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Our School Community Newsletter!



Autumn A - Week 5 - Friday 5th October 2018



Thought for the Week

Be the change you wish
to see in the world

Be kind at all times to
all people.

Your children are always
watching



Sponsored Fitness Trail



Well done to all of the children who have completed our annual Sponsored Fitness Trail. This has been a really successful fundraiser over the past three years and this year we are hoping to use the monies raised to put towards our annual Christmas Theatre trip (more details of which will follow later) Please return your child's sponsor form, along with the monies collected to school by Friday 12th October. Many thanks for your support in this.



Neighbours plea!



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Please, please be considerate when dropping off and collecting children from our school. A local resident forwarded this email to me at the start of the week. *"Could you please remind the parents of your children who choose to park on Ennersdale Road opposite Norton Road between 8.45-9am that they are blocking vehicle access to the road once the county school bus arrives. This morning two cars were parked opposite my house and one parent was even still there and could visibly see she was blocking the road as she walked her children up to school. When the county school-bus arrived it had no choice to block the road in either direction which could be for up to five minutes if my daughter needs her wheelchair. This is not just an issue for the county school bus. If a fire engine needed to come up the road it would be slowed down by the vehicles parked on the kerb"* Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.



PTFA Update



Last year our PTFA did a wonderful job raising funds for the school through a variety of activities including the Christmas Fair, Valentines Disco, Easter Eggstravaganza, etc. However, due to the working commitments of our modern day families' attendance at the PTFA meetings was often very low and the roles of Chair, treasurer and secretary always fell on the same people. The increase in legal requirements means that this year things like creating a constitution, organising insurance and licences, planning for Health and Safety means that workload would increase for the appointed members. With this in mind and after discussing it with staff and members of the PTFA we have decided to run our PTFA differently. It will be 're-branded' to 'Helping Hands' (still using the logo above) and will be run on a 'come and help if you can' basis. There will be no formal committee, just requests for help via this newsletter and emails. This helps us manage the workload of those members who in the past have been left with all of the planning and organising. We hope to run very similar formats to the previous years as we know they work however, we are happy to receive new, fresh ideas at any time.

Our first Helping Hands event of the year is actually a brand new one! We have been approached by Coleshill Town Council to see if we would like a table at the Coleshill Christmas Fair on Thursday 29th November. We will be running a Christmas Book Tombola stall which was very successful at our school fair last year. We would therefore like at **least** 5 Helping Hands volunteers to man the stall in 1 hour shifts. The shifts are...

3.30pm - 4.30pm

4.30pm - 5.30pm

5.30pm - 6.30pm

6.30pm - 7.30pm

7.30pm - 8.30pm

The role would be selling 3 tickets for £1.00 and then rolling the tombola drum for the customers to pick out three tickets. Check to see if they are a winner and give them the book if they are! The stall will be fully prepared and ready at 3.30pm ready for the first

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Helping Hands to take over. We hope to see lots of support for this, our first foray into working with Coleshill Town Council. We will then use the proceeds from this event to buy the children's Christmas presents from Santa for the class Christmas parties. Please e-mail Mrs Eling (admin2569@welearn365.com) if you (and a friend if you wish) can man the stall for one (or more) of the sessions. Thank you in advance.



As previously communicated, we are thrilled to be offering a brand new Magical After-School Maths Club for children in Years 1 and 2. The children will learn all about what happens in Maths Club on 12th October when they are coming along for an introductory assembly. The club will then run from 3.00pm - 4.00pm on the following dates 08/11/2018, 15/11/2018, 22/11/2018, 29/11/2018 and 06/12/2018. The cost is £39.99 for the 5 sessions and will need to be paid in full to reserve your child's space. The spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis (12 spaces available) and will be based on when the online payment is made. This club is run by an outside provider so payment needs to be made direct to them. Please follow the link below...



