



Newsletter

December 2022



Headteacher Messages

I am writing to you to thank you all so much for the support you have given the school this term. This has been another successful term for us all. So, at this time of year we normally reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the New Year. Personally, I am so thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the children and staff have shown to ensure London Colney is providing a good quality of education. The children have worked so hard this term and produced some wonderful work. The children have been a true credit to all parents, carers and the community. I am so proud of the London Colney Family and how we continue to work together.

Reception Seasonal Singing

A huge well done to our Reception and Nursery children who treated us to some fantastic seasonal singing. Everyone performed brilliantly and looked very festive! Thank you to the EYFS team for all their hard work in preparing the children. Well done, Reception and Nursery!

Year 1 and 2 Nativity Last week, our two classes entertained everyone with their fabulous Christmas show. They were lovely performances, both full of singing, acting and dancing! Well done to all the children and thank you to all the staff involved in putting an amazing show together.

Well done to **Key Stage 2 Christmas singing**. The children sang beautifully and performed so well. Thank you to all the staff for working so hard.

Winter Fair

A huge thank you to the Friends of London Colney and everyone who was involved in our recent Winter Fair. It was lovely to see the community coming together again to raise valuable funds for the school.

Keeping Children Safe

As we approach the holiday period, please remember that we all have a responsibility to keep the children in our school, our local and our wider community safe from neglect, abuse and trauma in whatever ways we can. In most cases our children are safe, healthy, happy and thriving, but we must always be vigilant to protect those too vulnerable to protect themselves. If during the holidays, you believe that a child is at risk of immediate harm or danger please phone 999 and advise the police of your concerns. Your information may help that child and family receive the help and support that they need to keep them safe.

I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and Happy New year. I hope you all have a relaxing time over the festive season. We are looking forward to returning in January to a New Year and new term with refreshed enthusiasm and hope for the future.

Best wishes
Sarah



Upcoming Events

Class Christmas Party Wear party clothes & bring in some party food to share	Mon 19 Dec
Nursery New Starter Play & Stay Session	Mon 19 Dec
Reindeers To Visit	Tues 20 Dec
Last Day - School finishes at 1.30pm	Wed 21 Dec
Back to school 8.45 am	Mon 9 Jan

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

1 – 16 December

R	94.4%
Y1	87.3%
Y2	90%
Y3	87.4%
Y4	88.7%
Y5	83.5%
Y6	84.7%
Overall	88.2%

Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am every day.

Children should be here by 9.00am at the latest.

Registers close at 9.05am and if your child arrives after that time they will be marked as late – thank you.

