

Coly Class
Autumn Term Information 2008

Equipment - The children are encouraged to bring and look after their own pencils, crayons, pens etc. These should be kept in a pencil case (one only) that is able to be kept at school.

Water Bottles - We encourage the children to bring water bottles to school (WATER only). Not only is it good for health reasons it really does improve concentration! These should be taken home and either changed or washed out daily.

This term as we are in the village hall, the children can bring a HEALTHY snack for morning break as they do not have access to our tuck shop.

PE Kits - Wherever possible these should be kept in school during the week and only taken home at weekends or holidays for washing. The children need indoor kits for Tuesday and outdoor kits for Friday. The latest advice on footwear is now for children to wear trainers for both indoor and outdoor PE because they give more support to the feet. Children can wear football boots for soccer, etc but no metal studs and all children should wear shin pads. As you know the hall has limited storage space so please ensure PE kits are in a sensibly sized bag. Requests for children to be excused from PE should only be for medical reasons and should **always** be put in writing by a parent or guardian.

Swimming - Coly Class will be swimming **after half term** on a Wednesday. The children will be taken by coach to the pool at 2:45pm and parents are requested to pick up their children from the Flamingo Pool at 3.30pm. Any brothers or sisters in other classes should be picked up first from school at the normal time and a member of staff will remain with the children at the pool until they are collected.

Clothing - All clothing should be named. This reduces the amount of time sorting out lost property for both parents and teachers. Children in this class are taught to be responsible for their clothing and as a result **teachers will not search for any lost items.**

Medicines - Teachers will administer medicines but the correct 'Green Form' **must** be signed by a parent or guardian **before** this is done. Pupils are allowed to keep possession of their own inhalers but, again, the correct forms must be completed and teachers informed.

Homework - Children are normally set homework twice a week in this class. On Wednesday it is Maths which should be returned by Friday and on Friday it is English which should be returned by the following Monday. Mrs Quick may also set some Science for years 5 and 6 but yr 4 can also do it if they wish to. This will be given out on Monday and be expected back the following Monday. As the term progresses Yr 6 will get some additional homework.

Reading - Children are expected to undertake private reading each day in this class, especially during registration periods both in the morning and afternoon. It is also a time set aside for changing books so it is essential that your child has his/her book in school each day. **As we only have a limited stock of books in the village hall, the children are allowed to change books at lunch time from the boxes in Coly Class and it can also be done before school starts providing children are accompanied by their parents.**

Rewards - Well Done Cards are given for good work, sporting and artistic achievement, being helpful, caring, etc. The children collect these and once they have ten they can exchange these for a Gold Card and have a Non-Uniform Day. This is always the **Friday** of that week. A Non-Uniform day is also allowed on the day of a child's birthday or if it falls at the weekend the nearest school day to it.

Topics - This term the children will be studying the following:

English - Novels and stories by significant children's authors, Arguments, Classic/Narrative Poems, Reading and Writing Narrative and Plays

Maths - Activities involving Place Value, The Four Operations, Fractions, Shape, Space and Measure and interpreting and presenting data in pictorial form

Science - Keeping Healthy, Micro-Organisms, The Human Eye and how we see things and Changing Circuits (Electricity)

Humanities - Geographical topic on the issues facing our village, including various surveys, map work, settlement patterns etc

Design Technology - Evaluating different types of bread and making their own as part of a healthy diet.

R.E. and PSHE - Beliefs held by Christians and other faiths and Religion and the Individual

Art - Using the work of famous artists as a starting point to create their own pieces of work and experimenting with the techniques used and shades of colour

ICT - (Limited due to being in the village hall) Spreadsheets and databases - interpreting information

Music - Group composition and performance and singing in a 'round'

Weekly Timetable

* Please note while we are in the village hall ICT access will be limited

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<i>Mr Bettison</i> Handwriting (1 st half term) <i>Mrs Bowmer</i> Music (2 nd half term) <i>Mrs Quick</i> Numeracy Literacy	<i>Mrs Quick</i> ICT Numeracy Literacy	<i>Mrs Quick</i> Reading Numeracy Literacy	<i>Mrs Bowmer</i> Singing <i>Mr Bettison</i> Literacy Numeracy	<i>Mr Bettison</i> Literacy Numeracy
Afternoon	<i>Mrs Quick</i> Reading Mental Maths Science	<i>Mrs Quick</i> PE RE PSHE/ Circle Time	<i>Mr Bettison</i> Reading Mental Maths Humanities/ DT Swimming 2 nd half term	<i>Mr Bettison</i> <i>Mrs Burleigh</i> French Group Reading Mr Bettison ICT/Spelling	<i>Mr Bettison</i> PE <i>Mrs C Wilson</i> Art

Though Mrs Quick and Mr Bettison are the designated class teachers, other members of staff are used for their expertise in certain areas or to cover PPA Time (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) which every member of staff is entitled to by law.

As you can appreciate teachers are busy in the mornings preparing work that will provide a high quality education for your children. With this in mind we request that pupils are not brought into the class until 8:45am onwards unless prior arrangements have been made. We are available for brief discussions about things you feel we need to know about your children but prefer that discussions of a longer nature be held after school when we can give you and your children the time you deserve. This can be an informal talk or a more formal appointment at a mutually agreed time.