



Parent update

25th October 2024

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2 nd Half Term 2024	
Thursday 31st October	YEAR 6 CHILDREN DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS
Monday 4th November	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 5th November	Children return to school for Autumn 2nd Half term
Tuesday 5th November	Scarecrow Festival Week <i>see information later</i>
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day <i>Children who are part of a uniformed organisation (e.g. scouts, guides, air cadets) may come to school in their organisation uniform.</i>
Friday 15th November	Children in Need day <i>(Children can wear non-uniform / spots / yellow or bear ears)</i>
Tuesday 19th November	Children's Flu Vaccines
Thursday 21st November, 9.30am	Information Meeting for Reception prospective parents for September 2025 – online or in the school hall
Thursday 28th November, 9.00am- 10.30am	Communication and Autism Team Parent workshop in hall
Monday 2nd December	Reception Visit to Hodge Hill Church
Friday 6th December 9.00am- 10.00am	Parents coffee morning <i>(Focus on Maths + Compass presentation to parents)</i>
Tuesday 10th December, 8.50am	Celebration assembly 1-3 in the hall
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Fair <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Thursday 12th December, 8.50am	Celebration assembly 4-6 in the hall
Tuesday 17th December, 9.15am	Year 1 – 3 Christmas Songs to parents
Wednesday 18th December, 9.15am	Year 4 – 6 Christmas Songs to parents
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch for children <i>(Sandwich children can book a dinner nearer the time)</i>
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Morning Christmas Jumper / non-uniform day
Thursday 19th December	Last day of term All pupils finish at 12.40pm <i>(Please note there is no afternoon club or after school provision)</i>
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school for Spring 1st Half term

Term dates and staff training days for the year

The updated term dates and the staff training days are on the school website: <https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/>

Remaining Staff Training Days:

- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 2: Monday 4th November 2024*
- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 3: Friday 20th December 2024*
- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 4: Monday 6th January 2025*
- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 5: Monday 21st July 2025*

Parents evening

It was lovely to see so many families at parents evening this week.

Thank you for your patience for those who had to wait longer than expected for their appointment.

The Spring Term parents evening has been scheduled for longer appointments and over two evenings.

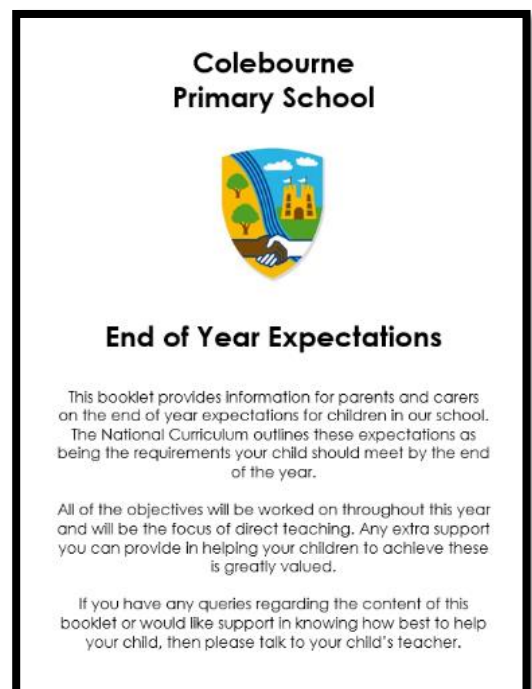
Copies of all the end of year expectations can be found on the school website parents section:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents>

If you have ordered some CGP books, the payments have been added to Arbor – please pay for these as soon as possible to enable the orders to be processed.

Parent Questionnaire

Thanks to all those who have completed this so far. If you haven't done so yet, we would appreciate if you could do this by the end of the day on Monday 4th November. The link will be included in my Friday In-App message.



Scooters and Bikes

The use of scooters and bikes to get to school is encouraged and it is great to see children using this to get to and from school.

Just a quick reminder please:

- Children should dismount from bikes and scooters while on the school premises
- Electric scooters are not permitted on school grounds (*see information below*)

Owning your own e-scooter (Information from the police)

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres.

If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance.

If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter, the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

Where you can use your own e-scooter

If you own an e-scooter, you can only use it in on private land, such as in a garden. But you must have the permission of the landowner to do so.

<https://www.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>



School kitchen - 5 star rating

This week, our school kitchen had a Food Hygiene Inspection from Environmental Health.

Ratings are based on the standards of food hygiene found at the time of inspection.

