

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to all of our new children, families and teachers. I hope you had an enjoyable summer. We were certainly lucky with the weather. It has been a lovely week, both in terms of weather and to see everyone looking so smart in their new uniforms. There have been lots of changes in school and the staff

worked very hard over the holidays, decorating and organising classrooms and outside, to ensure the children could make the very best of starts.

I always feel the start of September and the changes that come with it are a little like a new pair of shoes; they chafe and feel uncomfortable as we get used to them but before we know it they are supporting us in ways that were always planned by the manufacturer. The children have coped well with the changes to the timetable and moving between groups and classes for guided reading, phonics, literacy and maths and early indications are that the new set up will support accelerated progress well. As ever, if you have any concerns about the children don't wait until parents' evening come in and talk to us. Your child's class teacher is your first port of call and appointments can be made via the school office.

## Star of the Week

This week our value has been **WORKING HARD!** Our pupils of the week for working hard are The Whole Class in Oaks; Lucas in Hawthorn; Ruby in Rowan; Lexi in Chestnut and Kyra in Silver Birch. Children have been working hard this week and getting used to having new teachers and working in different classrooms. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be **DEMOCRACY**, as the children vote in their new school council and make plans for how their voices can be heard this year.

## PTA News

Steff Tharle is climbing Ben Nevis on 16th September 2016 to raise funds for the PTA. If you would like to sponsor her donations can be made online at [JustGiving-stefftharle](https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/steff-tharle#) or by following the link to the website <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/steff-tharle#>! Good Luck Steff, and many thanks. The PTA are always on the lookout for new parents. Please let us know if you would like to join the committee and support their work on behalf of your children.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket" Our whole school attendance figure for the school year is 99.1% and for this week is 99.1%. The classes with the best attendance this week are Rowan and Silver Birch with 100%.

We would like to remind parents that we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time. We are also unable to authorise regular dentist or medical appointments taken during the school day and ask that these are booked after the end of the day wherever possible please. Of course there may be exceptional circumstances where you ask us to consider authorising your child's absence and we may be able to take these into consideration.

## International Literacy Day

Thursday was International Day of Literacy. We were fortunate enough to have Emma Connelly visit us for the day and work with all of the children, focussing on how lucky they are to be literate and able to go to school to learn. Emma recently worked as a volunteer in a school in Ghana and brought photographs of the children and stories to share with them about her

experiences. We will be linking with school abroad after Christmas to broaden the children's horizons and enable them to communicate with children in other parts of the world and find out more about life as a child there.

### In the Community

A number of children completed the Summer Reading Challenge in the local libraries over the summer. A huge well done to you all! Please do bring in your medals and certificates to share after the awards ceremony at the library so we can celebrate with you in our Friday assembly. Amelia received a certificate of merit for Talent for Writing as her mini saga Amelia Earhart has been chosen for inclusion in a book of work by young writers which will be published shortly. "Ancient Adventures - The East" is the name of the book and we will be proudly purchasing a copy for the school library. Well done Amelia! A published author no less! Proof that if you aim high the sky is the limit to what you can achieve!

Amber has achieved her Level One and Two National Swim Awards and her Grade One and Grade Two Water Skills Awards. She has spent the summer learning to swim like a fish she tells me! May has achieved her ASA Rainbow 5m Swimming Award. Well done girls!

### Big Talk Homework

This year all children will be completing a "Big Write" on alternate Thursday mornings. This provides them with an opportunity to let their imaginations flow and create a piece of extended writing. This is run in a way that makes it appropriate and engaging for different age groups. In order to support your child, you will be asked to do a piece of "talk homework" with them. The children will bring home a topic or idea for their writing to discuss with you. Please talk through these with them. This is not written homework - children would not be able to use it as a plan when writing. Through talk, children develop a deeper and broader understanding of a topic. This allows them to write creatively and at their true potential.

Clubs - please sign up at the school office.

Club	Key Stage	Day / Time	Member of Staff	Number of places
Young Filmmakers	KS2	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	Steph	Pre booked
Emergency First Aid	KS1	Wednesday Lunchtime	Mrs D Taylor	Open - turn up
Cookery	KS 2	Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Mrs Clements / Miss Lau	15
Homework	KS 1 and 2	Monday Lunchtime	Miss Blowers / Mrs Taylor	Open - drop in
Homework	KS 2	Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Mrs Palmer	Open - drop in
Multi Sports	KS 2	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	Mr Butcher	25
Sports Leaders	Year 6	Tuesday Lunchtime	Mr Butcher	15
Lego Club	KS1	Thursday Lunchtime	Mrs K Taylor	15
Netball	Years 3/4	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Blowers	20
Netball	Years 5/6	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Fairweather	20
50 things to do before you're 11 and 3/4	KS1 until half term then KS2	Friday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Miss Green	15

### Reminders

Please ensure clothing is clearly named so we can ensure it makes it back to your child when it is misplaced. Pencil cases are not needed at school this year. We will be providing the children with

the stationary they need for their learning. If your child has a shiny new pencil case they are particularly proud of they are well equipped for their homework and can maybe establish themselves a place in which to work at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diary Dates

w/b 12.09.16 Clubs start

28.09.16 Rewards afternoon for best attending classes Autumn, Spring and Summer 2015/2016

( letter to follow)

05.10.16 - 07.10.16 Kingswood Residential KS2

12.10.16 Settling in Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm

12.10.16 Full Governing Body Meeting

14.10.16 RE Day

18.10.16 Settling in Parents' Evening 5-7pm

19.10.16 Literacy Learning Café

w/b 24.10.16 HALF TERM