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*Colby School News Issue 35:
Friday 30th June 2023*

Monday 3 rd July 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 / 6 Football at lunchtime. Netball event for selected pupils. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 4 th July 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Colby Choir practice with Mrs Towers 8.30am (no charge). KS1 Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. <u>Free Dress for FOCS Summer Fayre Tombola prizes – any donations appreciated.</u> <u>No hot meals available today – please send children with packed lunches.</u> No Swimming this week. Cricket Club 3.15 - 4.15pm with cricket coach £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) LAST Session of the term. Athletics Club After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 6 th July 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. Meet your new teacher morning 9 – 12. Tag Rugby at lunchtime. KS2 Football Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Ben £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Netball Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Mr B £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) KS2 Gardening Club 3 – 4.15pm £5. PLACES AVAILABLE. (After School Club available after to 5pm).
Friday 7 th July 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED due to Strike Action – see note later in newsletter.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July: Sport Week.

Monday 10th July: Go Kart Sponsored Event for Amber and Sapphire Class.

Tuesday 11th July 1.15pm: Key Stage 2 Sports' Festival (Emerald, Ruby and Amethyst). Parents / families very welcome to attend.

Wednesday 12th July 1.15pm: Amber and Sapphire Sports' Festival. Parents / families very welcome to attend.

Thursday 13th July: Assembly for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Friday 14th July: Friends of Colby School Summer Fayre from 3pm.

Monday 17th July: Ruby Class trip to ROARR Dinosaur Park.

Wednesday 19th July: Sapphire class Victorian Day.

Thursday 20th July: Sapphire class trip to How Hill.

Friday 21st July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am.

Friday 21st July: School breaks up for the Summer holiday.



School closed Friday 7th July 2023

As you may be aware, further strike action has been called for Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023.

We have opened Colby School as usual on all other strike days to avoid disruption for children and their families. Unfortunately, as no agreement has been reached regarding a fully funded pay increase, many of us now feel compelled to take strike action and withdraw our labour.

On Wednesday 5th July 2023, Colby School will be open. Some classes may be supervised by support staff and we may be off timetable for some lessons. We have enough staff available to keep your children safe and happy but may not be following our usual curriculum on this day.

We will be unable to offer hot meals because of staff shortages. Please contact Mrs Mead if your child is entitled to a free meal and you would like a packed lunch to be provided.

On **Friday 7th July 2023**, Colby School will be **closed** to all children. A significant number of staff will be taking strike action on this day and it is not possible for us to open the school safely. It is not a decision that we have taken lightly and we are sorry for the disruption caused.



Headteacher Awards

Solomiia (Ruby) for wonderful manners and being very polite
Martha, Josie, Emily and Ben R (Amethyst), Hannah and Cian (Ruby) and Hudson and Max (Emerald) for beautiful manners at the end of the Crazy Sleepover
Freya and Ralph (Amber) for knowing Phase 5 tricky words
Mia (Amber) for great listening during After School Club
Emily (Amber) for her amazing seaside poem writing
Sebastian (Amber) for super concentration in phonics
Alfie (Emerald) for passing the tables test
Erin, Ines, Nathaniel and Amber C (Emerald) for great attitude in class
Anna, Erin, Amelie, Amber, Ines, Dylan and Sky (Emerald) for excellent subordinate clauses
Dolly (Ruby) for a good discussion
Evie, Dolly, Imogen, Matthew, Ophelia, Leo, Ivy and Ellen (Ruby) and Elsie (Amethyst)
for great memories
Imogen and Ellen (Ruby) for marvellous maths
Cian and Hannah (Ruby) for super spelling
Leo, Herbie, Olive and Verity (Sapphire) for marvellous maths
Rita (Sapphire) for reading an entire book independently and with great confidence
Verity and Jaxson (Sapphire) for being a polite audience
Quinn (Sapphire) for amazing quiet reading
James (Sapphire) for a detailed sketch of Victorian nature art
Leo (Sapphire) for a beautiful sketch of Victorian nature art
Herbie, Jaxson and Milo (Sapphire) for fantastic writing
Felix (Sapphire) for good maths knowledge regarding doubles



Success out of School

Congratulations to **Freddie** (Amethyst) who passed his Grade 1 Saxophone exam where he played 5 pieces, 3 scales and arpeggios, and had to do some sight reading and sight singing.
Well done Freddie!



