

A very happy New Year to you all.

The staff all hope you had a good Christmas and enjoyed the festive season. May we all thank you for the gifts and seasonal greetings received from you. It is always extremely generous of you and we all value the tokens of appreciation. Thank you.

Parent consultations.

The whole school are currently being assessed to monitor progress. This information will be shared with the parents the week beginning Monday 4th February. Parent Consultation letters will be sent home to arrange a time for you to come and talk to the class teacher about your child's achievements and needs for the next steps in their development.

Hot Dinners.

We are still in negotiations to reinstate these. The Local Authority have still no news but the four affected school Headteachers met on Wednesday and we are still looking at possible solutions to providing hot school meals.

Corby Old Village



Primary School

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Curriculum and provision.

COVS prides itself in striving to offer high levels of adult—pupil teaching opportunities. The school invests much of its annual budget on staffing. In fact compared to local schools we spend more per pupil on all resources. The benefits of this are an enriched, enhanced curriculum. We also strive to provide as many first hand experiences as possible. Trips, visits and in school workshops are all heavily subsidised from the school budget. We do ask for voluntary contributions to support activities as this income means we can continue to offer the breadth of activities. Transport costs have gone up and we do try to keep requests for financial support from you to a minimum. Thank you for your support which enables us to offer the best opportunities for learning.

After School clubs.

As with any new system it has not been without some teething troubles. Firstly, may we apologise for the omissions of the computers on Wednesdays and Bird club on Thursdays. Secondly, we do appreciate it is not a good time to manage six weeks in advance! From now on though, if you know it will come again in six weeks it should settle into a routine. Nobody can now join clubs just for one night. It stops daily administration which could take an hour out of the Office time each day—this approach allows better value for money for you and your children!

Your children do not have to stay for clubs. Neither do we consider an hour's club for £1 is expensive—certainly not compared with some local schools who have businesses running their clubs. The good thing about our clubs is that they are run by people who know your children and whom your children knows. If any profits are made they are going into the budget to be spent on your children—not into an independent company to go out of the school!

The next set of activities will come to you by letter on Friday 8th February so you can sign up ready for the next term. Again there will be six weeks so you can start saving up now please! Again we will register your requests and payments for a week and then the opportunities to join clubs will close. We do try our best to please everyone and work with you but we cannot have different sets of rules for different people.

The good things are, we know which children are on school site, where they are, we know they are supervised at the correct ratio of adults to children and, most importantly, SAFE.



The school now has it's own Web-site.

www.covp.org.uk There are lots of interesting things to read and we intend to update it regularly so if you have a computer and internet, why not have a look?

School closure. If it snows.....

go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/learning Then click on Information for Parents. Then school closures and you will see the advice. It should also be announced on Radio Northampton 104.2 and 103.6FM and other local radio stations.

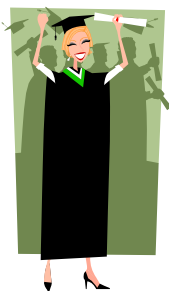
Staff news.

Sadly, Mrs Cheryl Searson has chosen not to return to us after Christmas. She has decided to resign and spend more time with her family. She will be much missed by us all. She had a son at the school and became actively involved as a parent helper. Since September 2002 she has worked as a Teaching and Learning Support Assistant with our Early Years children. She has nurtured children into school, supported them with learning and provided cookery for all children at some time while they have been in the school. Cheryl has been a very active Friends of the School Chairperson. The community of the school has been enriched by her commitment and dedication. We will miss her as a member of staff and friend.

We are having a collection for a leaving present for Cheryl and will get her something to remember us by. If you have a contribution please give this to the classteacher or take it to the Office by Friday 25th January. Thank you.

Headship

This post will be re-advertised and interviews are now scheduled for April. Meanwhile Mrs. Dredge, the Senior Management Team and the Governors will continue to plan and budget for the next financial and academic year.



Students

The school prides itself in supporting the local secondary schools, colleges and Universities by supporting students in training. We receive work experience trainees from the schools from time to time. We currently have three Tresham Students and two University Trainee Teachers working within the teaching team. We welcome them all and wish them every success in completing their courses.



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Diary dates:

**22.1.08—Class 1 and 2 to Space Centre.
After school clubs**

**23.1.08—Class 4 swimming. Year 2 In-
door Tennis.**

After school clubs.

**24.1.08— Class 1 to Forest School. After
school clubs.**

**28.1.08— Final payment for Hilltop Resi-
dential Trip for KS2. Kettering \museum
workshop in school for Class 4.**

29.1.08—After school clubs

**30.1.08— Class 4 swimming. Year 2 Indoor
tennis. After school clubs.**

**31.1.08—Class 1 to Forest schools. Year 3
and 4 Basketball. After school clubs.**

1.2.08—Next newsletter.

Coming soon.....

Parent consultations week beginning 4th February.

Next set of After School clubs letter—Friday 8th February.

Family Fun Bingo session Wednesday 13th February.

School closes for end of term 3 break—3.00p.m. 15th February to Monday 25th
February, 8.45a.m.

Just to remind everyone that this year we only have Good Friday and Easter Mon-
day off for Easter. The two week break follows two weeks later—4th April to 21st
April.

