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Colby School News Issue 8: Friday 4th November 2022

Monday 7 th Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 8 th Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Yr 3 & 4 selected pupils - Football at Beeston Hall 9.30 – 12.30. KS2 Dodgeball (New time) with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) Girls' Football with Hannah B 3 - 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 9 th Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Swimming for selected pupils – please remember packed lunches. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 10 th Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Remembrance Assembly led by KS2 from 9.15am. KS2 parents welcome. KS2 Football with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 11 th Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



Tuesday 15th November: Yrs 4 - 6 Non Club Football event hosted at Colby 10am – 1pm.

Friday 2nd December: FOCS Christmas Fayre starting at 3pm.

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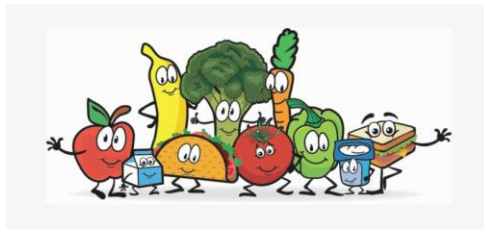
Thursday 8th December: KS2 Pantomime at the Atrium 6pm start 'Panto Pandemonium'.

Wednesday 14th December: Father Christmas Fun Run.

Monday 19th December to Tuesday 3rd January 2023: School closed for Christmas holidays.

Wednesday 4th January 2023: Pupils return to school for Spring term.





Colby Kitchen

As you know, our lovely Sam leaves Colby School today. We will be very sorry to lose her and wish her every future success and happiness in her new career.

Sam will be a hard act to follow but we are hopeful someone in the Colby community will be interested in joining the Colby staff team. Please read the advert below for more details.

Colby Kitchen Vacancy.

We are looking for a hardworking and reliable candidate to join Colby Kitchen and prepare nutritious and delicious hot meals for Colby School children.

Colby Kitchen routines are well-established and organised (thank you, Sam), so catering experience is not essential. Supervising Food Safety in Catering certificated training will be given.

Applications are also very welcome from candidates with catering experience who might have ideas about further developing the meal offering at Colby School.

Ideally, candidates will be able to work 9am – 1pm Monday to Friday (20 hours) but applications are welcome for part-time hours from candidates who are not available every day. The hourly rate will be £9.80.

We are hoping to find a candidate who will be interested in joining Colby School as a long term career. We are a happy and friendly team and a career at Colby School will be a rewarding one. There is the possibility of extending the weekly hours beyond 20 hours in the future for the right candidate.

This position might also suit someone wanting to earn some extra money before Christmas – applications are welcome from candidates who are interested in shorter term contracts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all.

Closing Date for Applications: Thursday 10th November 2022 at 9am.

Interview Date: Friday 11th November 2022 – time to be confirmed.



Readers for Emerald Class

If there are any parents who would like to volunteer some time in Emerald Class to hear children read they would be most welcome. Ideally straight after drop off 8.50 - 9.10 any morning would be perfect. Let me know if you have any spare time.

Many thanks

Mr B



Headteacher Awards

Quinn (Sapphire) for a super sentence in phonics!

Lev (Sapphire) for great progress in phonics.

Alfie (Sapphire) for marvellous maths!

All of Amethyst class

for inspiring representation of themselves and the school during the Yr 3 and 4 multi-skills event

Freddie (Amethyst) for Wordle

Sienna, Izzy, Bella and Ivy (Ruby) for fantastic column addition

Eleanor, Evie, Florence, Poppy, Dolly and Izzy (Ruby) for using expanded subtraction

Dolly (Ruby) for great homework

Cody and Sienna (Ruby) for passing the Bronze times tables challenge

Leo and Will (Ruby) for passing the European times tables challenge

Sofia and Viv (Ruby) for fantastic reading records

Dolly and Viv (Ruby) for being Stars of the fortnight

Ophelia, Hannah, Ivy and Cian (Ruby) for brilliant punctuation

Hudson (Emerald) for fantastic concentration

Leo (Sapphire) for amazing date knowledge

Herbie (Sapphire) for imaginative English work

Flint (Sapphire) for fantastic focus in phonics

All Year 2s (Sapphire) for awesome alliteration

All Year 1 in Sapphire class, Rita and Scarlett (Sapphire) for fantastic whole part maths

All of Amber Class for settling in so well with their new teacher Miss Covell

Archie (Amber) for being very helpful around the class and his friends

Sebastian (Amber) for wonderful contribution to the phonics lesson

All Reception pupils for writing in their phonics book for the first time really neatly

Harriet (Emerald) for being independent

Amber, Dylan, Verity, Teddy, Sky, Eva, Harry, Vinnie and Edgar (Emerald)

for excellent exchanging in maths x 2!

