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## Diary Dates

<b>2019-2020 Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed – staff training 2
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Poetry Week including visit by Poets Matt Windle and James Kearns
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Crime and Punishment Day including Police Officer visit
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Americas Morning
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Trip to The Galleries of Justice
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Possible General Election – School may be closed!
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Trip to The Botanical Gardens
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual School Photos
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Pumpkin week	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October: Pumpkins on sale after school Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 3.15pm: Pumpkin carving after school Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 3.15pm : Pumpkin Exhibition and activities
<b>2019 -2020 - TERM DATES</b>	
Autumn Term 2019	Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September 2019 Half Term: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019 Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2019
Spring Term 2020	Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2020 Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020 Term Ends: Friday 3 April 2020
Summer Term 2020	Term Starts: Tuesday 21 April 2020 Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020 Term Ends: Friday 17 July 2020
Staff Training Days: Closed to Pupils	<i>Monday 2nd September 2019; Monday 9th September 2019 Monday 6th January 2020; Monday 20th April 2020 Monday 20th July 2020</i>
Other closure days	<i>Early May Bank holiday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 West Midlands Mayor Elections: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020</i>

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## Kids Area

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year. The children have made a great start to the school year. We have a month long focus on the school value: respectful and wow – the children have really shown this during this first week!

We have lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for this year and we look forward to fantastic year.

As always, please keep us informed of anything we need to know and remember we are here to support you as a family too!



### Homework Sheets



You should now have a copy of your homework sheet which has a range of activities for you to have a go at during this term.

You may like to get your grown-ups involved and help them learn about your theme too!

We look forward to seeing your work over this term.

Remember to also read regularly and practice your number bonds and times tables.

### Water bottles

Keeping hydrated (having enough water to drink) helps you to be healthy and also helps your brain think better! Please make sure you bring a water bottle with you to school every day.

We are looking at getting some water bottles with the school badge on – so watch this space.

We are also looking at getting some water fountains / re-fill stations put on the playground!



## Theme Grids

You will have brought home today a copy of what you will be learning this term. Please have a good read with your grown-ups and maybe visit the library to find out even more about what you will be learning about.

## Healthy Snacks

Please remember, if you are bringing in a snack from home it needs to be a healthy one! That means, for break times there should NOT be Crisps, Chocolate or Sweets!



## Afterschool Clubs for this half term

We have some great afterschool clubs for you this half term.

If you are interested – please get your grown-ups to book you a place.

Please see below the clubs for this half term.

A paper copy will be sent home on Tuesday.

All clubs start week beginning Monday 16th September 2019 and run for 6 weeks until Friday 25th October 2019.

These are the clubs on offer for next half term:

Day	Year Groups	Club	Who	Cost
Monday	Y5 & 6	Boys Football Club	Mrs Mills	£3 for 6 sessions
Monday	Y4, 5 and 6	Girls Football Club	Mr Morris & Miss Hylton	£3 for 6 sessions
Monday	Y2 - 6	Singing* Club	Miss Nelson and Mrs Hall	£6 for 12 sessions
Tuesday	Y3 - 6	Coding & Robotics	Mr Dean	£3 for 6 sessions
Wednesday	Y3 - 4	Football Club	Bromford Lions	£12 for 6 sessions
Thursday	Y1 - 2	Football Club	Bromford Lions	£12 for 6 sessions
Thursday	Y1 – 6	Gymnastics Club	KDDK	£12 for 6 sessions
<b>Dohl Drumming will be a 25 minute sessions run on a Wednesday lunchtime <u>not</u> after school.</b>				
Wednesday	Y1 & 2	Dhol Drumming	Music Services	£5 for 6 sessions
Wednesday	Y3 - 6	Dhol Drumming	Music Services	£5 for 6 sessions

## New staff



We have recently appointed Ms Hylton to join us as a Sports Apprentice. She joins our other sports apprentice, Mr. Morris. They will be supporting our PE team and also working in classes, during break and lunchtimes and supporting our after-school clubs and events.

### **Also we have some new teachers:**

Miss Thorne in Y4 and Mrs Brierley and Mrs Carter in Nursery



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## Parents' Notice Board

### Uniform expectations

Below is a reminder of the school uniform expectations; please take particular note of the school footwear expectations.