This includes:

- handling of food
- how food is stored
- how food is prepared
- cleanliness of facilities
- how food safety is managed








We are pleased to report that our kitchens achieved the top - 5 Star rating.

Well done to all our kitchen team for ensuring the very best standards for the food service.



PE Days for Autumn 2nd Half Term

	PE		Sports Coaching
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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RT					
1G					
1H					
2F					
2M					
3B					
3C					
4K					
4M					
5G					
5P					
6A					
6T					

Autumn 2nd Half Term Dates and Christmas Activities

We have now published the dates for the second half of the Autumn term – please see the diary dates at the start of this newsletter.

We hope you will be able to join us for some of these events.

**Please note that the Autumn Term for children finishes on
Thursday 19th December at 12.40pm**

After School Clubs – Autumn 2nd Half Term

These are the after-school clubs that will be running during Autumn Term B. Clubs will start from the **5th of November**. 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. You must book your child's place by **Friday 1st November at 1pm**. Clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Payments will open on **Friday 25th October at 7pm**.

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 will be dismissed at 4.15pm unless you tell us otherwise.

These are the clubs on offer for this half term can be seen on the next page:

Day	Year Groups	Club	Club Leader	Cost
Monday	Y3	Book Club	Miss Connolly	£12.00 for 6 sessions
Monday	Y4	Book Club	Miss Lewis	£12.00 for 6 sessions
Tuesday	Y5 & 6	Dodgeball	Spark Active	£14.00 for 7 sessions
Tuesday	Y2, 3, 4,5 & 6	Singing	Miss Nelson and Mrs Naughton	£14.00 for 7 sessions
Tuesday	Year 5	Book Club	Miss Gandy	£14.00 for 7 sessions
Wednesday	Y1 & 2	Dodgeball	Spark Active	£12.00 for 6 sessions
Thursday	Year 3 & 4	Dodgeball	Spark Active	£12.00 for 6 sessions
Thursday	KS2	Coding	Mr McKinney	£12.00 for 6 sessions

There will be no Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball club on Wednesday 11th December due to the Christmas Fair.

The final session for Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball and KS2 Coding club will be Thursday 12th December.

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

COLEBOURNE SCARECROW FESTIVAL



COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCARECROW COMPETITION

We would like to invite all our families to be part of our scarecrow festival.



Theme: Children's Books

When will the festival will take place:

Tuesday 5th November (afterschool) to Friday 8th November

Scarecrows will be on display down the main pedestrian entrance.

What are the rules for making your scarecrow?

- It can be anything related to the Children's books (Characters etc)
- You are encouraged to use recycled materials
- You can use props or accessories as required
- It must be made from scratch and be able to withstand weather conditions!
- Please give your scarecrow a name and provide a board with a title or description plus the name of the child/ren and class who have made it!
- **And the most important rule - have lots of fun making it!**



Where should I put my scarecrow?

Bring it into school on Tuesday 5th November and set it up on the pedestrian driveway between 8am – 8.40am.

When does the competition finish?

We would ask that all scarecrows are taken by their owners by 4pm on Friday 8th November.



Judging:

Will be done by invited dignitaries and will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 5th November. Each scarecrow will be judged and awarded either a 'bronze merit', 'silver merit' 'gold merit' or 'best in show'. These will be attached to each scarecrow.

Any questions? Contact Mr. Guest – 0121 675 8500 option 1 or email s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

STUCK FOR IDEAS?

<http://www.makescarecrows.com/>

<https://morningchores.com/how-to-make-a-scarecrow/>

Also: YouTube has many ideas and tutorials to help!

GOOD LUCK

Half Term Challenge – Catch a falling leaf

It's that time of the year again where we try one of our favourite 50 Things activities: **CATCH A FALLING LEAF.**

This sounds simple but it can 'leaf' you feeling frustrated.

Your challenge, should you wish to accept it, is to **get a video** of you **catching a falling leaf** and then send to Mr. Guest.



1. **Capture a video** of you *catching a falling leaf*
2. **Crop the video** to show just the part where you are *chasing and catching* the leaf (*a few seconds*)
3. **Email the video** to Mr. Guest: s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk –
 - please put the subject: *as catch a falling leaf*
 - please put your child's full name and class in the subject or the body of the email

If we have enough videos, I will try to put them together in a short video to share with you after half term.

Why not go on an autumn walk to a park and catch the leaf there?

Out top local parks and walks are:

- Stechford Hall Park – Stechford Rd
- Cole Valley – back of the school access on far side of the Raven
- Hodge Hill Common
- Glebe Farm recreation ground - 116 Middle Leaford
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You can see more about our 50 Things on the school website:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/50-things/>

Here is a list of the full 50 Things. How many have you already done?

