



Coleman December Newsletter 2023

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Families,

Autumn 2 has been a very busy and exciting term with lots of things to celebrate. The children had a wonderful time during our Diwali day celebrations, and it was wonderful to see so many children dressed beautifully for the occasion. We have also had our festive jumper day and the children have enjoyed Christmas parties this week. The EYFS Nativity was a huge success and well attended by our EYFS families.

Please note that today, Thursday 21st December, is the last day of term. School reopens on Tuesday 9th January 2024.



Children in Need

Thank you all for your fantastic contributions and participation in the cake sales for Children in Need. We raised an astonishing £849.57 for good causes.

Winter Fair

It was great to see so many of you at our Winter fair on 1st December, enjoying the stalls and of course the excitement of Santa visiting in his special grotto. The fair raised £489.29 which will be used to buy books for our brand new library.



School Library



We are delighted that our library will be ready to use after the Christmas break. All children will be able to borrow books to bring home and share with you and we will be also starting Storytime clubs for toddlers and parents, details to follow in the new year. The library is part of our wider strategy to promote a love of reading for pleasure and enjoyment and the children will be able to access the library at lunchtimes as well as taking part in book groups.

Coffee Morning

Our recent coffee morning was a huge success and we are delighted with how many of you attended. Our next one will be on **Friday 16th February**. This session will include a discussion about online safety as well as the chance to have a chat with friends.



School trips

We have arranged for several new school trips to support the teaching of the curriculum and bring learning to life for our pupils. Y4 are going to the Thinktank in Birmingham to learn more about their Science topic, Y3 are going on a Roman Day at Bosworth Battlefields and Y2 are visiting a local Gurdwara as well as going to Beaumanor Hall to learn about Minibeasts.

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS WITH ROCKSTEADY!

Exciting news! From 1st March we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School into Coleman Primary School. It's an incredible opportunity for your children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own band with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals.

As well as learning new musical skills, lessons also boost children's confidence, wellbeing, social skills and teamwork. Lessons take place every week during school time.

These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained, professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music. At the end of each term each band will perform in a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come! A musical workshop has already taken place in school, where the children tried out the instruments and saw what it is like to learn to play in a band.

Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided
- No musical experience necessary
- Suitable for all ages
- Most lessons take place during school time
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills
- You'll receive regular online updates via the Rocksteady Parent Timeline - There's a money back guarantee for the first month - You can cancel at any time.



You can sign up for lessons online at bit.ly/parent-sign-up

Discounted places are available for children in receipt of free school meals, please ask at the office for more information.

If you have any questions about Rocksteady band lessons, you can call 0330 113 0330 (local rate, office hours are Mon – Thurs 8am – 8pm, Fridays 8am – 6pm).

Uniform

Don't forget we are running our second hand uniform shop every day. It sells clean, good quality uniform at low prices. If you want to buy or donate anything, please come to the office. We are also offering a swap shop, where you can exchange good quality items your child has outgrown, for a larger size. Uniform is subject to availability.

Goodbye to Mrs Porritt



Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Porritt, who is retiring after working at Coleman Primary School for 17 years. We wish her a very happy retirement. Y5P's new teacher will be Miss Bassi, who has been visiting Coleman to find out about the children's learning and has had the opportunity to meet with the class.

All the staff at Coleman would like to thank for generous gifts and kind words we have received. We hope you all have a wonderful break and send you our best wishes for the festive period and the new year.



Key dates for Spring 2024

SCHOOL OPENS TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024

6th February Safer internet day

6th February children's mental health week

9th February Chinese new year day of celebration

13th February Pancake day

15th Coffee morning- Online safety theme

19TH -23RD FEBRUARY 2024 HALF TERM

7th March World book day

8th March British science week

8th March International Women's Day

17th March Red Nose Day

19th/21st March Parents' evenings

22nd March Holi day of celebration

18th March Shakespeare week

