



Coleham Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your week has been a good one, whether you are at home working and supporting your child or still attending work. The children, both in school and on Seesaw/Zoom, have been amazing, once again, producing some really excellent work!

This week I have spent time walking around school and looking at the lessons taking place on Seesaw, Tapestry and Zoom. All of the staff have been working really hard to share ideas and ensure that the learning provided is as good as it possibly can be – it is fair to say that we are learning and improving all of the time. Our remote learning is closely aligned with the learning going on in the classroom and, having monitored both very closely, I am really proud of what we have achieved. The staff are working so hard and doing an amazing job managing home and school learning, whilst keeping in touch with you all, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to them.

Zoom meeting rules and etiquette

The children, at home and school, continue to impress us all and it is lovely to see the vast majority of children logging onto their morning zoom calls. Please can I remind you of some important rules that we **must** ask all children to adhere to when on zoom calls:

- Please ensure that your child is fully dressed (not pyjamas).
- Please make sure that your child is sitting in a suitable work place (e.g. at a table or desk). Please ensure that your child is not in bed during the zoom call.
- Please talk to your child about listening carefully to others on zoom calls.
- Please talk to your child about correct use of the chat function. Please remind them that **everyone** can see their comments and so it is wise not to write anything rude or anything that they would not wish others (including their teacher) to read! Teachers may be disabling the chat function if they do not need it during calls.

Zoom social meetings for children at home

The feedback that some of you have provided to us is that many of the children at home are missing their friends and the daily social contact that school provides to them. Therefore, from next week, we will be organising some small group zoom meetings for children (in Years 1 – 6) at home to take part in each week. These sessions will last for around 15 minutes each on a weekly basis and they will be led by a member of staff from school. The children will be organised into small friendship groups (of around 5-6 children) and be given the chance to take part in a game/do a short activity with their class mates and/or simply have a nice chat. This will be specifically for those children remaining at home. Please look out for an extra zoom invitation from your child's class teacher. It will come to you via Seesaw and please let us know any feedback regarding these meetings so that we know whether they are well received.

Parent Donations

The school office has received some lovely enquiries from parents who wanted to offer a donation or purchase equipment for school. Friends of Coleham can receive monetary donations to purchase school equipment, but we have put our thinking caps on to think of a method that is a little more personal. So, we thought we could share our Amazon Wishlist with you. This includes wish list resources for classrooms and is available to those who would like to view it but there is certainly no expectation from us to do so.

<https://amzn.eu/i9YsWhY>

Thank you to those parents who are keen to donate – your support is greatly appreciated.

Support for parents and children

If your child is struggling with any of the tasks set or you feel they would benefit from extra extension tasks, please contact your child's class teacher via Seesaw or via email. Teachers are scheduling one-to-one Zoom meetings with children who need extra support and input and we are happy to provide extra challenge to anyone who needs it, so please just ask. Also, if you are struggling with anything relating to your child's learning/how to teach your child, please contact the school office. We are here to help and offer support.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and I will look forward to seeing some of you next week at the school gates and others via Seesaw/Tapestry and Zoom.

Kind regards,

Claire Jones

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Head teacher