



# Colebourne Newsletter:

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## Diary Dates

### Spring Term 2020

#### Key Dates

Please note – further details for some of these activities will follow nearer the time.

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Reception Trip: Think Tank
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception height and weight checks
*Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March*	World Book Day – details in newsletter
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week – Various activities all week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Assembly: Parents welcome, 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Trip: Big Bang Show
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	September 2020 Nursery admissions meeting, 2.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief – details to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Shakespeare Week in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Activities, 2pm,- 3pm BOOKING REQUIRED – details in newsletter
<del>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</del>	Year 2 Assembly: Parents welcome, 9am (Postponed until Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Trip: Lunt Fort
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 Trip to Hodge Hill Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 5 Greek Day – plus parents attend from 2.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of the Spring Term (Friday club as usual)
6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER BREAK
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Break Computer Activity Club</b> This will take place over these 4 days; details and booking arrangements coming soon.

#### Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Children return to school for the Summer Term
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Ramadan
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 – Dodford Residential
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Rec, Year 2 and Year 4: Animals in Hands workshops
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	CLOSING DATE FOR NURSERY 2020 APPLICATIONS
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Arts Week in school – joint project with Beaufort School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mayoral Elections – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6: SATs Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5: Chance to Shine Cricket Festival
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip: Carding Mill Valley
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	5W: Young First Aid Training day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	5C: Young First Aid Training day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Possible School Closure – Eid ul Fitr – details closer to the time
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half Term Sports Activity Clubs</b> These will take place throughout the days; details and booking arrangements will follow nearer the time

<b>Summer Term 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Children return to school for the Summer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 5: Malvern Residential Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>6HC: Young First Aid Training day</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>6B: Young First Aid Training day</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 2 Assembly: Parents welcome, 9am</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 2: Day Trip / Residential – Rough Close</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Fathers' Day Breakfast and STEM Activity, 8.45am – 10.30am</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Foxes Trip: Eco Park</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rabbits Trip: Eco Park</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6 End of Year Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Nursery Trip: Eco Park</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Nursery Trip: Eco Park</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 4 Residential: Docking, Norfolk.</b>
<b>7-9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 3 Residential: Umberslade Adventure Camping</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Performance, 9.15am and 2pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 3 Trip: Umberslade Adventure day trip</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day – details tbc</b> AM: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 PM: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6: Leavers Party, 2pm – 3.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – CLOSE AT 12.30pm for all pupils. No Friday afternoon provision.</b>
<b>TERM DATES</b>	
<b>Spring Term 2020</b>	<b>Term Ends: Fri 3 April 2020</b>
<b>Summer Term 2020</b>	<b>Term Starts: Tuesday 21 April 2020</b> <b>Half Term: Mon 25 May 2020 to Fri 29 May 2020</b> <b>Term Ends: Fri 17 July 2020</b>
<b>Staff Training Days: Closed to Pupils</b>	<b><i>Monday 20th April 2020; Monday 20th July 2020</i></b>
<b>Other closure days</b>	<b>May Bank holiday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> <b>(There is no bank holiday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and school will be open)</b> <b>West Midlands Mayor Elections: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>

*\*Changed Date\** **New dates since first published**

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## New Office Assistant

You may have noticed that we have a new member of the office team. Asma Bi will be working every morning from 8.30am-10.30am. We welcome her to the team!



## Wedding News

Congratulations to Mrs. Murphy (nee. Miss Weaver) who got married over half term. She and her husband enjoyed a fabulous wedding day and we wish them a very happy life together.

## New Late Collection Procedure

From Monday a revised late procedure will be in place. The full policy is on the school website but in summary includes:

- Teachers will remain at the dismissal points for 5 minutes after the end time.
- After a minimum of 5 minutes after the end of the school day, children will be taken back into school to the central collection point
- Any parent arriving after this point will need to go to the school office and complete a 'Collection of children after dismissal' form; this form needs to be handed into the Office staff and the parent will then be able to collect their child from the Collection Point.
- Forms are kept and recorded on our central late pickup tracking system.
- Any child not collected within 15 minutes of the school finish time will be taken to our after-school provision (or into Friday club for Friday lunchtime pickups) where charges will usually apply. Parents will complete the forms at the main office and pay the Afterschool fee at the current rates, available on request or on the school website.

Please note: For all lates, **the school car park MUST NOT be used**. Parents who are late should still park on the surrounding roads and use the pedestrian entrance to come to the school office.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL POLICY](#)

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## Uniform Reminder

Please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform. The main issues we are seeing at the moment is incorrect jumpers/hoodies and children wearing trainers/different coloured shoes/boots.