All of Emerald class for awesome school trip behaviour

Reuben, Amber C and Jacob (Emerald) for great reading enthusiasm

Erin, Amelie and Ines (Emerald) for being good role models

Erin and Reuben (Emerald) for Wall of Wonder work

Harriet (Emerald) for helping a classmate in maths



Food provision for next week

Breakfast Club will continue from 8am every morning run by Simon.

Our new Colby Kitchen worker will not join us until Monday 14th November 2022.

Until then, we will be operating an interim menu prepared by current Colby School staff:

Monday: Pasta bake with salad and vegetables.

Tuesday: Jacket potato with beans, cheese and salad.

Wednesday: Sausages, mash and vegetables.

Thursday: Jacket potato with spaghetti hoops, cheese and salad.

Friday: Fish fingers in a bun with salad.

Please note, the menu will be subject to change for the next 2 weeks due to staffing arrangements but we will endeavour to provide hot meals every day. Thank you for your understanding.



Amber Class Curriculum

Hi everyone! Well done to Amber Class for settling back into school with a new teacher. We are so proud of all of the children.

This half term Amber class will be working on the topic of 'Magical Me' where we will explore lots about ourselves in magical ways. Later in the term we will also enjoy the excitement of Christmas and have lots of Christmas themed activities.

In English, Reception children will be encouraged to develop their confidence by speaking within a small group. We will look for names, labels and notices around us, find out why they are important and try to read them. We will also practise name writing on a regular basis. We will also be beginning to write short words and use correct letter formation. Year 1 pupils will expand their recognition of common irregular words in the environment around them. Year 1 pupils will become familiar with key stories and be able to retell them. They will continue to practise their independent writing while writing instructions and book reviews.

Reception children will be learning about different areas of maths through practical and fun activities. There will be lots of opportunities to count, read, recognise and order numbers to 10 both in the classroom and outside. We will also be taking a look at 2D shapes. Year 1 children will be exploring addition and subtraction within 10. We will also look at shapes and place value up to 20.

In PE, we will all be learning about Netball. Our PE days will be a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. We ask children to come to school in their PE kit on PE days and they will stay in their kit all day.

As you know, we do lots of outdoor learning in Amber Class. Please ensure your children come to school in appropriate footwear and named jumpers/cardigans/coats. Our outdoor learning mornings where we have our lessons in the garden will be every **Monday** and **Thursday**.

In Year 1 we will be learning about the following topics in our foundation subjects:

- Science: Materials
- Art – Miro
- Geography – Seasons and daily weather patterns
- Life Skills: Families and People who care for me
- RE: The Christian Christmas story.

Children in Reception are given the choice to join in with these lessons or engage within the continuous provision available in the classroom where a play based activity linked to the Year 1 work will be available for them to engage in.

Our annual Christmas performance is extremely popular with the children in Amber Class. We will join forces with Sapphire Class to learn some new songs, along with some old favourites and act out the Christmas story. We really look forward to welcoming families to the production to showcase how amazing we all are!

As you can see we are going to be packing in lots of fun learning experiences this half term. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the Amber class adults or to send us a message via email or on Tapestry. Please remember to read the newsletter every week as that is the best way to keep up-to-date with events and important diary dates.

We can't wait to have lots of fun this half term. Many thanks, The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum

I cannot believe we are in the second half of the Autumn Term already!

PE Sapphire Class will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child has adequate warm outdoor PE clothes as we will be outside for our netball skills sessions with Ben.

English We will be sharing poetry over the next few weeks, including 'What is Red' and 'Flint' by Christina Rossetti. Children will be creating their own poetic sentences and verses. We will be enjoying some humorous stories and trying our hand at writing our own versions. Children continue to have daily phonics sessions and their reading books should be matched to their phonics level. (On the reverse of each book you can find the PHASE number) Children will have a short spelling test every Friday morning and all spelling lists will be posted on our Google Classroom page.