[Reception Robins Phonics Workshop](#)



Mrs Howells will be running the Reception Phonics Workshop for parents on Tuesday 16th October from 2.30pm - 3.00pm in the Reception classroom. This first workshop is essential in you gaining an understanding of how we teach your child to read and write in reception. Mrs Howells will share strategies for how to support your child during this period of rapid learning and growth and answer any queries you may have. We do hope you can make the workshop however we will upload the information onto the Reception page of the school website after the workshop.



[School Council](#)



A HUGE thank you to all of the families who have sent boxes in for the Blue Cross. Your kindness and generosity have been overwhelming!

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New Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Surgery!

Mrs Howells (in her role as SEND co-ordinator) will now be running a half termly "SENCO Surgery". This is an opportunity for parents to discuss any worries or concerns that they may have about their child's academic, social, emotional needs in a confidential meeting with Mrs Howells who will offer advice and support tailored to meet the needs of each individual child.

Our first SEND surgery will take place on Tuesday 9th October between 1.15pm - 2.45pm . If you would like to make an appointment please contact Mrs Eling in the school office.



Parent Consultations



As you know, we are always looking to develop and improve our school practice and this year we are going to trial what many schools have been doing for a few years now. We are going to be offering ALL day appointments for our parent consultations, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm. This means that we are offering you a full 7 hour window to pop in and see your class teacher. Each appointment will be for 10 minutes and the focus for the autumn meeting will be all about how your child has settled in. There will be no books to explore as they have only been back in school for a few weeks now. The sign-up sheets will be put up on the following dates...

	Sign-up sheet available	Parent consultation day
Reception	Monday 24 th September	Wednesday 10 th October
Year 1	Monday 1 st October	Wednesday 17 th October
Year 2	Monday 8 th October	Wednesday 24 th October



Educational Events and Activities



Date	Time & place	Event
Wednesday 10 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Reception parent consultations
Wednesday 17 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Year 1 parent consultations
Thursday 18 th October	Afternoon	Y2 Visit to a Mosque
Friday 19 th October	All day	Y1 visit to a farm
Wednesday 24 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Y2 parent consultations

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Thursday 25 th October	2.00pm In school hall	Whole school Harvest Festival
Friday 26 th October	All day	Teacher training day
Monday 29 th October - Friday 2 nd November	All week	October half term
Monday 5 th November - Monday 10 th December (inc)	3.00pm - 4.00pm In Y2 classroom	15 x Y2 children Relax Kids Workshops
Wednesday 7 th November	6.00pm - 7.15pm	Parents Maths workshops
Friday 9 th November	2.00pm	Whole school Remembrance Assembly
Sunday 11 th November	Time tbc	Coleshill Remembrance Parade
Monday 12 th November	All day	Children's individual and class photos taken
Friday 16 th November	All day	Children In Need Day
Monday 3 rd December	From today	Christmas Post Box opens for children's cards
Friday 7 th December	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 14 th December	2.00pm 5.00pm	Whole school Christmas performances (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 18 th December	From 1.00pm in the classrooms	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 19 th December	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December	Morning and afternoon	Christmas trip to the theatre
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term	

Christmas holidays from Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019

Teacher training day - Monday 7th January

Children back in school - Tuesday 8th January

Important note - please be aware that these dates and times are subject to change. Please read the weekly newsletters for most up-to-date information. Class trips and visits will be communicated separately.



Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'



Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification. Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved a FANTASTIC 98.3%, well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

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How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	99.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT SECOND PLACE	98.7%	YR Robins
JOINT SECOND PLACE	96.7%	Y2 Barn Owls



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are kind and helpful, we don't hurt anybody's feelings'

Our Value for this half term is 'GENEROSITY'

Our Personal, Social and Emotional 'Jigsaw' theme for this half term is

'Being Me in My World'

We are learning to...