The key aspect of our uniform is:

- Black or Grey Trousers (ideally with plain black, grey or white socks)
- Grey Pinafore or blue gingham summer dress
- White polo neck shirt
- Navy blue cardigan, tank top or jumper
- Black shoes

If you have any difficulties with uniform please get in touch as we may be able to help.

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## Healthy snacks



Children should only bring in snack items that are healthy such as fruit and vegetables, whole grain items etc.

### **CRISPS AND CHOCOLATE ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED AS SNACKS**

Please discuss this as a family and decide what items are good choices for a healthy snack. If you are unsure or would like any advice – please get in touch.

Watch out for so called ‘snack bars or cereal bars’ which may contain high levels of sugar.

Why not try making some healthy snack bars – there are few ideas here:

<https://lifemadesweeter.com/granola-bars/>

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Fruit	Crisps
Vegetables	Chocolate
Whole Grain items	Sweets
Nutritionally high items	High fat or high sugar items

**Please remember not to send in any items containing nuts!**

We may start contacting parents where these are sent in for snack to discuss options. Children may also be offered an alternative, if available, and the unhealthy snack sent back home.

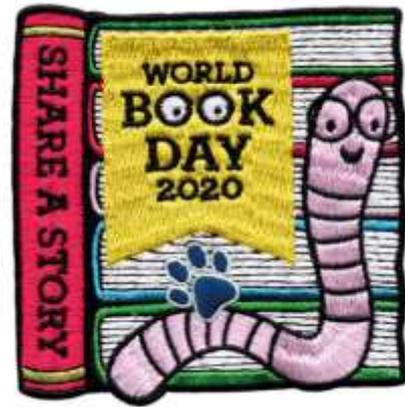
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## World book day

This year we will be taking part in World Book Day on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. We are running things a little different this year! Please see below the key bits of information:

On the day:

- Children can come to school in their pyjamas
- Parents can join in by coming to school at 12pm to cosy up and read a book with their child(ren); children will also be able to share some of their book inspired artwork they have done during the week.



**WE WILL NOT BE DRESSING UP AS BOOK CHARACTERS THIS YEAR!**



**We are also asking for children to bring in £1 on this day which will go towards purchasing new books.**

World book day vouchers have been sent home with the children today – these can be just to have a special FREE book (see above) which are available at selected outlets; you can find out who is stocking these books here:

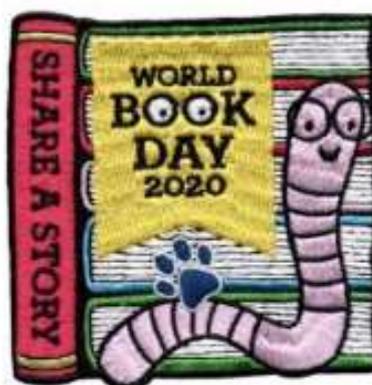
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. And if you'd rather get an audiobook, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99.

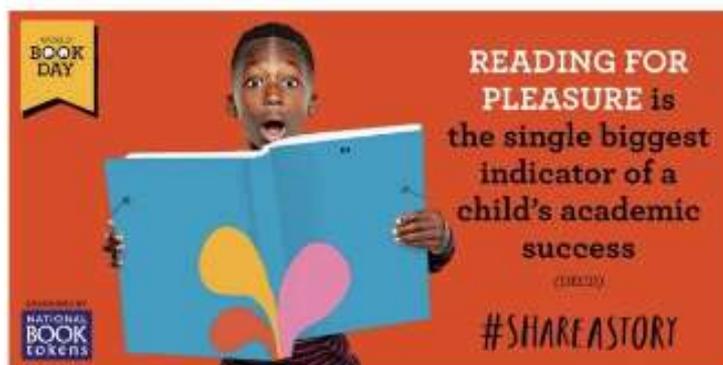
We will also be accepting the tokens at our Book Fair which takes place during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March – but please note we will not be stocking the FREE World Book Day books.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

Colebourne are celebrating  
World Book Day on  
[Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020!](#)



Children can come into school  
in their [pyjamas](#) and enjoy a  
day of stories, art, fun and a  
cup of hot chocolate!



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**



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## Science Week

British Science Week is an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. To mark this event, we have organised a fun packed week of all things Science within school from the 9th of March to the 13th.

