



# Newsletter

## October 2023

### Headteacher Messages

Dear Parents and Carers, as we approach the end of the half term, I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support in all we do at school. It has been a joy to see so many of you engaging in your children's school lives.

We have had a very successful half term so far.

#### SEND Visit

This term we have had an additional school visit for our SEND provision. During the visit, lesson drop-ins took place, to explore how effectively teachers understand the needs of learners and use distinctive teaching approaches to engage, support and promote good outcomes. Observations of teaching took place across the school and as a result of this provision the learners were seen to be engaged and regulated. Examples of class provision maps, shared during the visit, provided a summary of class context including learners eligible for pupil premium and where attendance is monitored. Support for English, maths and areas such as speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) or social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) were recorded alongside learner names. Interventions occurring outside of the classroom were highlighted with start and end dates evidenced. On the visit the advisor explored how the school uses provision mapping and management to evaluate the impact of provision on outcomes and progress. This was graded as exemplary. A special thank you to Louise Dembowicz for her leadership in SEN across the school. Also a big thank you for the hard working staff we have at London Colney to ensure our SEN provision is of the highest quality.

#### Maths Visit

We have also had a maths visit this term. On the visit the children were very engaged in their learning and there were a wide range of activities to captivate their interest. The atmosphere was calm and purposeful and the team approach to supporting the children was very evident.

#### Medicine

Please can you ensure that we have all medication and items such as inhalers all up to date and brought into school so we can ensure we have the right ones. Many thanks.

#### Covid

There seems to be an increase in the number of cases in the area, please encourage good respiratory hygiene and make sure that children are in a good routine of handwashing. The current guidance is if a child tests positive, they should remain off school for 3 days, or longer if they have a temperature or still feel unwell.

I would like to wish you all a very restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Best wishes  
Sarah

### Upcoming Events

Yr 4&5 trip to Silverstone Museum	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Odd sock day for anti bullying	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Children in Need - dress in spots	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Yr 4&5 Bikeability Week	20-24 Nov
Yr 2&3 Science Museum Trip	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Christmas choir, Christmas light switch on	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
FOLCS Christmas Panto	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Follow up Flu Immunisation session	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christingle at St Peters Church	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
FOLCS breakfast with Santa	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
FOLCS breakfast with Santa	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Choir at St Peters Church	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Menu Change - Options will be Pizza or Fish	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Finish 1.30pm End of Term	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec

## REMINDER Year 6

Please apply for your secondary school place, the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, the link is below:  
<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