In **Maths** we will be working on addition and subtraction within numbers up to 100 (Yr2s) and 30 (Yr1s). We will be using practical objects as well as number tracks. Year 2s will be learning to use their own number line to add and subtract two 2 digit numbers. All children should now have access to SumDog and can enjoy playing maths games online at home to support with their learning. Ben will continue working with the children on 2d and 3d shapes on Fridays.



History We will be finding out about the Great Fire of London, when, why and how it happened. We will discover who Samuel Pepys was and explore different types of historical sources.

Art Our art links to our history learning as we will be trying out different techniques and materials initially to represent flames and the outline of buildings. The children will create their own representation of the Great Fire, using their historical knowledge and paintings by professional artists as inspiration. We look forward to seeing these take shape!

Mrs. Moulton will be working with Sapphire children on **computing** and will be working on digital photography.

In our **Life Skills** sessions with Ben we will be discussing different types of bullying including online bullying.

In **RE** we will be finding out about Noah from the Old Testament and asking what Christians can learn from the story.

We will shortly begin learning our songs which will form part of our Christmas performance. As always, we will join with Amber Class for this and we will let you know shortly about parts and which costumes children will require.



A huge THANK YOU to your support with your children when they brought home the class owls. I have been amazed at how busy and what wonderful adventures they have had and it's been wonderful to see how hard the children have worked on writing their diary extracts. The owls will continue their travelling with the children this term.



As always, if you have any questions you know where I am!

Sarah Frost



Emerald Class Curriculum

I love this term at school, it's jam packed with lots of exciting things happening! We've got Fireworks, Remembrance and then the lead up to Christmas! Can't wait!

This term in History we are going to be learning all about WW2, how it began and the impact it had on children and soldiers. We will be writing some poetry and letters, as well as some exciting story writing ideas. We will link our science and DT with History this term, learning about electricity and then creating some air raid warning systems.

In maths we are continuing using our White Rose Curriculum and focusing on addition and subtraction. We are learning how to exchange ones, tens and hundreds to help us add and take away as well as looking at our times tables and other helpful maths skills.

In PE we are focusing on developing our social skills whilst also learning how to play netball. Our PE days have moved slightly as we may need to use the hall with wintery weather ahead. I expect to be outside as much as possible so still send children to school with warm PE gear.

PE will now be on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Alice will be teaching Life Skills on Thursday, focusing on emotions and how we can cope with everyday situations. Mrs Moulton will teach Computing which is always great fun and Mrs Towers continues Music on Wednesdays. She will be supporting the children with Remembrance and Christmas singing. In RE we will learn all about Sikhism and how it affects our everyday life.

Emerald has had a couple of amazing class trips recently. We loved visiting the church and a big thanks to Reverend Chamberlin for opening up and showing us around. It was lovely to watch the children walking down the lane and being so excited about being out and about. Last term we learned about the UK and focussed on hills and mountains. The children loved climbing the Beeston and Inceborough mountains this week and celebrated wildly when we reached the summit! Thank you to all the adults who gave up their time, the children loved their time with you.

We are having extra reading time in school this term and I have asked the children to have a minimum of three signatures in their reading diary each week. It is really important to hear your children read out loud all the way until high school. I am asking the children to mix their reading up between stories and non fiction and also setting some reading targets for them to achieve. I hope you can find time to encourage reading at home. Children are responsible for changing their reading books in school and have time every morning to do this. If your child needs support with this then please let me know.

If you have any questions about your children's learning then please get in touch.

Mr B



Ruby Class Curriculum

Welcome back. I hope you had a lovely half term.

This half term will be a busy one as usual. We will start by looking at Remembrance and reading poems about the first and second world war. After that, we will write our own poetry about losing someone in the war. This will lead into our Remembrance Service on the 10th November. After this, we will continue to look at myths and legends and write our own myths. We will then look at writing reports and instructions. The children have been working hard with their spellings and this will continue this term. Please have a look on Google Classroom for some activities that they could do to help them learn their spellings each week. We are also going to be having a push on using capital letters and full stops correctly. Please can you encourage your children to be using capitals when doing any writing at home. With Christmas coming up, it would be great to make sure that they write names with a capital letter on their Christmas cards.