More Success out of School

Congratulations to **Ophelia** (Ruby) for being selected to play in Norfolk's Under 11 Netball team – what a fantastic achievement! Well done, Ophelia!



Year 6 fundraising super star!

Further to Freddie successfully climbing Snowden on 4th June, he is planning to climb Scafell Pike on Saturday. It is the steepest out of the three mountains in his challenge so he knows it is going to be tough.

If you would like to donate to help him power his way up, please click on the link below. You can also follow updates and photos of his climb on the page.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/freddieblunt?utm_term=6P9KDQGBK

Thank you for your fantastic fundraising efforts Freddie, you are an absolute STAR!



Ballet Success

Congratulations and well done to **Verity** (Emerald) who was 'Highly Commended' for successfully demonstrating the required standard in Primary Classical Ballet, from the British Theatre Dance Association.



Please could we ask that you check your ParentPay accounts and look at paying any outstanding balances. We are rapidly coming to the end of the Academic year, and we will have to balance our books before we start to roll-over into the new Academic year. We will need to carry out the roll-over in the last week of the term. Thank you.



Odd Socks needed in Sapphire Class!

Please can all Sapphire children bring in a clean sock for DT work next week! It can be any colour or size and will not be returned in its original state!

Thank you for your help!



Green fingered Dad!

Sapphire Class and all at Colby School want to thank Mr. Jones (Isaac and Leo's dad) for all his AMAZING help with the pond and the go-kart shed. They were so impressed with all his hard work that they wanted to let him know. They were particularly enjoyed watching the rotavator in action! They made him a beautiful card with personal notes and pictures from the children. What a superstar!



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge helps to prevent the summer reading 'dip', encouraging children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading goal over the holidays. Norfolk Libraries will be launching the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge "Ready, Set, Read" on 8th July 2023. A visit for an assembly has been arranged on Thursday 13th July 2023 to speak to your children about the challenge and encourage them to sign up.



Summer Fayre Raffle

This is to be my last ever Colby raffle!!! Please, please let's make it the biggest and best it can be.

Tickets will be going out with children today. (Yr 6 pupils will have theirs to bring home on Monday) Please could I ask you to do your very best to sell as many as you can, and return monies and stubs in envelopes provided.

As it is my last raffle, and the end of my Colby era, I will be providing a special prize to the child who sells the most tickets.

Any questions or for more tickets please see me at drop off or collection

Jo Rochester

Summer Fun Camp in Felmingham

We are delighted to be running a multi-activities summer fun camp for children aged 4-12, as part of the BNHF scheme, for four days in Felmingham this summer!

We have fully funded spaces for children who are eligible for means-tested free school meals, as well as subsidised spaces for children who are not eligible for free school meals.

Our leaflet is attached with this newsletter.

Thanks and best wishes, Kelly, Active Future Norwich



Pizza design technology

Dear Amethyst parents,

Next week, Amethyst are making pizza for their D.T. unit of work. The school will provide the base, tomato and cheese, but if children want to add extra toppings to theirs, they will need to bring in those items on Thursday morning. They will be stored in the fridge ready for the afternoon.

Could all meats be pre-cooked please.

A big thank you to Mr. Cannon who has lent us his pizza oven. He will be helping to judge the best ones!

Many thanks, Mr. Frost



New Class for September 2023

It has been wonderful to meet our new Reception children this week and we are looking forward to them joining Colby School in September. We will be finalising class allocations for next year on Monday.

The following year group allocations are already decided:

Amber: Reception children.

Sapphire: Year 2 children.

Emerald: Year 3 children.

Ruby: Year 5 children.

Amethyst: Year 6 children.

I will be in touch with parents of children moving into Year 1 and Year 4 early next week to let you know which class your child will be in. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Christine Mead