

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

Let me start by wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I hope you managed to have a good rest with your families and enjoyed having the children at home. They have certainly had a lot to tell us about this week and have enjoyed being back at school. The weather has certainly not been on our side this week. It would be useful if your child could have wellies and a waterproof coat at school as well as a change of socks and trousers / skirts as we tend to go outside in all weathers and certainly plan to be out in the snow being scientific if the weather changes as forecast next week. Waterproof trousers would also be a bonus if your child does own a pair but please do not go to any additional expense at this time of year.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been SELF-RESPECT. Our pupils of the week for respecting themselves and others are Jemma in Oaks class, Louis in Hawthorn class, Heather in Rowan class, George in Chestnut class and Taylor in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be KNOWING RIGHT FROM WRONG.

In the Community

We are forging stronger links with the Knodishall Playgroup and other local pre-schools who send their children to us over the next term. We are hoping the children in reception will be able to link up with the pre-school children and talk to them a bit about what it is like to be at school and maybe even invite them to join us for a Teddy Bear's picnic. More details will follow for the Oaks children once details have been finalised.

Phonics and Grammar Cafés

Please sign up for Monday's Phonics Café - sheets just inside the front door due to poor weather.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the school year so far is 94.3%. The class with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 100%. We have revamped our Attendance Cycle Race and offered even more incentives for children to be in school on time and every day. From 04.01.16 the threshold for Fixed Penalty Notices stands at six missed sessions (three missed days) or six unauthorised 'lates' (arrival after 08.55 when the registers close), as agreed within the Partnership of Schools.

Reminders

We still have some lost property for collection. We do not have the space to store this in school so any unnamed property from the Autumn Term, still not claimed by Friday 14.01.16, will be donated to charity.

Clubs

Clubs start next week. You will need to sign your child up for the clubs as spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Clubs will change at half term giving more children the opportunity. If your child doesn't manage to get a place this half term their name will be put on a waiting list for after half term. Other clubs will be advertised as they are added

as we have been offered two more clubs by outside providers but are awaiting proper Safeguarding checks to be in place before they commence.

| Club | Day / time | Staff Member |
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| KS1 Cookery Club (10 places) | Monday 3.15 - 4.30pm | Miss Lau / Mrs Tibbenham / Year 6 helpers |
| Lego Club | Daily at lunchtime | Mrs Lewington |
| Printmaking (old clothes needed) (10 places) | Thursday 3.15 - 4.15pm | Mrs Fewkes / Mrs Chatten-Berry |
| Recorder Club | Thursday lunchtime | Miss Porter |
| Choir | Wednesday lunchtime | Mrs O'Dwyer |
| Eco Club | Monday 3.15 - 4pm | Mrs Atherton / Mrs Chalker / Mrs Lewington |
| Fitness Club | Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15pm | Mr Butcher |

Curriculum Jigsaws

These will be up on the school website by the end of next week, giving you more insight into the topics your children will be learning about during the course of the term. Key Stage Two are very excited about their topic of Chocolate and Key Stage One and EYFS children are going on a journey on their Magic Carpet Topic. We are very much looking forward to this term's learning.

Specialist Teaching

We have been lucky enough to have been offered the skills and talents of a member of the Football Association to work with our teachers on the teaching of football. He will begin by working with Chestnut and Silver Birch classes on a Thursday afternoon in their PE lessons, beginning next week. As a Music Specialist Miss Porter will also be teaching the music lessons to both Chestnut and Silver Birch classes to ensure we harness the talents of all of our staff and children. She is very much looking forward to this.

Staffing

Next Thursday Mr Harris joins us to work alongside the Key Stage Two classes. Mr Harris comes from The University of East Anglia's teacher training programme and is a Post Graduate Maths Specialist who will complete his teacher training at Coldfair Green during the summer term. Please make him welcome and do say hello if you see him out and about on the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Diary Dates

08.01.15 Paired Reading

11.01.15 Phonics Café Oaks and Hawthorn

20.01.15 Grammar Café Year 1 Oaks and Hawthorn Class

21.01.15 Grammar Café Rowan, Chestnut and Silver Birch classes

01.02.15 - 05.02.15 Multi-Cultural Week - The Lost Suitcase

05.02.15 Flying on the 5th - 2.30pm Parents to "collect" the children from "the airport" and share in the work we have been doing all week. More details to follow.

09.02.15 Safer Internet Day

11.02.15 Paired Reading

15.02.15 - 19.02.15 HALF TERM