



NEWSLETTER 1

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real joy to welcome the children back to school. All of our pupils, both those new to school and those returning to us, have made a really positive start, settling well in their new classes. A special welcome goes out to every one of our new pupils and their families: we hope that you already feel part of the Colehill First School family! This is the first of our monthly Newsletters: please check that you have signed up to ParentMail to receive all communications from school. If you need any help or advice with this, do contact the school office team, who will be happy to help.

We hope that parents / carers have by now met their child's new teacher/s for the coming year either at the online meetings for new Reception parents or the Meet the Teacher afternoons for years 1 to 4. If you have any queries, however small, please email school@colehillfirstschool.net marking your email FAO your child's class teacher. Alternatively, questions can be posted on Tapestry (for Reception) or Google Classroom (years 1 to 4).

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall
Headteacher

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan

In line with government guidance and our risk assessment we recently parent-mailed to you our Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan. This is an outbreak management plan that shares the actions we will take in school, should the number of positive cases substantially increase. The Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan is available [by clicking here](#).

Start and End of Day Routines

Just a reminder that the pedestrian gate in Cannon Hill Road is opened each morning between 8.40 and 8.55 am and the playground is staffed during that time. Any messages for class teachers should be given to the member of staff on duty on the playground. Any parents or carers on site after 8.55 a.m. should exit via the corridor and the main front door. Any pupil arriving after 8.55 or leaving before 3.15 will need to be signed in/out at the office window.

At the end of the school day, the playground gate will be locked at 3.25 p.m. Unless attending an after

school-club, it is expected that all children will exit the site by then. Please note that the playtrail, rock wall and castle are for pupil use during the school day only, as we are unable to supervise their use at pickup time. Thank you for your support.



Breakfast Club

We are recruiting for a Breakfast Club supervisor and Breakfast Club assistant so that the school can run its own Breakfast Club. Details can be found [on Dorset For You here](#). If you are interested and have any queries, please contact the School Office.

Harvest Appeal 2021

This year, Colehill and Hayeswood First Schools are supporting the work of the Bournemouth Churches Housing Association - BCHA. This is a charitable organisation which aims to address local housing needs and end homelessness in our local area. For more information you can visit the [BCHA website](#).

We would welcome a donation of one toiletry item (shampoo, shower gel or baby & child toiletries) per child on Wednesday 6th October - children can bring these into class with them. These will go directly to homeless people locally via BCHA.



School Council

We welcome our **New School Council for 2021-22**.

Well done to the following children on their successful election as School Councillors for the coming year:

Year 4: Cassius, Ava-Lea and Poppy

Year 3: Henry, Sophia and Poppy

Year 2: Wills, Ophelia and Ruby-Rose

Year 1: Harper, Daniel and Henry



Dogs On School Premises

Those parents new to our school may not be aware that the whole site is dog free, so if anyone is walking their dog up to school at drop off or pick up times, please note that dogs should not be brought onto school premises, even if they are being carried, for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Parental Survey

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete our parental survey. We are currently analysing the results and are planning how to act on your feedback to further improve the school. Your positive comments were warmly welcomed by our staff team after all of the challenges of the past 18 months. We will keep you updated on future developments through this newsletter.

Children Starting Middle School in 2022

If your child is in year 4 now, and therefore due to transfer to Middle School in September 2022, you will need to **apply for a school place** through the local authority where you live. Applications have now opened.

You can apply online or download a copy of a paper form on the Dorset Admissions website [here](#).



Key Dates:

- Closing date for applications: 15th January 2022;
- Offer date for places: 19th April 2022.

Term and Holiday Dates 2021 - 22

Please note there is an additional day's holiday on Friday 22nd July to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Summer Term will therefore end on Thursday 21st July.

Autumn Term 2021	Spring Term 2022	Summer Term 2022
Start: Monday 6th September Finish: Friday 17th December Half Term: 25 - 29 October	Start: Weds 5th January 2022 Finish: Friday 8th April 2022 Half Term: 21 - 25 February 2022	Start: Monday 25th April 2022 Finish: Thursday 21st July 2022 May Day: Monday 2 May 2022 Half Term: 30 May - 3 June 2022
Training Days: <i>Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September Monday 1st November</i>	Training Day: <i>Tuesday 4th January 2022</i>	Training Day: <i>Monday 6th June 2022</i>

CFSA News

The CFSA would like to thank all of our parents/carers for your continued support through an especially difficult time. Considering the limitations due to Covid we still managed to raise some good amounts throughout the year, so thank you!! We are currently looking for fresh enthusiastic faces to join the CFSA, especially now a few have left as their children have moved on. We currently have positions for Secretary, Treasurer and Co-chair. We also are always looking for committed parents to help with things like stalls and setting up/ clearing away etc.

If you'd like to join us for some fun fundraising which benefits all the children's school lives through Colehill First School then you can either send a message to cfsa@colehillfirstschool.net or give Caroline Niklas a message on 07455452357. We are hoping to start some more fundraising very soon . So any questions please give us a message.

Thank you! CFSA