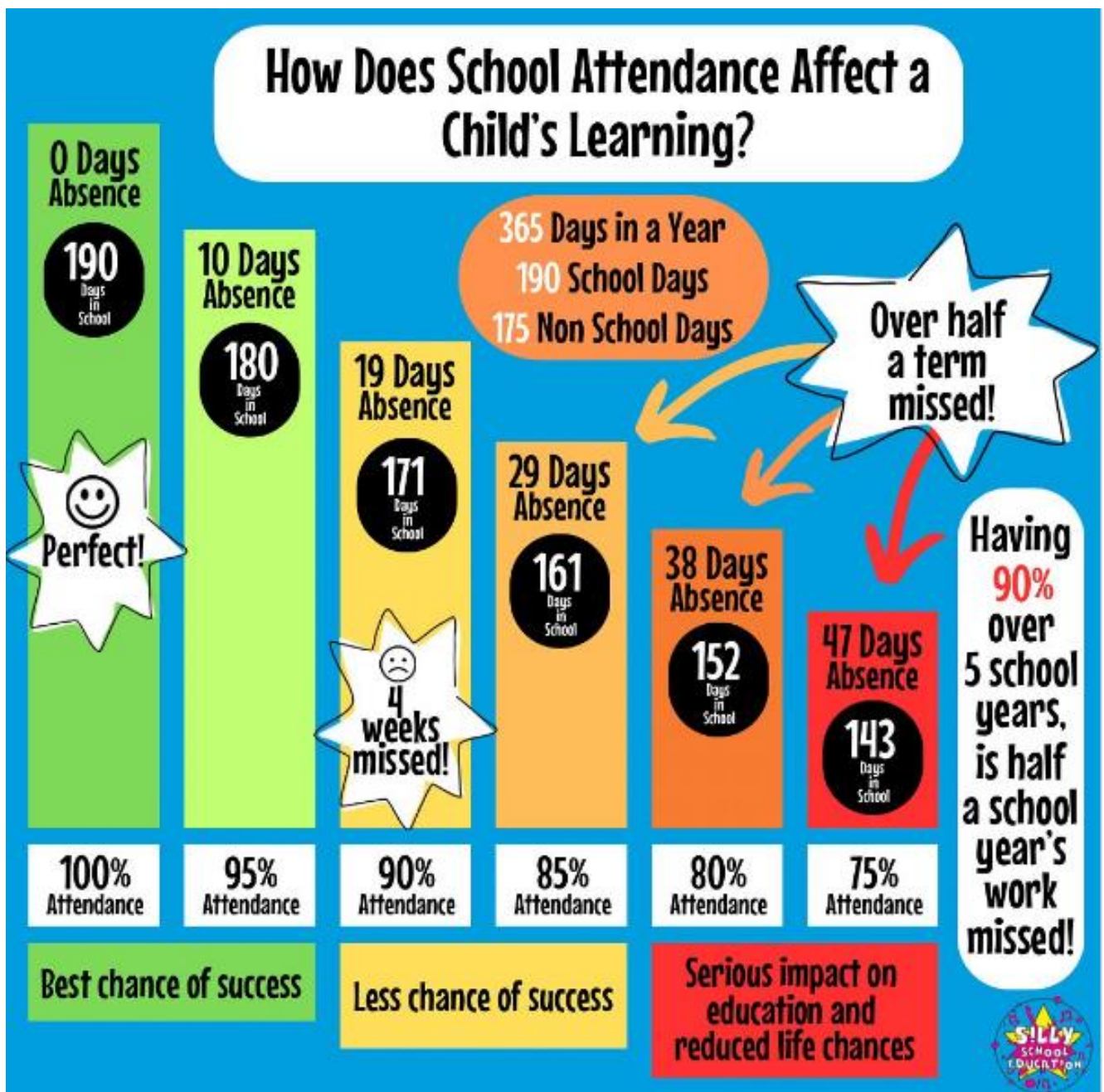
### Attendance Figures

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

02.10.23 – 20.10.23	
Y1	93.1%
Y2	94.3%
Y3	93.4%
Y4	94.4%
Y5	95.2%
Y6	92.9%



We were very excited to receive this lovely letter from the King & Queen thanking the children for their good wishes and card on the occasion of their Coronation. A lovely keepsake.



### Blue Peter Book Badge

Blue Peter have a new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn a badge, your child can share their love of reading by answering some questions and creating an illustration. Please click on the link to apply. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



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[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)



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## Terrible Tusks

This week in English, Year 1 have been reading 'Gruffalo crumble' a recipe book. We have been learning about instructions – focussing on the language and structure used.

Today, we followed some instructions from a recipe called 'Terrible Tusks'. We washed and peeled different fruits, cut them and then placing them onto a straw to create fruit kebabs. We had lots of fun!



**We were very lucky to have a visit from a fire engine and some fire men.**

**They came in to talk to the children about safety and spent time showing them around the fire engine, letting them try on clothes, climb in the engine cab and spray the water hose.**

**We are very grateful to the fire brigade for coming in, the children had a great time, you could hear the shrieks and laughter from the playground in the corridor!**





We are very grateful to FOLCS who raised enough money to install some fantastic new play equipment in the playground. Here you can see it in action! Thank you very much to everyone who contributed, please do continue to support FOLCS with their fundraising endeavours, in any way that you can, it really does make a difference.

*Thank you*



**We had a fantastic day at Kidzania experiencing a great variety of jobs, who knows what we will do in the future but we are feeling very inspired!**



## 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 any way you can, please get in touch with us via the School Office.

Friends of London Colney Primary school would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has visited our tuck shop throughout October, this raised £148.40. We also had ProStrike on the 11th October and we loved seeing the photos of everyone taking part. This raised an amazing £304.18 so a massive thank you to everyone that raised sponsorship money and a special well-done to Lilly in reception who raised the highest amount.

All our fundraising goes towards equipment for the school and we are thrilled to see all the children enjoying the new playground equipment that we have recently funded.

To keep up to date with all our upcoming events or to volunteer for any of our events please join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064214224586> or Classlist.

Please see the dates below for exciting events we have coming up:

- 20<sup>th</sup> October FOLCS Glow Party
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Bags to School clothing collection
- 8<sup>th</sup> December FOLCS Panto Red Riding Hood. Tickets can be purchased now via Classlist <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1016931220>
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December FOLCS breakfast with Santa – details coming soon
- Early December – online raffle & auction

We also have a collection box in the school office for any left over foreign currency you may have from your holidays.

\*note - every Tuesday after year group assembly there will be a coffee afternoon with the PTA (this is up until half term)

Thank you  
FOLCS

*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](http://www.londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)**

**Our school email is: [admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)**

**Our school telephone no is: 01727 823283**

**London Colney Primary & Nursery School - Term Dates 2023/2024**



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Summer Term  
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1 Sept 2023	- Start of 2023/2024 Term
11 July 2024	- Secondary Transition Day
23 July 2024	- Last school day of 2023/2024

Autumn Term =	1 September - 20 October 2023	36 days
	30 October - 21 December 2023	38 days
Spring Term =	4 January - 16 February 2024	32 days
	26 February - 28 March 2024	24 days
Summer Term =	15 April - 24 May 2024	29 days
	3 June - 23 July 2024	37 days
		<b>196 days</b>

190 Pupil Days, 5 Inset/Teacher Training Days, 1 Occasional Day



## HERE IS A REMINDER OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

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Our school uniform gives our children a sense of belonging. It is designed to be both smart and practical. It is expected that children attending London Colney Primary & Nursery School comply with these guidelines.

### **Winter Uniform**

- Grey or black trousers, plain black leggings, skirt or pinafore
- Plain white, royal blue or sky blue polo shirt
- Royal Blue jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece with school logo (logo optional)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights
- Flat black shoes or trainers, no logos or colours on footwear  
*If children cannot tie their own laces, they should have shoes with Velcro fastening*
- Small plain blue, white or black hairbands or ribbons

### **Summer Uniform**

- Grey shorts or trousers, white or royal blue polo shirt and grey or white socks
- Blue and white checked or striped dress, blue cardigan, white or grey socks
- Sensible shoes (no sliders, flip flops or crocs)
- Hat or cap
- Sun lotion to be applied before school

### **Active PE Uniform**

- Black jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings (*these must be plain, no logos or stripes/colours*)
- White or royal blue t-shirt
- Blue or black sweatshirt if it is cold (no hoodies)
- Plain black trainers, no logos, stripes or patterns

### **Important Information**

- Make up, false eyelashes, nail varnish, false nails must not be worn in school.
- Smart watches must not be worn.
- No tattoos or temporary tattoos are allowed.
- Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons and to help prevent the spread of head lice.
- No jewellery to be worn, only small stud earrings are permitted.

Uniform is available from Smarty Schoolwear, 65 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0JJ, email, <https://www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk/> 01707 263909