How many can you do over half term?

Colebourne's 50 things

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| 1 Make a mud pie | 2 Grow some flowers you can eat | 3 Visit a farm | 4 Catch a falling leaf | 5 Make a biscuit/cake | 6 Paint a stone | 7 Go on a canal walk | 8 Go on a nighttime walk | 9 Perform for an audience | 10 Watch a live performance |
| 11 Go on a barefoot walk | 12 Build a sandcastle | 13 Make a home for wild animals | 14 Create some wild art | 15 Climb a big hill | 16 Play pool sticks | 17 Create a piece of origami | 18 Find your way with a map | 19 Visit a place of worship | 20 Fly a paper aeroplane |
| 21 Paint outside | 22 Hold a minibeast | 23 Go on a picnic | 24 Grow a vegetable you can eat | 25 Roll down a really big hill | 26 Press flowers | 27 Go bird spotting | 28 Play conkers | 29 Achieve a personal challenge | 30 Read a book outside |
| 31 Make bark rubbings | 32 Freeze something in ice | 33 Get to know a tree | 34 Fly a kite | 35 Cook on a campfire | 36 Jump a wave | 37 Make a grass trumpet | 38 Go cloud watching | 39 Get a Blue Peter badge | 40 Create an autumn craft |
| 41 Go on a long walk | 42 Run in the rain and splash in the puddles | 43 Make a leaf collection | 44 Go plane spotting | 45 Build a structure using only natural materials | 46 Explore the Cole Valley | 47 Go stargazing | 48 Create some shadow art | 49 Go on a scavenger 'Easter' hunt | 50 Go on a litter pick |



COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



[MyClothing- Free delivery on uniform this weekend.](#)

Message from MyClothing.com :

Hello there,



*We're excited to offer **free delivery on all school uniform orders at MyClothing this weekend only!** Please use the code **FREESHIP**. Offer runs from 6am Saturday 26 Oct until 11:59pm Sunday 27 Oct.*

<https://myclothing.com/collections/colebourne-primary-school-pupil-uniform-12101>

MyClothing Team

0800 059 0594

support@myclothing.com

Is your child in Year 6?

**The deadline to apply for a
secondary school place is**

31 October 2024.

**Parents should always
include at least one of the very local
secondary schools.**

If you are out of catchment for all of your choices - you are unlikely to get one of them; if this happens the local authority will offer your child a place at the next nearest school with a place – this could be miles and miles away and does not have to be one on your list!

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

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

If you need any help completing the forms – please ask.

Half-Term Events and Activities

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery – Now open again.

The wonderful Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery has now reopened after major capital works.

Open spaces include the Round Room, Industrial Gallery, Bridge Gallery, Tearoom, and Museum Shop, plus a new family gallery, Wild City, and a series of exhibitions. (The rest of the building remain closed, including other galleries on level 2 and level 3).

Open Wednesday - Sunday, 10am - 5pm.

- General admission is FREE (donations are welcome, thank you for your support).
- Some events and exhibitions may charge, this information is included in the [What's On](#) details.

Closed on 25 and 26 December and 1 January.





S.E.N.D SOCIALS BIRMINGHAM

“SEND Socials Birmingham provides social opportunities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their family. A passion to give families opportunities to do ordinary activities in their extraordinary circumstances is at the forefront of our organisation. We strongly believe that every child deserves to play in a safe / tailored environment with their family, outside the confines of their home. Our whole family approach enables families to have fun and make memories together.”

<https://sendsocialsbirmingham.co.uk/>

Birmingham Leisure Centre Half Term Activities



Looking for October half term activities?

We have holiday activities taking place, which are ideal for keeping the kids active, entertained and having fun while they are off school!

For Stechford Leisure Centre activities, [click here](#)

For Fox Hollies Leisure Centre activities, [click here](#)

Ackers Adventures Half-Term Holiday Camps

We're ready for half term, are you?

Let us help entertain your young adventurers at our half term Holiday Camps!

Our one day holiday camps are running on October half term on:

- ◆ Tuesday 29th October
- ◆ Wednesday 30th October
- ◆ Thursday 31st October

Camps are run daily and include 3 of our popular activities.

- ✓ Suitable for 8-16 years
- ✓ £38 per child, per day
- ✓ Childcare vouchers accepted

BOOK HERE:

<https://ackers.cinolla.com/ackers/course/holiday-camp>



Spooky Craft activities

Welcome Change are running several spooky activities for half term week!