In maths, we are finishing looking at subtraction followed by multiplication and division. We will then start to look at length, perimeter and area. The children are doing really well with their times tables and are making great progress with their tests. Please continue to learn them with your children. It would also be great if you could do some measuring and discussing of length at home too.

In Science, we are looking at properties of materials. We will be finding out if materials are waterproof, durable, magnetic or a conductor of electricity.

In Geography, we will be learning about natural disasters. Firstly, we will recap on what the Earth is made up of and then we will use this knowledge to help understand about earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes and tsunamis.

In music, it will of course be that time of year, Christmas pantomime time! We will be using our music lessons to learn all of our songs. The children will be receiving their roles and what costumes they will need next week. The performance dates are on the newsletter and I would appreciate it if you could let me know if your child can not attend the evening performances.

PE lessons will be netball this term. Due to the fact, that the weather is turning for the worse, we have changed our PE lessons to allow us to have access to the hall. Ruby class will now do **PE on a Wednesday and a Friday**. We will start by watching some netball games online and then learn some of the basic rules and positions.

Mr Frost will continue to teach Ruby Class Design Technology.

Thursday and Friday afternoons will continue to be taught by Mr Mead and Mrs Moulton. With Mrs Moulton Ruby Class will be using Scratch to show repetition in games. With Mr Mead they will be learning about shopping in French and taking part in a French breakfast. In RE they will be discussing whether angels are real or not.

Another very busy term. As always, please contact me if you have any queries. My email is wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

Wendy Towers



Amethyst Class Curriculum (Please see important notices in bold!)

I hope you all had a lovely break and the children are ready for another hard-working half term!

I would like to share with you all the topics and areas we will be covering.

Maths: Mr. Mead will continue to teach maths with a heavy arithmetic focus. The children will continue to be taught in two groups of twelve.

Science: This half-term we will continue learning about changes in materials and we will also cover properties of materials.

English: Our key text this half-term is the poem 'The Charge of The Light Brigade'. The children will write some of their own poetry, but we also will look at balancing character/setting and plot along with creating cohesive links within and between paragraphs. The non-fiction also includes tackling passive sentences. We are going to increase the amount of guided reading we do as well as keep going at the spellings. The new lists appear on Monday morning and last for one week before being replaced. It is important the children practise these at home.

Also, as part of English, I would like children to research any war time experiences they know about their families. During Remembrance I would like them to be able to say " I am proud of my...because in the war they..."

If you could discuss this at the weekend, it will help us prepare something for the Remembrance assembly.

Geography/history: After a couple more lessons finishing off deserts, we move onto the early Islamic empire and Spanish re-conquest.

P.E: **Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon:** We are developing netball skills.

R.E: Amethyst will be learning more about Buddhism.

French: Simon continues, this time teaching about shopping.

Life Skills: We intend to keep going with leadership in pung fu and will also be covering online bullying.

D.T: This is a mechanical unit of work based on cams and changing direction of a turning motion.

The children will need a small-stiff cardboard box or plastic tub in which they will plan and build the 'automata animals'. The sort of box washing tablets come in is ideal, either plastic or cardboard. They need this by the 15th November at the latest.

IT: Mrs. Moulton will be looking into programming games.

We will be regularly watching Newsround and discussing issues that might relate to us.

I welcome children to come after school from 3-4pm on Thursdays, so they can complete any homework or ask any questions. Many have Lexia tasks and all have spelling lists to practise. All have maths homework.

As ever, do get in contact on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or direct at gfrost4nrd@nsix.org.uk if you have any questions or catch me on the playground after school.

Mr Frost

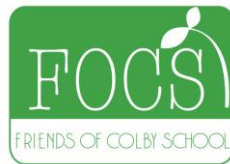


Pond renovation

As part of a tribute to the late Dr. David Clarke, the school and Eco committee intend to completely renovate the pond area to make it more accessible, larger and much friendlier to wildlife. We need a good length of chestnut paling see below.

David was instrumental in the last big pond overhaul and it seems fitting that we focus on this as a lasting tribute for his years of hard work in Colby School.

