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# Colwick Times



## 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### \*\*\*Position vacant\*\*\*

We have a position become available on our Mid-day Supervisor team. We are looking to appoint a suitable candidate, to start as soon as possible, to support our pupils in dinner service and playtime activities. Hours of work are Monday to Friday 12.00 - 1.10pm. If you know of anyone interested please direct them to our school website for further details and the application pack [St John the Baptist Vacancies](#)

### Animal Visitors

On 21<sup>st</sup> November, Laura visited FS, KS1 and Year 3 to show her animals. *There was a fox, a tarantula, a tortoise, a python, an owl, and a chameleon. We got chance to touch them and Laura told us all about the animals like where they live and what they are. I learnt that the fox can live in the desert because it had fur on its feet like a slipper to stop it from getting burnt (Amelia). I learnt that a tortoise can't swim (Eliana). We were both scared at first in case the tarantula would bite us but then I got courage because it was friendly. The fox kept tickling me because her legs were furry. It was exciting to learn about the animals and get chance to meet them.*

By Eliana and Amelia-Hope C2



## Our School

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The children made some beautiful Christmas tree decorations this week!



## The Panto visit!

We are getting close to our PTFA funded panto visit on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the first time in nearly 7 years the whole school (including all staff too!) have been out on a visit together so I am very excited! We will be watching Cinderella at the Nottingham Playhouse.

Just to remind you that we will leave school after lunchtime and will return to school to be collected at 6pm from the playground. On the day, pupils need to wear usual school uniform, bring their water bottle, and a small treat (sweets/popcorn/crisps, no chocolate please in case it melts) to eat during the show.

Thank you very much to the PTFA members for fundraising and supporting this trip.

## After School Club

If you are considering choosing our after school club for childcare, we have lots to offer!

- A range of games and craft activities, including themed activities – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is their Christmas party!
- Fresh, healthy snacks
- Weekly certificates to reward good behaviour



We have had lots of great feedback from parents. Please click on the link [Premier Education](#)

## School dinners

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December Nottinghamshire County Council have increased the price of a school dinner per day to £2.95. FS/KS1 meals will continue to be free at our school.

## Illness

As we get into the winter months and the coughs and colds start, a question we have many times is 'can my child come to school?' To support you in your decision making please see this link [Is my child too ill for school?](#) I hope that you find it helpful.

## Mental Health

As you are aware, we strive to support our school community, children, and parents, with their wellbeing and positive mental health by engaging with Mental Health Support Team throughout the year. We have arranged a 'Parent/ Carer Drop In', where you are invited to drop in to school after delivering your child/children to their class on Thursday 7th December at 8.45am – 10am. The drop in is a safe, confidential, and informal opportunity for you to chat with Rebecca, our school link with the MHST Team, and Mrs Whitt, our ELSA and Family Link Officer. Please feel free to come along to find out what support the MHST can offer parents/carers and young people and what work they do to promote mental health and wellbeing within school. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available so please come and join us for a chat, no issue is too big or small. If you are unable to make this event and you have questions surrounding mental health support please contact our Mental Health Lead in school, Mrs Bloom, via the school office. She would be happy to speak with you to discuss any concerns you may have.

The QR code can be scanned if you wish to self-refer yourselves to the service, click on the links above to find out more about the team and what they can offer.



<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/camhs-mental-healthsupport-teams/> [https://youtu.be/BFkndxVd\\_Ys](https://youtu.be/BFkndxVd_Ys)

## Awards

### Platinum awards

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November - FS Amiah, Layton, Isabelle, Amelia, Lewis, C1 Delight, Milie, C2 Elizabeth, C4 Jasmine, Matthew, Esme R, Rhys G

Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November - FS Emi, Cleo, Toby, Erin, Olivia, C1 Jessica, Ivy, C3 Gracie, Anashe, C6 Scarlett, Mia, Joshua

### Times tables award

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November - C5

Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November - C4

### Attendance award

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November C6

Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November

## Diary dates

Wednesday 6th December - After School Church (bookable at [afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com))

Wednesday 7th December - Parents support group for mental health coffee morning

Friday 8th December - Y1 trip to Brackenhurst

Monday 11th December - flu immunisations

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 6 DAart graduation 2.30pm parent week

Tuesday 12th December - whole school panto trip return 6pm

Monday 18th December - 2.15pm Y5/6 carol service (no ticket required)

Tuesday 19th December – 9.30am FS & KS1 Nativity (ticket required)

Wednesday 20th December - 2.15pm Y3/4 carol service (no ticket required)

Wednesday 20th December - 9.30am FS & KS1 Nativity (ticket required)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas dinner and jumper day

Thursday 21st December - 9.30am FS & KS1 Nativity (ticket required)

Monday 25th December - Weds 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January - pupils return for the spring term

Friday 9th February – INSET day school closed to pupils

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – half term holiday

Monday 19th February – pupils return for spring term 2