



EYFS Bulletin

Autumn Term 2024

Class Teachers

Badgers: Miss Harris

Foxes: Miss Melville

Teaching Assistants: Miss Pilsbury, Mrs Arthur-Lee, Mrs Weatherhead, Miss Smith and Miss Bayliss

Welcome to Coleham

On behalf of everyone here in EYFS we would like to begin by welcoming you all to Coleham Primary School. We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for the new academic year. We are really looking forward to meeting you all and beginning our learning journey together. We know that children learn best when they see parents and staff working together to support their best interests, so we thank you in advance for supporting us to help your child achieve their full potential.

Settling in

Firstly, thank you all for your support in helping to settle your children into school life at Coleham. Please note that we do recognise how difficult these first few mornings can be but believe me when we say, if your child has been upset in the mornings, it will improve. We are enormously proud of the efforts made by the children, each and everyone of them is striving to be independent and showing such resilience!

Timings for the first few weeks

As you will all be aware, this week the children have been in school for mornings only (including lunch) leaving school at 1:15pm. As of **Monday 9th September**, we will **resume normal school hours**. The EYFS doors will open at 8:40am and children will be collected at 3:10pm. Please ensure that all child collection arrangements have been communicated to your child's class teacher. As stated in our EYFS policy, school must be informed by a person with parental responsibility if an alternative person is due to collect their child. This can be done by completing the alternative collection form, phoning the school office or informing a member of our EYFS team at drop off.

PE Day

In EYFS PE will take place on Thursday morning with Mr Halford and Wednesday afternoon with class teachers. As noted in previous correspondence we would like your child to come to school wearing the appropriate PE kit, see website for more information. Please ensure clothing is suitable for the current weather conditions as P.E often takes place outside.

Woodland Work

Woodland Work sessions in our Conservation Area will take place for both classes on a Friday. Please may we ask that all children are provided with a labelled waterproof suit, coat and wellies that can be left in school. These kits are then sent home at the end of a half term, or before if they require cleaning. In addition to a Friday session in our Conservation Area, children in EYFS are fortunate to have daily access to another outdoor area known as *Little Cubs Orchard*. It is therefore incredibly important that waterproof suits and wellies are kept in school at all times.

Labelling Clothing

With 60 children in the cohort I'm sure you'll appreciate how easy it is for items to get lost. Please ensure **all** items of your child's belongings are labelled with their name and class, including P.E /Woodland Work kits and bags.

Supporting at home

Please note children in Reception begin bringing home reading books in the first few weeks of starting school. In order for you to support your child in reading at home we will be holding a Reading meeting for EYFS parents on **Monday 16th September**. It is important that **all** parents attend this session where possible at either **2:30pm** or **5:00pm**.

In addition to reading books, EYFS staff will share additional resources such as Sound Mats and Handwriting Activities that help a child's education get off to the best start. More information on how you can support your child with these activities to follow.

Finally, if you have any questions about your child starting school, please do speak to your child's Class Teacher, or EYFS Leader Miss Harris.

Many Thanks