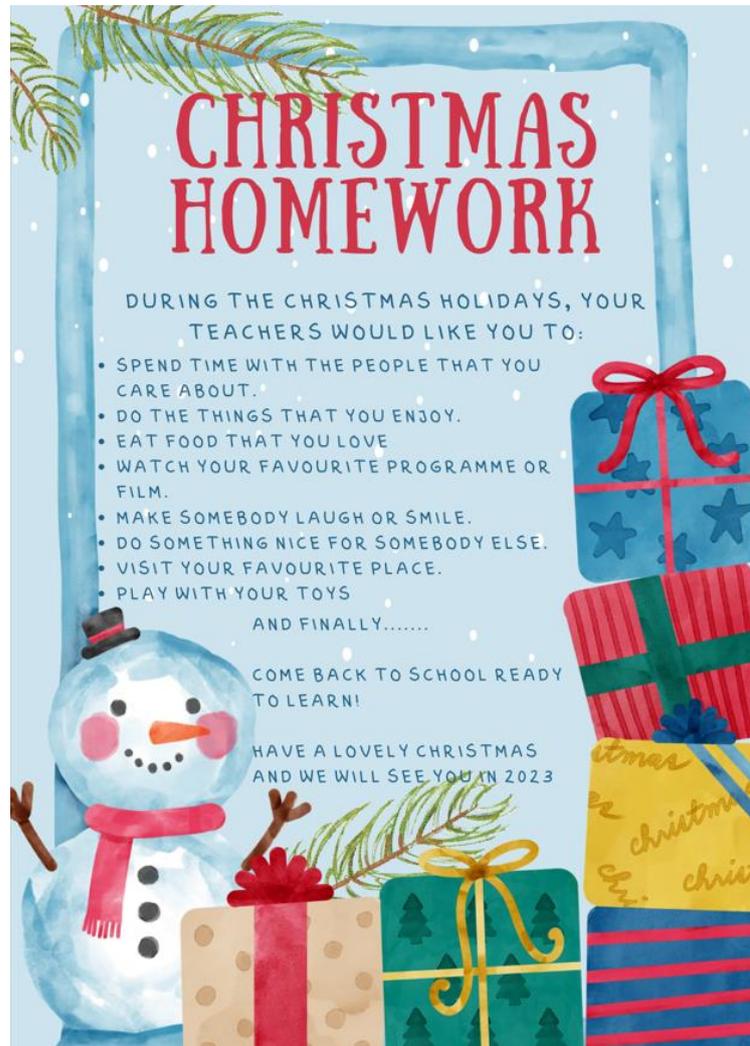


We are very happy to announce that Oscar & Nyla S, have been elected as Head Boy & Head Girl.

Our Head Boy & Head Girl represent our school, serve as good role models to other children, share children's ideas and suggestions with the Staff Leadership Team and help to lead the Prefects in their roles.

Naveed, Martin, Anisah, Iulia & Benedikta have been elected as Prefects.

All the children put in a tremendous effort to achieve these roles and we are very proud of them all, well done!



We had some special visitors yesterday - Dancer & Prancer stopped by to see all the children. It was such a fun day for everyone.



Year 3 have set the rest of the school an Attendance challenge!

NOV
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Say hello to your first term attendance champions!!

You read that correctly, folks!

Year 3 managed to just narrowly pass Year 1 for overall attendance this term. Well played Year 1, it was quite close!

To celebrate this, we took to the children to Burston Garden Centre for a lovely little morning treat of hot chocolate and biscuits. Afterwards, we walked around a bit and got to see all the unique and colourful fish they had there. Some of them were absolutely stunning, so be sure to check them out if you get the chance!

To all other classes in the school, a message: we intend to keep this ball rolling and win again next term. Best bring your A-game!



Well Done Year 3

Year 2 have been learning about the weather, very appropriate at the moment!

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What is Weather?

In topic this half term, our focus is Geography: Antarctica. We have been learning about weather and comparing weather in the UK to Antarctica. We know that weather and climate is determined by lines of latitude and how close or far away a place is from the North and South Pole and the Equator.

We defined weather as being *what the sky and air is like in a place*. We then made weather dials to represent some different types of weather...



Reception have also been learning about the weather and having fun in the snow!

DEC
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2022

Marks in the snow...but where do they go ?

In Reception, the children have had fun investigating and turning into trackers, researching who made the marks and tracks in the snow.



School Nurse – Information for parents and carers.

- *Did you know that all children should have a dental check-up at least yearly? Children should start going to see a dentist as soon as their milk teeth appear. NHS dental care for children is free.*
- *Also, all children should have a regular eye check at a high street optician. The routine eye test will check if your child needs glasses and is also an important check for overall eye health. Opticians appointments are free for children and some glasses are free or subsidised by the NHS.*



You can search for a local NHS dentist at the link below -

<https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentist/LocationSearch/3>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

For further help and advice The Health for Kids website link is: www.healthforkids.co.uk

Thank you, we raised

£43.49 for Alzheimer's on Elf Day

&

£19.00 for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day

FOLCS (Friends of London Colney School)

Friends of London Colney school are a small but dedicated group of relatives of pupils who organise events to fundraise for the school. If you are interested in joining in, in anyway, please get in touch with us via the School Office.

We would also like to remind you about <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> sign up today to the weekly draw and not only can you be in with the chance of winning £25,000 but every ticket sold earns money for the school.

All of our fundraising efforts are currently working towards new playground equipment for all the children to enjoy so please support us in any way you can.

Thank you
FOLCS

WELL DONE & WOW

All the children here at London Colney Primary and Nursery School deserve a great big WOW & WELL DONE for being so great. We are very proud of each and every one of you, well done for making the Autumn Term such a great one!