During the week, children will get the opportunity to carry out some fantastic experiments and investigations. Children will also get to see a special science show.

If you would like to continue the fun at home, why not take a look at some of the one-minute science experiments detailed below. Please remember to send in all photographic evidence to class DOJO!

1) **Spinning Eggs:** (Momentum) You will need two eggs-one cooked and one raw. What will happen when both are made to spin? Do one of the eggs spin better than the other? If so, why?

2) **Music:** Get three bottles or jars (ideally glass) with different amounts of water in them. If you hit them you will hear a different pitch. What is happening here?

3) **Magic Water:** Completely fill a glass with water and put a piece of card on top and turn it over. Ensure that you wait for a few minutes. The water will stay in the glass. How does this work?

4) **Coin Trick:** Put tomato sauce on a dirty coin and see what happens after 15 minutes.

5) **Cola Explosion:** Using mentos and cola. Place mentos into a large bottle of cola and see the explosion that follows. This can be dangerous so ensure that you stand back and definitely do it outside! Does it matter the type of cola?

For more information about these experiments or to see some other experiments you could do please go to:

<https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>



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## Mothers' day event

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020**, we will be holding our Mothers' Day Craft afternoon. A child's mum, aunt, grandmother or another lady in their life will be welcome to attend the afternoon.



**The afternoon will run from 2.00pm – 3.15pm.**

Parent's who attended the recent parent update meeting were asked what they wanted the event to look like and we agreed on the following:

- This will be a charged event to help cover the costs of materials and cakes etc.
- The activity will be decorating picture frames.
- A photograph will be taken with your child and this will be sent off for printing and then sent home.
- Cakes and drinks will be available for both adults and children.

**The small charge of £2 per family to attend this event which will help cover some of the material costs. This is now available to pay through Eduspot - school money.**

Nursery are also welcome to attend. If you have a Nursery AM only child, please feel free to book and bring them back in the afternoon.

- **PLEASE PAY USING YOUR OLDEST CHILD**

(YOU ONLY NEED TO MAKE ONE PAYMENT EVEN IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD)

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BOOK BEFORE TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH**
- **THE PAYMENT WILL ACT AS YOUR BOOKING TO ATTEND.**
- *PLEASE DO NOT JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED. THESE EVENTS TAKE A LOT OF PREPARATION AND YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE IN THE CORRECT PLACE IF WE WERE NOT EXPECTING YOU TO ATTEND.*

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## March value

The school values that we are focussing on this month is **ENTHUSIASTIC**

**What does this mean to you?**

**What things are you enthusiastic about?**

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## Coronavirus

There is obviously a huge amount of media around the coronavirus and a number of parents have asked specifically about the measures we have in place currently and what would happen if we did ever get a confirmed case in school.

Please make sure you talk to your children about this and reassure them as they can often get part information which can make them worry more than they need to.

Birmingham City Council is working closely with schools to support them to follow the national guidelines on how to response to suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19 Coronavirus. These guidelines are being regularly updated based on the latest evidence and the evolving picture.

As of today, the BBC are reporting:

*“As of Friday, there have been 19 cases - all involving infection abroad. There has been no transmission within the UK.”*

Also, to date there are no confirmed cases in Birmingham.

So as you can see, while we need to be aware of the current situation we need to ensure a proportionate response. There is no need to panic!

At Colebourne we are taking the concerns we have in our community seriously and we are taking proportionate and proactive approaches as follows:

### **What is Colebourne currently doing to reduce the chances of the virus getting into school?**

- We are closely monitoring the local and national picture
- We are liaising closely with Birmingham Local Authority who are liaising with the Department for Education and Public Health England
- We are teaching the children best hygiene practice and have sent a letter to all parents encouraging them to discuss hygiene with their children
- We have met with our cleaning contractors and they have increased the cleaning on key touch points (handles, buttons, rails etc.).
- Every classroom is already cleaned daily

- We have purchased additional tissues for each class to ensure these can be offered out if a child has a cold
- We have stocked up on our alcohol based gel which are in key entry points (Main school and Early Years entrance)
- We are purchasing an additional alcohol based gel for the route into the main hall.
- We are exploring the possibility of installing additional hand washing facilities in the playground
- We are liaising closely with other users of the building to ensure they are aware of our approach and expectations.
- We are monitoring daily any child or staff absence and are asking about any symptoms they may have and advising accordingly
- We are being proactive in finding out about travel arrangements now and in the future of staff and pupils
- We are adapting any activities which have an increased potential of the spreading of virus e.g. food tasting

#### **What will Colebourne do if there is a confirmed case in school?**

- We will immediately contact the local authority and take advice from them, Public Health England and the guidance in place at that time from the World Health Organisation.
- I will liaise with the chair of governors to discuss the advice and decide whether we feel that is sufficient.
- We will then make a decision as to what needs to happen
- We will ensure we communicate as promptly as possible and keep you well informed.

