

Whole School Attendance 95.82%

School Calendar

<u>March</u>

Thursday 7th March 2024 – World Book Day – Dress up as a character! 8.30 – 9.30 parents invited for hot chocolate and please feel free to dress up.

Monday 11th March Oak Class Worship 3 p.m.

Monday 11th March 2024 3.20 - 6.30 p.m. Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th March 2024 3.20 – 5.30 p.m. Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th March Cheltenham Dance Festival

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March – Scots Pine Clarinet recital 9.05 – 9.20 a.m. Y5/6 parents welcome

Tuesday 19th March Community Café – Village hall 2.p.m

Thursday 21st March 2024 – Scots Pine, Mock Trial – Cirencester Magistrates Courts

Friday 22nd March – First Aid training – whole school

BREAK UP - Friday 22nd March 2024 at 3.15 p.m.

Cold Aston C of E Primary School

Newsletter Weekending 1st March 2024



Children are rooted at the heart of our family school community, where all are nurtured on their journey, nourished with faith and trust. Our exceptional setting inspires learners to explore, discover and be resilient while flourishing on their own path as world citizens. Journeying together with love and trust

Resilience, Respect, Responsible.

Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for continuing to support the school, I know lots of children are attending the PTFA film night tonight, so thank you. Thank you to Mrs Hicks for volunteering to stay as a member of staff as well.

Oracy Competition:

Our 3 finalists all did exceptionally well in the Cluster Oracy competition over the last two weeks and we are very proud of them all. Huge congratulations to our UPKS2 finalist, Hannah, who came first out of all the schools in our cluster (around 15 took part) and will be taking part in the county finals in April!

Dates of events:

We have managed to finalise a few plans that we have had in the pipeline this week- please note the addition of a trip for Years 1- 5 in July, an activity day for Year 4's in June and the sporting events. Letters for the sporting events went out this week. Letters for the other events will come out in the next few weeks to give you all as much notice as possible re costings.

Parent Internet Safety Information Evening:

Thank you so much for those of you that came and supported our meeting on Monday. Please check our website for a copy of the

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presentation and further information that you may find yourself. <u>https://www.coldastonprimaryschool.co.uk/internet-safety-at-home</u>

Special thanks to Matt for volunteering his ICT knowledge to support us with specific questions and if anyone has another further question or query he has said he is happy to discuss these with any of you so please if you do not know who Matt is, I am more than happy to point you in the right direction \bigcirc

New Library Books

The new Library books have arrived and have started to be put into our library today! Thank you so much to Lisa for all her hard work on this and again the PTFA for funding them. The children will be very excited next week on their visit for their next reading for pleasure books! Talking of 'Reading for Pleasure', those of you that have read our 2nd reading newsletter will know about our partnership that we are going to be having in the summer term. I have had confirmation that our partner school are in Jamaica!

Cross Country Finals

Last week Hannah ran in the County Cross Country finals and out of approx. 80 year 5 children she came 56th. She had an amazing day and learned so much about competition at this higher level.

Well done, Hannah! We are very proud of you.



Absences

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please contact the school office in the first instance, on either 01541 820470 or coldastonadmin@ncsf.school before 9.00a.m. You can message teachers on Class Dojo, but please be aware that the teachers will not always look

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Term 5 – School reopens Monday 8th April 2024.

Friday 12th April – Kingham Lodge Visit – clay workshops for all classes

May

Monday 6th May 2024 – closed BANK HOLIDAY

SATS WEEK – May 13th 2024

BREAK UP - Friday 24th May 2024 at 3.15 p.m.

<u>June</u>

Term 6 – School reopens Monday 3rd June 2024.

Year 6 – Residential 3rd – 7th June 2024

Thursday 13th June – Year 6 children only Gloucestershire Schools Leavers Service. Gloucester Cathedral.

Friday 21st June – Year 4 Activity Day

Thursday 27th June – Class Photographs

July

Friday 5th July 1.15 p.m.- 3.15 p.m. – Sports Day

Tuesday 9th July – Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 trip to Bristol – We are Curious Thursday 11th July Rehearsals at the Westwood Centre, Northleach. Details tbc

Friday 12th July – Whole School Production – Day at the Westwood Centre, Northleach. Details tbc

PUPILS BREAK UP - Friday 19th July 2024 at 1.30 p.m.

Monday 22nd July 2024 – INSET NO CHILDREN (Staff only)

Links:

Cold Aston Primary School

https://www.coldastonprima ryschool.co.uk/

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at messages prior to school, so you may be contacted by the office if they have not had notification about your child's absence.

We ask that all parents adhere to the 48 hour rule following a bout of sickness and diarrhoea.

Medical Appointments where possible, should be made outside of school hours, however, we understand that this is not always easy, especially with hospital appointments. Please advise the school office, so that it can be recorded correctly in the register.

Other Absences

No family holiday, short break or day out can be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. Absence for any reason during term time is discouraged. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday and in law, have to apply for permission in advance (at least 2 weeks' notice); this should be done by completing a "Request for a Leave of Absence" Form. All unauthorised absences, 10 sessions (5 school days) may result in you receiving a Penalty Notice. Please refer to our Absence Policy on our MAT website for further clarification.

Hopefully the weather will start to get drier soon but until then please can you ensure your child has a spare pair of shoes- wellies or additional trainers that they can wear up to the **field at lunch time**. Thank you.

Breakfast Club/Afterschool Pumpkin Patch

We really would like to keep our before and after school provision in place, however, we are currently running the risk of having to alter our offering due to the limited number of pupils attending breakfast club and after school club. We are particularly low on numbers for the second sessions of after school club and Weds- Fri breakfast clubs. If you are able to support us please do, otherwise we risk having to limit our offering.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hibell

Head Teacher

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Pre-School Forest School Fun at Cold Aston



Forest School is an inspirational process that offers children opportunities to achieve, and develop confidence through hands-on learning in a natural environment.

The need to provide an exciting environment where children can be free to play and connect with nature, just as many older generations did naturally, is more important than ever. As Sir David Attenborough says, "No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced".

Join Mindy and Becky at our beautiful site in Cold Aston with your little ones for some free play and building connections with other families. The sessions are child-led and involve lots of exploration, with a free flow of activities available, such as the mud kitchen, hammock and tree swing. The cost includes a biscuit and hot chocolate for the children with tea and coffee for the adults.



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Take a look at our website for further details <u>www.badgerwoodadventures.co.uk</u> or call Mindy on 07840 186816.

Leckhampton Court Hospice is having its Spring Fayre again on Saturday, the 23rd of March 2024. I was wondering if you may be able to share this with your network? It should be a really fabulous day with lots of new activities for all the family and everything raised from the day is dominated to the hospice.

Follow the link for more information more information - https://facebook.com/events/s/spring-fayre/898858231748904/