So a great big well done to:

Yahia, Zayn C, Cali, Zara, Lucas, Alayna, Trixie-May, Oliver, Dexter, Isla, Nesrine, Sirine, Ana, Lajeen, Nihal, Abbie, Anaya, Zayaan, Abyaan, Sophia, Ethan C, Leila, Freddie, Yessenia, Betsy, Amir, Grayson, Larisa, Jasmine, Yacoub, Thomas M, Ivy May, Favour, Ethan P-U, Jacob, Lila, Taj, Ali, Adom, Sarah, Stevie, Anna Maria, Sorena, Ruby Rose, Aveya, Asiya, Ava, Joanna-Rose, Sienna, Anaisha, Jabez, Freddie M, Maria, Ismail, Zayn M, Jesse, Sophia M, Skyla, Rayan, Jude, Aarav, Azar, David A, Afnan, Kelsea, Martin C, Clea, Nakai, Ayyub, Reyyan, Umar E, Harbir, Owen, Mack, Isabelle, Freddie K, Keyaan, Meng qi, Tommy, Gaby, Ella, Scarlett, Daniel, Aabis, Precious, Joey, David Q, Mikhael, Raisa, Ayca, Nafisa, Aggelos, Zaara, Umar C, Saima, Ellie, Iyla, Teddie, Poppy, Zayn K, Aidan, Zak, Noah, Cayden, Amine, Lily-Grace, Luca, Max, Jude, Zenia, Ariana, George, Hephzibah, Kaobi, Nahid, Mohammed, Thomas B, Jack, Billie Grace, Trey, Jack B, Olivia, Yunus, Esme, Cassidy, Jack G, Malia, Sofia K-H, Aaira, Primrose, Ivy, Alfie M, Zayn M, Frankie, Goodnews, Nicole, Kayan, Spy, Yuet, Lamis, Shafayat, Salma, Zaynab, Danniella, Oleh, Paris, Rico, Harry, Sylvia, Alex L, Samantha, Sol, Sheldon, Ema, Naveed, Aahil, Azir, Martin B, Oscar, Jaden, Luke, Anisah, Freddy F, Ollie, Kerell, Archie, Nyla H, Benedtikta, Yaqoob, Iulia, Elly, Jacques, Dave, Alex S, Nyla S, Sofia T, Ching, Samuel.

WELL DONE EVERYONE

Foodbank Information

Website links below for our local Foodbanks where you can find help and support should you need it over the holiday period.

<https://londoncolneybaptistchurch.co.uk/churches-together-food-bank/>

<https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/st-albans-and-district/london-colney/>

<https://stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

<https://cottonmillandsopwellhub.org/news/>

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/stalbansdistrict/>

Please be mindful of the building work that is going on across the road from us. It changes daily, but there are always heavy construction vehicles manoeuvring and various different parking restrictions in place. We ask that you park away from school and walk up to the gate to help ease any congestion and keep it safe for all of the children. Building work will continue for the foreseeable future so please be patient and mindful of others – thank you.

REMINDER – DO NOT PARK OR STOP IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE GATES.

It is dangerous, illegal and inconsiderate to our school community and puts our children in danger. You may think it's ok to do it for a few minutes but it is not, thank you.

We'd like to thank you all for your continued daily support, please do come and speak to us about any issue, good or bad.

Our school website is: www.londoncolney.herts.sch.uk

Our school email is: admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk

Our school telephone no is: 01727 823283

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas or Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Please note the term dates have been updated (Dec 2022) to reflect the extra Bank Holiday given for the Kings Coronation.

London Colney Primary & Nursery School - Term Dates 2022/2023																												
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Calendar Key							Notable Dates							Autumn Term =														
							1 Sept 2022	-	Start of 2022/2023 Term	1 September - 21 October 2022							37 days											
							13 July 2023	-	Secondary Transition Day	31 October - 21 December 2022							38 days											
							21 July 2023	-	Last school day of 2022/2023	5 January - 10 February 2023							27 days											
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										5 June - 21 July 2023							35 days											
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190 Pupil Days, 5 Inset/Teacher Training Days, 1 Occasional Day														08.05.23 Extra Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation														