Monday 28 October – Spooky Slime Workshop from 1 - 1.45pm and 2 - 2.45pm

Call **0121 785 2218** to book your space, **£1 per child** at **Glebe Farm Library, Glebe Farm Road, B33 9NA**

Wednesday 29 October – Halloween Spooktacular Party including fancy dress, face painting, trick or treating and more!

1 - 3pm at **Welcome Change Community Centre, Ownall Road, B34 7AJ, £1 per child** - call **0121 785 2218** to book!

Thursday 31 October – Pumpkin Carving, 12 - 3pm, pumpkin carving sessions from 12 - 1pm, 1 - 2pm, 2 - 3pm, £1 per child at **Welcome Change Community Garden, Tile Cross, B33 0EW**



Free Family-Friendly Events During Half-Term at the Midlands Arts Centre

The ESRC Festival of Social Science is an annual UK-wide celebration of the social sciences. This year, the University of Birmingham is hosting a programme of free events from 21 October to 11 November 2024.

Events of Interest to Families:

- [‘Eco-Explorers AI Empowered Green Adventures: Recycling, Upcycling and Consumption](#)
- [Responsible Digital Sharing: Creating Digital Artefacts](#)

These events will take place during half-term at the Midlands Arts Centre, located in the family-friendly Cannon Hill Park, on the afternoon of Monday, 28 October.

For more information about the events and their schedules, please visit: [ESRC Festival of Social Science - University of Birmingham](#)

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC) - Being a Parent Group

The Being a Parent programme is an 8 week programme for parents and carers with children aged 2 - 11 years old. Sessions are 2 hours long, once a week, and includes sessions on understanding children's needs, play, discipline strategies and more!

The Being a Parent programme encourages parents to work together, supporting each other and building community.

Parents that partake in the BAP Group will have the opportunity to become Parent Group Leaders (PGLs), where they will be trained to deliver and facilitate BAP to parents/carers in their local community. This is a great opportunity if you're looking for training or volunteering experience.

Contact the EPEC team at EPEC@barnardos.org.uk for more information



Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities **(EPEC)**

Being A Parent Group (BAP)

BAP is an 8 week programme for parents and carers with children aged 2-11 years old. The sessions are for 2 hours, one day a week.

Come join this peer led group where parents are empowered to share experiences and develop connections within the community.

Topics covered in the group:

- Valuing and Understanding Child's Needs and Behaviour
- Feelings
- Play
- Discipline Strategies
- Listening and Reflective Skills

There is a free crèche subject to availability

A range of snacks and refreshments are provided

If you are interested in attending a BAP Group, please scan the code below to join

Please feel free to contact the EPEC team at EPEC@barnardos.org.uk for more information



Winter is Coming Event – Fuel and Energy Advice

Act on Energy UK are coming to Birmingham Rep 31 October offering fuel and energy advice and support.

At **Birmingham Repertory Theatre, 6 Centenary Square, B1 2EP**

Thurs 31 Oct, 10am - 3.30pm

Come and visit them for expert energy and bills advice. No ticket or registration necessary.

BE PREPARED
Winter is Coming

Worried about energy bills and energy debt!!!
Act on Energy will be at:
**BIRMINGHAM REPERTORY THEATRE,
6 CENTENARY SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1 2EP**
Thursday 31ST October 10:00a.m. - 3:30pm

We are offering:

- ▶ **FREE** energy saving advice and small measures
- ▶ **FREE** fuel vouchers*
- ▶ **FREE** advice on tackling fuel poverty & the cost of living
- ▶ **FREE** essential cooking & heating appliances*

*subject to eligibility criteria

Act On Energy
save money and the environment

Cadent Foundation

Birmingham City Council

West Midlands Combined Authority

Birmingham Community Healthcare Charity

@actonenergyuk **@actonenergy** **@actonenergy_uk** **www.actonenergy.org.uk**

Items from previous updates:

Reception admissions for Sept 2025

Applications are now open for Reception class entry for September 2025. The closing date is 15th January 2025.

If you would like your child to get a place in our reception, you need to make an application directly to the local authority where you live – for most people this will be Birmingham.

Apply via the local authority website

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after the closing date will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places which usually take place in mid April

- attendance at a nursery class **does not** give a child automatic priority for a place – you **MUST** still apply via the Local Authority
- do not wait until your child is 5 years old, or your preferred school may already be full

You can list up to 3 preferred schools when you apply.