- Help others to feel welcome
- Help make our school community a better place
 - Think about everyone's right to learn
 - Care about other people's feelings
 - Work well with others
- Choose to follow the Golden Rules

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend,

Kindest regards

Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

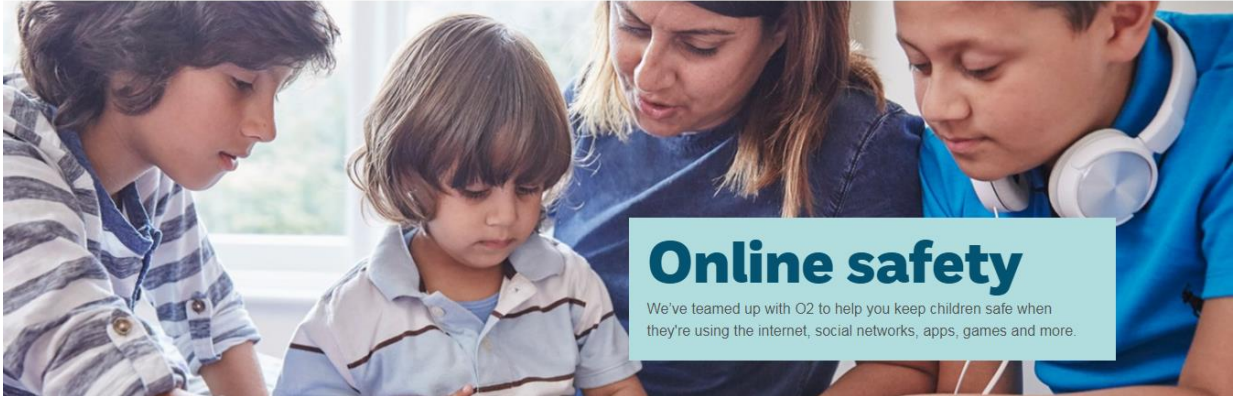
Mr Jonathan Smith - Chair of Governors governors2569@welearn365.com

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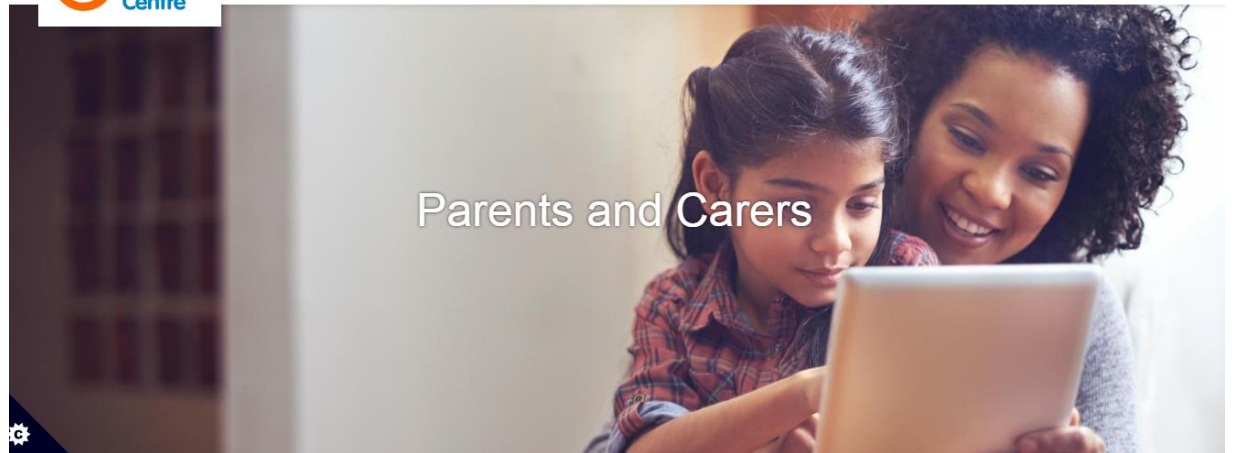
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[Find out more about how to keep your child safe on-line](#)



Online safety

We've teamed up with O2 to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.



Parents and Carers

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