If any parents have some, or know of where we could find a cheap large roll of chestnut paling, could you let us know. Thank you.



We are busy planning for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 2nd December, which is only 4 weeks away! This is a very popular event and we have some fabulous stalls lined up, but we need your help.

If you or someone you know are creative and could make anything from jams and sweets to Christmas decorations and knitted hats, then we would be delighted to sell your creations at the Fayre on our produce stall.

If creativity isn't your thing then we still need your help and would be super grateful for any raffle prizes that you could donate.

There will also be a mufti day for the children on Friday 25th November where a donation of chocolate would be welcome for the tombola.

As always, if you can help out for any length of time on a stall or game at the Fayre we would love your support. FOCS will be holding a pre-Christmas Fayre catch up at 9am on Friday 18th November so anyone who wants to lend their support to this event can come along and see how you can get involved.

Finally, to make the magic of Christmas preparation linger, FOCS are hosting an after school club on Friday 9th December dedicated to Christmas crafts and would love to see lots of creations made that can be taken home!

As always let us know if you have any queries.

The FOCS Team



Multi-skills event held Monday 31st October at Colby School

Congratulations to all the children in Amethyst who planned and organised a fantastic event on Monday, where Colby hosted other schools in the area. We had some wonderful feedback from the other schools, full of praise for the Amethyst pupils:

From Mr Upton (organiser of North Norfolk Sport Partnership events):

The children represented their schools really well and got stuck in to all of the activities. The Colby leaders always put on a good show but today was next level. Ben and his guys had planned and organised things so well and the leaders were concise in their instructions, enthusiastic and helpful. It was remarkable just standing back and watching all the activity happening, whilst bearing in mind that it was primary aged children running it. Absolutely amazing - thanks so much Colby! The feedback was great with so many staff saying what a credit they were to the school and one of them even said "If that was my children running this like they are doing I would be so proud!"

A teacher from another local school:

It was a brilliant afternoon.

The children at Colby did such a fantastic job at explaining the activities and showed great confidence.

The children had a great time.

Well done, Year 6!



Craft Fayre at Felmingham Church

Everyone is warmly welcome to St Andrew's Church, Felmingham NR28 0LQ
on Saturday 5th November between 10am – 4pm.

There will be many local crafts and handmade items to look at and buy – shop early for Christmas!

Entry is free and refreshments are available.

We look forward to seeing you.



Stargazing on Hanworth Common

in association with the Norwich Astronomical Society

From the great winter constellation Orion the Hunter to the mighty planet Jupiter, join the event on Saturday 26th November at 6.00 pm at Hanworth Memorial Hall. Experts will be on hand with their telescopes to look at the wonders in the night sky.

Tickets are £5 per adult and accompanied children (under 16) are free.

Tickets are available from Aldborough Post Office; Gill Wilton on 01263 768765 or gill@hanworthcommon.org.uk or Tony Hadlow on 01263 768690



Goodbye, Sam.

As you know, our lovely Sam leaves Colby School today. We will be very sorry to lose her and wish her every future success and happiness in her new career. Ruby Class helped us give Sam a lovely send off in assembly today, singing this song to the tune of "Don't Stop Believing!":

Sam, a lovely cook
Cooking such great food for us
Helping us to start the day with breakfast club
Such a happy cook
Making us hot dogs and much mo-re
You are leaving us to start a new job

INSTRUMENTAL

The kitchen is your pride and joy
Smells of garlic and jacket spuds
To make us smile and want to eat
We want more and more and more and more

Colby School
We will really miss you
A cook, a teacher, a great friend too
Colby Crew

Full of sad emotions
Cause you're leaving us today

INSTRUMENTAL

Sam, you have been so great
Making sure our food's not late
Giving everything to help us all
Every single time

You'll be a great success
We know you're going to impress
Whoaa, you'll be the best
You're the best, the best, the best, the best

Colby School
We will really miss you
A cook, a teacher, a great friend too
Colby Crew

Full of sad emotions
Cause you're leaving us today

INSTRUMENTAL

So sad, we'll miss you
Come back and see us soon
Colby crew ooh ooh
So sad, we'll miss you
Come back and see us soon
Colby crew ooh ooh

Christine Mead