



# COLNEY HEATH SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Healthy School

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## Head's Comment

Welcome back, especially to all the new children and families who have joined us this year.

Again the year promises to be fun packed and very busy, so remember to check your inboxes and our website, and please ensure we have your up-to-date email address and mobile numbers.



## New Website

We are really excited to launch our new website today. On it you will find really useful information including most of the diary dates for the year. Parent consultations, concerts and even sports day have already been set.

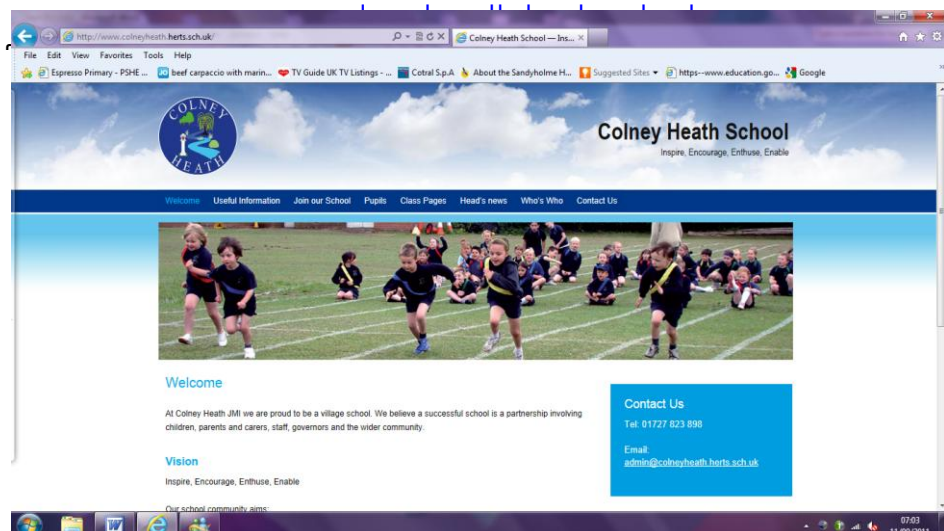
We hope this will become a main source of information providing you with up-to-date information about the school.

Over the coming year the children are going to add to the website to provide you with an insight into their learning. This will include photographs and Blogs.

Some classes have added something already, to give you a flavour of what is to come.

We have also provided you with a comprehensive list of useful websites and parents. We are currently building a list of websites to support your child at home.

So log in today and have a look and add



Newsletter Edition 1

## Village News

(link to most of the local organisations can be found on our website under Community)

### Twinning Events ([www.colneyheathtwinning.org.uk/index.html](http://www.colneyheathtwinning.org.uk/index.html))

NEXT popular Twinning event is the Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

More details available via our website.



### Treasure Tots Pre-school

For children aged 2 years 4 months – 5 years.

Further details call 01727 825314

### Village Show

The school had its own category with every child participating. The children produced pictures on the theme of their community. The class winners were judged on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall.

### Clubs

Clubs start this week. There still may be some places so contact the office if you are interested.

Monday	Cricket	N Mymms	Yr3 to Yr6
Tuesday	Olympic	Charters	Yr2 to Yr4
Wednesday	Tennis	Batchwood	Yr3 to Yr6
	Football (FULL)	Apex	Yr2 to Yr4
	School Council		Yr1 to Yr6
Thursday	Tennis	Batchwood	Rec to Yr2
	Football		Yr 5 to Yr6
	Netball		Yr 3 to Yr6
Friday	Street Dance	Apex	Yr3 to Yr6
	(to be confirmed)		

The school will be taking part in the St Albans School's netball, football and cross country leagues this term and I will keep you updated on the results.

The squads will be able to wear lovely new kits thanks to the generous sponsorships we were able to obtain last term.

### School Car Park and Playground Health and Safety

For health and safety reasons please do not use the school car park at the beginning and the end of the school day.

We have also had a couple of incidents where unsupervised younger children have left the school grounds. Please ensure you keep your children near you for their safety.

Finally, it has been noticed a number of families are crossing the road by the side car park. The pedestrian crossing and lollipop lady provided are for your safety and that of the children. We need to help the children learn by example, so I would urge you to all make the effort to walk that little bit further.

## The Alban Way Extended Schools Consortium

The extended services have now ceased and with this the wealth of opportunities offered to you. We will try to keep you informed of things going on locally, and how you can sign up for them.

We have managed to keep Mrs Thorpe who worked as a parent support worker last year. She will be with us for one day a week this year and will be available for you to come and see during this time. Her role will be to support you as parents and to sign post opportunities that might be around for your specific needs.

### Money

Can I first thank all those parents who have promptly paid for school dinners this term. As with all monies coming into school it is essential that it comes in on time as this has a huge impact on office time. Please remember to check to see if you are eligible for free school meals (school website) and talk to us privately about any individual issues you may have.

Weekly: £9.75 (£1.95 a day)

Half Term: £68.25

### Walking Bus

With the new traffic calming in the village we hope that more families will walk or cycle to school, thus reducing traffic congestion around the school.

Remember the walking bus, who are looking for more adult helpers which will allow a greater number of children to benefit from it.

It is possible to park your car along the route of the bus and then your child can join their friends walking to school.

Please contact the school for details

### Fencing

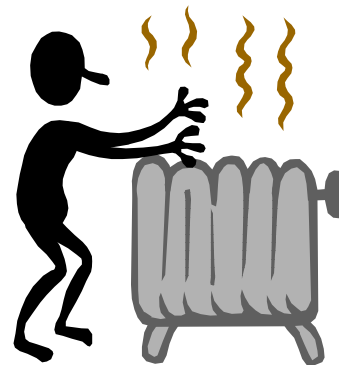
If you have been on the playground over the past week you would have noticed the new fencing around Yr1's outside doors. This has been installed to allow Yr1 to have a safe and secure outdoor area. This fencing was provided by the PTA and I would like to extend a special thanks to Mr Power who gave up his free time to install it for us.

Year 1 have already been out enjoying their new area and equipment.



## Boiler

Over the summer holidays the County have installed a new boiler into the school. This means we now have a more efficient heating system, just in time for the coming winter!



## Happy Puzzle Day – Free Event

We have managed to secure a special event for the children and parents on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. During the day the pupils will participate in a range of exciting and stimulating mathematical activities. This will be followed at 3.15 by a parent and child session lasting 90 minutes. The staff will also be in attendance to work through and support.

It is a fantastic opportunity and free, so look out for the form to sign up in the near future.



## PTA

The PTA would like to invite you to their meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

It is really important to take an active interest in the school and offer support. So come along, and see how you can help. This is not a commitment, just an opportunity to meet the present committee and consider what you could do.

Remember:

- ❖ Kids On the Catwalk. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- ❖ Craft Fair on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

**The new infant playground equipment is being installed this week. Please be aware that this will cause some disruption to you at the beginning and end of the day. We will keep you informed of any changes to our normal routine as soon as possible.**