#### Top half

- White polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan

#### Bottom half

- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey skirt
- Black or grey school shorts
- Nursery only: black or grey leggings, jogging bottoms
- Black, grey or white socks

#### Other

- Grey or black pinafore dress
- Navy blue gingham dress

#### Shoes

- Black shoes (no trainers)

### Nursery



We are delighted to be able to welcome our Nursery Children on Tuesday next week.

We have been trying for more than 10 years to get a nursery and we are finally here!

We look forward to all the fun and learning we will have together!

## Secondary School Open Days

Children in Year 6 need to apply for a secondary school place this term. Many of the local schools have open evenings over the next few weeks and we would encourage parents and children to attend these to help you decide which ones to apply for. **Local open Evenings are as follows:**

### **Hodge Hill Girls:**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30pm – 7pm

<https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/>

### **Hodge Hill College**

Ring school for details

<https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/>

### **Washwood Heath Academy**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm – 6pm

<http://washwood.academy/>

### **Tile Cross Academy**

Open Mornings: 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9.15am

Please phone and book an appointment

<http://tilecross.academy/>

### **Park Hall Academy**

Open Evening Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8pm Open mornings Monday

September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Open afternoon

Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm

<https://www.parkhallschool.org.uk/>

### **Rockwood Academy**

Ring school for details

<https://www.rockwood-academy.co.uk/>

### **King Edwards Schools**

If you have applied for an entrance test for your child

### **Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst**

Ring school for details

<https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/>

## Governor End of Year statement 2018-2019

Mr. Green (Chair of Governors) has published the governing body statement for the year 2018-2019, which can be found on the school website.

You can also read it below:

September 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians

This letter relates to the governing body's work, decisions and focus over the 2018 / 2019 academic year.

As governors, we are adamant that the school experience for children must be an enjoyable and safe place to learn and thrive. Children who leave Colebourne are given the fundamental start needed to allow them to thrive at secondary school and onwards through life. We are under no illusion how important the best possible start is for children.

We are absolutely delighted and very proud of the achievements of the year 6 children who collectively achieved our best ever SATS results. This illustrates not only the high quality of teaching provided at Colebourne, but dedication and application from children, terrific support from parents and clear, strong leadership that has gelled together. We have also seen generally good progress across year groups.

We were subject to an OFSTED Inspection in May 2019, 4 years since our last inspection. It was a one day inspection that concluded with a report that we are very proud of. Please look at the full report that can be found on Colebourne's website for all the details.

The governing body has had to make some very difficult financial and operating decisions during 2018 / 2019. Due to the continuing financial pressures on school budgets, we needed to make some decisions in order to keep the school financially viable as well as ensuring we remain sufficiently staffed in order to provide the quality of teaching the children deserve. The major decisions were to reduce the school week to 4 and a half days, losing PPA cover and a restructure of the support staff was also carried out. It was hard and not a pleasant experience for all involved but what I can report is that the process was dignified and whilst upsetting for some, there was the appreciation of how this was done. Through the other side I am pleased to report that the new structure is working well. The governing body will continue to have a strong focus on the school budget.

Inclusivity and diversity are at the core of our values and ethos. We want everybody to have the opportunity to succeed and to be



celebrated and we welcome the breadth of activities and events that celebrates difference and community cohesion. We are proud that the school continues to be a key pillar of the Hodge Hill community. As in previous years, we ensure we are continually looking at the provision of focussed support for children who have English is an additional language (EAL) and that these children make progress. We make no apologies for keeping this on the agenda as we believe every child has the ability to thrive and progress given the right opportunities to do so.

We are also adamant that as an inclusive school there should be no difference in progress and achievement of those in receipt of free school meals (FSM) and those who aren't. I am pleased to say there is no tangible difference and this demonstrates the effectiveness of the work the staff put in to ensure that being eligible for FSM does not hamper progress and achievement at Colebourne.

Our focus and rigor around safeguarding remains a key priority and I am pleased to report, as with last year, that the Section 175 action plan is a key working document and ensures the safeguarding practices are robust at Colebourne.

The nursery – it's open! After what feels like forever, we are delighted that the nursery provision is now a real entity at Colebourne. We believe that the children coming through the nursery will have an excellent start to their education through play.

During the last year, Ms Madeeha Chaudhry was welcomed on to the Governors as LA Governor.

I am confident and hopeful of another year that sees children flourish and succeed and the Colebourne community thrive even more.

With very best wishes

Matt Green

Chair, Colebourne Primary School

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## Contacts

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