

# Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

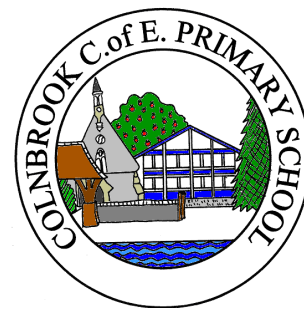
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## Newsletter

13th January 2023

**Be strong and courageous** Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Respect**

### A message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

In collective worship this week we introduced our new school prayer. Children from across the school helped create this prayer last term which is based on our vision and values as well as things that are important to us as a community, such as equality. We discussed how you could use or adapt our prayer, even if you aren't a Christian, to help our school community. Have a read of our new prayer below.

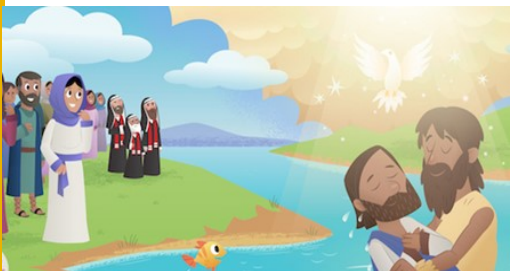
This week, Year 6 visited Eton College museum to launch their Frozen Kingdom project. They had the opportunity to explore the museum, with a particular focus on the affect of climate change on our planet. I know they all enjoyed the experience and were keen to share what they had learnt.

Finally, you will have received a letter this week about a parent governor vacancy. If you are interested in joining our supportive governing board, please speak to me at the gate, or contact our clerk via the email address in the letter.

Enjoy your weekend.

**Mr T. Brunson**  
Headteacher

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Worship Section	School Prayer	Attendance	
<p>Rev Janet led collective worship on Wednesday, with the Bible story about St John the Baptist and his baptism of Jesus.</p> 	<p>Almighty God Thank you that you created everyone in our school equal and unique, made in your image. May our school be a place where everyone is respected, cared for and loved. Help us and guide us when we feel lost. Give us strength and courage to choose the right path. Watch over us as we talk, listen and learn together.</p> <p>In your holy name we pray, Amen</p>	Year 5	99.11%
		Nursery AM	96.43%
		Year 1	96.25%
		Year 2	96.12%
		Year 3	95.19%
		Reception	93.75%
		Nursery PM	92.86%
		Year 4	91.25%
		Year 6	89.66%

### Church Section

The congregation at St Thomas Church wish you all a very happy and blessed New Year.

The service on Sunday is Cafe Church at 9-30am.

This is a relaxed, informal service with refreshments and activities for children. Everyone is welcome at all our services. We hope you will be able to come.

### After School Clubs

If your child has been allocated an after school club, you will have received a text message with the details.

#### IMPORTANT

For after school sports clubs, your child must bring a change of clothes, if not they will be unable to take part and their space will be offered to another child.

### Star of the Week

Reception - Cristiano  
Year 1 - Nicole  
Year 2 - Dillon  
Year 3 - Rakin  
Year 4 - Basil  
Year 5 - Isabelle  
Year 6 - Maryam  
Resource B - Sehaj

## Year 6 visit to Eton College Museum

On our trip to Eton College, we learnt about climate change. We did an experiment with bouncy balls which demonstrated how light rays work by getting into the astrosphere. It showed how the heat of the sun can escape or remain trapped and heat up the planet.

**Aarav.**

The second activity was to search the museum and find animals that might have been affected by climate change. We saw lots of taxidermy animals like fruit bats, reindeers, snakes, owls, butterflies and birds. **Serine**



## Mini-Police

Just before the Christmas break Thames Valley Police did a presentation to our Year 5 class about the mini-police. PCSO Daniel explained to the children the various jobs that take place within the police force and how the pupils could join the mini-police.

The children were asked to complete an application which could be a letter or a drawing, or both, explaining what they could achieve from the mini-police and what they could offer.

There are only 10 places for Year 5 pupils and it was a very hard choice for the police to choose as the applications were all of a very high standard.

This week Thames Valley Police returned to present the successful candidates with their certificates.

**Mrs Smith**

## Mental Health

### Resilience

Children thrive on routine, predictability and boundaries - when they lose these factors in the long-term, and the reasons why can often be unavoidable, it can be a difficult time for parent and child. However, as parents, there are ways to help them not only cope, but prosper during these times.

The key to managing this is in helping them develop their resilience. Here are four ways to do this...

1. Help them manage uncertainty
2. Help them to manage setbacks
3. Embrace mistakes
4. Challenge their beliefs

**Mrs Nurmohamed**

## Governor Vacancies at other schools within the Slough & East Berkshire Multi-Academy Trust (SEBMAT)

If you are interested in becoming a governor at a different school to Colnbrook, we are looking for people from all walks of life to volunteer as governors across our six schools which make up the Slough and East Berkshire Multi-Academy Trust. Whatever your professional and personal background, your input could support a school, and increase young people's educational achievements and life chances.

School governors carry out a vital role in education - helping to plan the strategic direction of a school, ensuring money is well spent, and providing support and challenge for the leadership team. A strong governing board provides robust discussion, which in turn leads to improved educational outcomes for our children. While it requires time and commitment, previous governors have indicated that they have gained considerable personal and professional benefits and are positive about what they have contributed to their local schools and community.

If you are interested and want to find out more, then initially make contact with [robin.crofts@sebmata.com](mailto:robin.crofts@sebmata.com)

## DIARY DATES

20th Jan	Year 6 Class Assembly: 9:00am
27th Jan	SEN Coffee morning: 8:50am
1st Feb	Year 5 trip to Eton College Museum
3rd Feb	Reception Class Assembly: 9:00am
8th Feb	Year 4 visit to St Thomas Church Quiet Garden
9th Feb	End of term
10th Feb	Inset Day: School closed
13th-17th Feb	Half term