#### **What about staff and children that have recently visited other countries?**

- We have investigated the locations of where a few people have travelled to; none of the places are in isolation zones and we currently have no concerns about their health

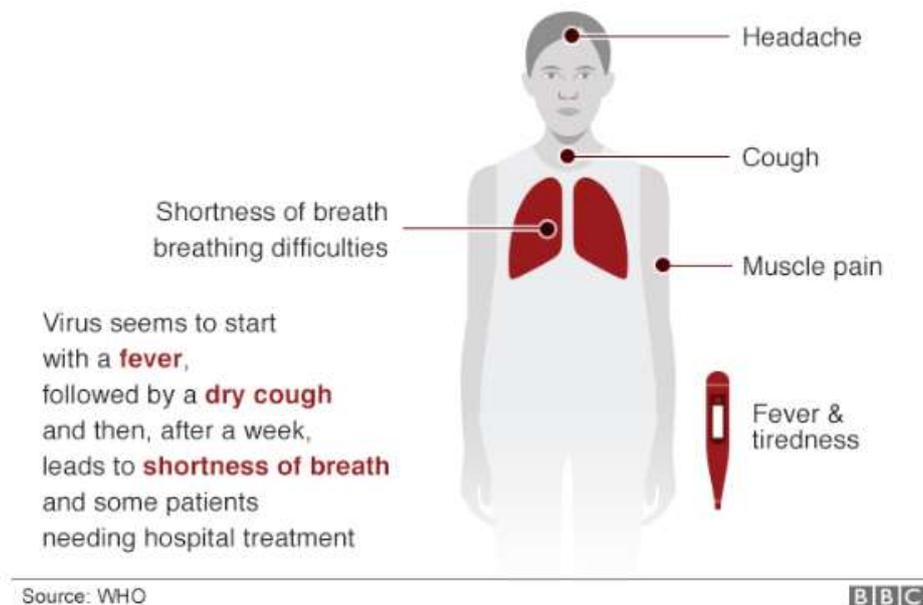
#### **Will you keep us informed?**

- Absolutely, as not knowing can cause further anxiety for you. If you do have any questions, please get in touch. If you have a question it is likely that others will have to!
- I will post any new information or updates via class dojo, text messages, newsletters or letter.

## What if my child has any symptoms?

- Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. The likelihood that this is Coronavirus is very slim if they have not been in contact with any known cases. They will most likely just have a cold.
- If your child has mild symptoms but are generally well, they should continue to attend school. If they feel unwell – then they should remain at home until they feel well enough to return to school.
- If you have concerns about your child's health in relation to the coronavirus please ring your doctor or the NHS on 111. The general advice is to NOT ATTEND MEDICAL CENTRES. Coronavirus seems to start with a fever, followed by a dry cough and after a week, it leads to shortness of breath and some patients require hospital treatment.

### Symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19)



This week, you may well have seen the news about Tudor Grange Academy in Kingshurst who have been shut following some pupils and staff returning from Northern Italy and being unwell. The school has reported the following today:



*"I am pleased to say that all families have been following the advice from Public Health England and the NHS and we can report that we have **no positive tests for COVID – 19**. I am pleased to inform you that the school will therefore reopen on Monday 2nd March to all students."*

The council have told us that they are working closely with partners, including schools to monitor the situation and say that should cases occur, that they are ready to respond appropriately and robustly.

The information for schools is published by Public Health England on their website. You can access more information on Coronavirus and the current actions at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> and the educational settings guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

I hope this information is helpful but please do get in touch if you have any questions.

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## Contacts

If you have any comments or suggestions please get in touch with the newsletter team:

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<b>Jokes and puzzles:</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Colebourne Submit</a></u></b>
<b>Parent articles: Mrs. Edwards:</b>	<b><u><a href="mailto:t.edwards@colebourne.bham.sch.uk">t.edwards@colebourne.bham.sch.uk</a></u></b>
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Grown-ups: Please also remember to follow us on Class Dojo, **[Twitter](#)** and on **[Facebook](#)** to get up to date information, news and additional ideas and links to local events and activities.

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