Visit <http://birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions> for more details.



Colebourne Primary School

Stechford Road – Hodge Hill

0121 675 8500 option 1

www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk

"Working together to achieve success for all"

Reception Admissions for September 2025

Parent information meetings

(in person or via Teams)

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9.30am

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9.30am



Scan here for more information and to book on to one of the meetings.

Our School Aim

Providing children with a secure, happy and stimulating environment, inspiring them to become confident, life-long learners, and responsible members of society.

Extreme Weather Response

At Colebourne we have an extreme weather policy which supports us in ensuring the safety of pupils, staff and families.

You can see the full policy via the policies link on the new school website parents section: <https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/>

This policy outlines our procedures and actions in response to extreme weather conditions, particularly when yellow and red warnings are issued by the relevant authorities. Please note the following information regarding how we communicate any changes with parents:

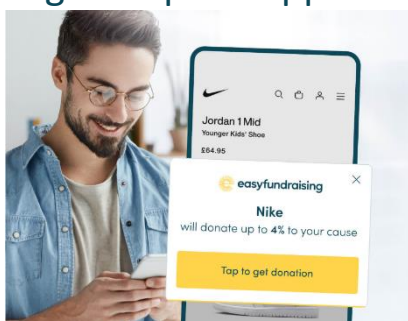
Please note:

- *School is **open** unless a message is sent to say otherwise.*
- *We will always announce any unexpected school closure via Class Dojo AND direct in-app message via Arbor. **If there is no message – there is no closure.***
- *Parents should not need to call the office or message staff to ask if we are open or closed – they should check messages first.*
- *We DO NOT typically message parents to say school is open, UNLESS there is significant snow and we wish to be clear regarding school being open.*

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



- RAISE EVEN MORE
Get the Donation Reminder to raise up to 5x more donations
- 1 Get the app
Download the app from the Apple store on your iPhone, or from the Play store for your Android.
 - 2 Enable the Donation Reminder
Follow the simple instructions shown in the app to enable the Donation Reminder.
 - 3 Shop as normal
Once the Donation Reminder is enabled, you can shop on most brand websites and an alert will pop up to help you get a donation.

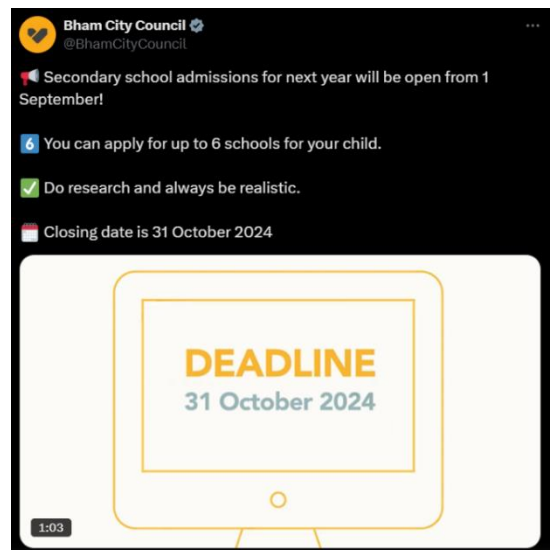
here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary/>

Year 6 Parents: Important information about secondary school applications

Birmingham City Council have a useful video for Year 6 parents which gives some very good advice about how to complete the form and how to be realistic about which schools to put on the form.

Click here to see the video:

<https://x.com/BhamCityCouncil/status/1829088098740822228>



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 <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> 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/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/2



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

Home Learning Links

Here are our core links for any home learning you would like to do.

	<p>Home learning grids</p> <p>These are for each half term for each year group and enable additional learning around the work the children do in class:</p> <p>Home learning grids</p>
	<p>BBC Bitesize</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/</p>
	<p>Oak National Academy</p> <p>Oak National Academy</p>

We also have some of our subscription services such as

	<p>Doodle</p> <p>A great platform to learn and practise key skills for maths and English</p> <p>https://www.doodlemaths.com/</p>
	<p>Times Tables Rockstars</p> <p>Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills</p> <p>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</p>

Core useful links for parents

Year group expectation sheets:

[Key expectation sheets](#)

Email address for parents:

parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

Term Dates:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/>

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>

	<p>The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.</p>
<p>https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/</p>	
	<p>BBC Wellbeing site – video and help for parents own mental health and that of their children</p>
<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t</p>	
	<p>BBC bitesize parents Tips, advice and activity ideas for being a parent</p>
<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents</p>	