.30am – 8.40am			
(Children need to be in their classrooms by 8.40am) PICK UP			
Monday to ThursdayFriday• 3.15pm for Reception• 12.35pm for Reception			

• 3.20pm for Years 1-6

12.35pm for Reception 12.40pm for Years 1-6

School Term Dates - 2024 to 2025

Please note the following dates are the full year dates. Please see the staff training days listed; School is closed to all children on these dates.

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2024 Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024 Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

STAFF TRAINING DAY 1: Monday 2nd September STAFF TRAINING DAY 2: Monday 4th November

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025 Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025 Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

> STAFF TRAINING DAY 3: Monday 6th January STAFF TRAINING DAY 4: Monday 24 February

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025 Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025 Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

STAFF TRAINING DAY 5: Monday 21st July

Please avoid booking holidays during term time. Holidays in term time are can no longer be authorised following new Department for Education guidance.

Please look at the school holiday dates and book any holidays during these periods. Any leave of absence request should be done in advance.

Swimming Timetable

Here is the swimming timetable for the Autumn 1st half Term.

Please note swimming starts week beginning 9th September (apart from Year 2 who start the week after)



	Year	Every week from
Mondays	Year 3 (both classes)	Monday 9 th September
Tuesdays	Year 4 (both classes)	Tuesday 10 th September
Wednesdays	Year 5 (both classes)	Wednesday 11 th September
Thursdays	Year 6 (both classes)	Thursday 12 th September
Fridays	Year 2 (Alternate weeks)	2F (13 th Sept; 27 th Sept; 11 th Oct) 2M (20 th Sept, 4 th Oct, 18 th Oct)

Swimming Equipment and jewellery

All children in year 2-6 will need a swimming costume and towel ready for September. PLEASE NOTE: Earrings are not permitted in the pool and children should not wear these on Swimming or PE days.

Children should come to school in school uniform on swimming days (black jogging bottoms can be worn for the bottom half to help with getting changed) PE Days

Each week children will have three PE Sessions – two of which will require them to come to school in their PE kits.

PE session 1 – curriculum PE (dance, gymnastic, games etc)/ Swimming

PE session 2 – Sports coaching (various sports and small sided games)

PE session 3 – Wellbeing/ Yoga / Healthy lifestyle (No PE Kit needed)

• Swimming starts from week beginning 9th September

On Swimming Days children should be in school uniform

Year 5 can be in PE kit on swimming day as they also have a coaching session on that day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1G	PE KIT		PE KIT		
1H	PE KIT	PE KIT			
2F		PE KIT		РЕ КІТ	Swimming*
2M	PE KIT	PE KIT			Swimming*
3B	Swimming	PE KIT			
3C	Swimming	PE KIT			
4К		Swimming		PE KIT	
4M		Swimming		PE KIT	
5G			Swimming plus PE KIT		
5P			Swimming plus <mark>PE KIT</mark>		
6A	PE KIT			Swimming	
6Т	PE KIT			Swimming	

*Please see specific dates for Year 2 swimming.

Reception will start their PE days on Fridays but not for the first few weeks. Reception staff will let you know when they need to start coming in their PE kits.

New entrance and access arrangements

Over the summer, building works have started on an update to the visitor entrance (from the car park side). This is not due for completion until nearer the end of September.

If you are coming via the vehicle entrance to drop off or collect your children at any point during the building works, please press the **door bell by the hall doors** and a member of the administration team will come out to you.

If your child is late – please ensure you walk them to the studio doors and pass them over to a Colebourne member of staff (blue lanyards). If a Colebourne member of staff is not there – please ring the bell and wait.

Children should not be coming through the car park on their own – they must come with an adult



Home Learning Links				
Here are our core links for any home learning you would like to do.				
	Home learning grids These are for each half term for each year group and enable additional learning around the work the children do in class: <u>Home learning grids</u>			
BBC Bitesize	BBC Bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/			
OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY	Oak National Academy <u>Oak National Academy</u>			

We also have some of our subscription services such as		
doodle ener rectifications	Doodle A great platform to learn and practise key skills for maths and English <u>https://www.doodlemaths.com/</u>	
	Times Tables Rockstars Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills <u>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</u>	

Core useful links for parents

Year group expectation sheets:

Key expectation sheets

Email address for parents:

parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

Term Dates:

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Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary

Free school meals checker:

https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/oefe/birmingham/provider

