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The Week Ahead

Monday 23rd September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5 Key Stage 1 Multi-Skills PE Event at Colby School. Please can Amber Year 1 and all Sapphire children come to school dressed in their PE kit today. This event will be led by our Sport Captains (Barnaby and Nina) and Sport Leaders. We will be joined by children from other local schools for this event. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 24 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5 After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 25 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 26 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School club until 5pm. £5. Girls Football Club with Hannah after school 3-4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm) KS2 boys Football Club with Ben after school 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm) KS2 Netball Club with Mr B after school 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm)
Friday 27 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. Eco Council Free Dress Day £1. Children are invited to come to school dressed in comfortable non-uniform. £1 donation towards Eco Projects. After School Club until 5pm. £5.





Monday 30th September 2024: Year 3 and Year 4 Multi-Skills PE Event at Colby School. Please can all Emerald Class children and Year 4 in Ruby Class come to school dressed in their PE kit today. This event will be led by our Sport Captains (Barnaby and Nina) and Sport Leaders. We will be joined by children from other local schools for this event.

Thursday 3rd October 2024: Amber and Sapphire Class Buddy Lunchtime Picnic Event.

Monday 7th October 2024: Cross Country Event for all Key Stage 2 children (Emerald, Ruby and Amethyst) at Beeston Hall 1 – 4pm.

Wednesday 9th October 2024: Amber and Sapphire Harvest Festival Assembly at 9.15am. KS1 Families are very welcome to attend this event.

Monday 14th October 2024 – Wednesday 16th October 2024: Parent Interviews 3.15pm – 5.45pm.

Friday 25th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024 (break up Thursday 24th October 2024 and return to school on Monday 4th November 2024): School closed for Autumn Half Term.

Monday 4th November 2024: After School Club Special – Pumpkin and Bonfire Night themed. 3 – 4.45pm. £5 per child. Includes refreshments and craft activities.

Thursday 7th November 2024: Remembrance Service led by KS2 pupils at 9.15am. KS2 families welcome to attend.

Friday 6th December 2024: Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre 3 – 4.30pm.

Amber and Sapphire Class Nativity Performances:

Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 9.30am: Amber families only – 2 tickets available.

Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 1.30pm: Sapphire families only – 2 tickets available.

Thursday 12th December 2024 at 9.30am: Sapphire families only – 2 tickets available.

Thursday 12th December 2024 at 1.30pm: Amber families only – 2 tickets available.

Monday 16th December 2024: Key Stage 2 Performance Rehearsal at The Atrium pm.

Tuesday 17th December 2024 and Wednesday 18th December 2024: Key Stage 2 Evening Performances at The Atrium. Time to be confirmed.

Thursday 19th December 2024: Christmas Party Food lunch.

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025 (break up Friday 20th December 2024 and return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025): School closed for the Christmas holiday.



What does Phonics look like at Colby?

From their first few weeks in school, our EYFS / Reception children follow a systematic synthetic phonics program. Our DFE recognised scheme, 'Twinkl Phonics' has proved to be popular with the children and very effective as a learning tool.

Children are introduced to individual letters or groups of letters and learn what sound or 'phoneme' they make. Children in EYFS / Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoy daily phonics sessions when they follow the specific sounds and spelling patterns appropriate to their developmental stage.

They learn in small groups and we carefully monitor their progress through regular assessments. Children may move phonics groups as their needs change.

We practise blending sounds to make whole words using fun practical activities and learning. Children take a reading book home to practise these new skills with parents.

At the end of Year 1, children will take the national Phonics Screening Check, which assesses how many of the 40 phonemes children can 'read'.

- We have attached an overview of the phonics we cover. Phase 1 – 4 is covered in EYFS / Reception. Phase 5 is covered in Year 1.
- Also included is the Phase 2 sound mat where you can see each phoneme we cover in order.
- We introduce the children to an action for each phoneme and there is a copy of these for you too.

I will be running a phonics/reading meeting for parents on Wednesday 2nd October at 9am. Could you please let the office know if you are able to attend, so that I have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

If you have any questions on phonics or early reading before then, please come and find me!

Mrs. Sarah Frost (Sapphire Class teacher)



Colby Runners

On Thursday Barnaby, Nina and Amber launched the first ever Colby Running Club. 21 children signed up to complete 250m laps up and down Bridge Road. All the children worked really hard and most completed the maximum 2k distance!

Running Club will be every Thursday lunchtime and has been set up by Amber to help encourage children to be active and healthy. There will be a different theme each week led by staff and Sport Captains and we hope to launch a half term spectacular with parents coming along to support us. Watch out for running updates in next week's newsletter.

Barnaby, Nina and Amber



Colby Kitchen

Please find below our Colby Kitchen Menu for the rest of this half term. Following feedback on last year's Pupil and Parent Surveys, sausage and mash has returned, rice is being served instead of a wholemeal wrap and a chicken roast has been added. We'll also be adding a soup option next half term, when the weather gets colder. Let's hope this lovely weather continues for now though. Thanks to Megan and Vikki for all their hard work in Colby Kitchen. It has been lovely to have such positive feedback from our new Reception children about how much they are enjoying their hot dinners.

Monday 23 rd September 2024	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with optional meatballs, served with broccoli and carrots. A choice of fruit.
Tuesday 24 th September 2024	Omega 3 fish fingers served with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn. A choice of fruit or yoghurt.
Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Sausage and mashed potato, served with carrots, peas and gravy. A choice of fruit or yoghurt.
Thursday 26 th September 2024	Jacket potato with cheese, beans, chicken and salad (cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, beetroot). A choice of fruit.
Friday 27 th September 2024	Cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza, served with salad (cucumber sticks, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus. A choice of fruit.

Monday 30 th September 2024	Chicken and sweetcorn pasta bake, served with garlic bread and peas. A choice of fruit or yoghurt.
Tuesday 1 st October 2024	Chilli, topped with optional cheese, served with rice, broccoli and sweetcorn. A choice of fruit.
Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	Chicken in gravy served with roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese and carrots. A choice of fruit.
Thursday 3 rd October 2024	Amber and Sapphire Class Buddy Lunchtime Picnic Event. Children are welcome to bring in a teddy bear to join the feast. We will prepare enough food for all children to participate. Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, mushroom pizza, sausage rolls, cheese and pineapple on sticks served with cucumber sticks, carrot sticks and pepper sticks. Fruit.
Friday 4 th October 2024	Sausages served in a bread roll with cucumber, carrots, peppers and humus. Tomato sauce available.



Headteacher Awards

Oliver (Emerald) for lovely work during Monday morning

Rita (Emerald) for a brilliant answer in English

JP (Emerald) for great learning behaviour in Maths

Alannah (Sapphire) for fantastic independent Geography work

Lucas (Emerald) for great starts to the day

Norah (Amber) for following instructions very well

Hudson and Eva (Ruby) for an excellent attitude to work and fantastic maths

Reuben (Ruby) for being Star of the Week!

Harry, Hudson, Lev, Eva, Otto, James, Margot, Kate and Izzy (Ruby)

for fantastic instruction writing

Ivy, Teddy and George (Amethyst) for being great in class

Evie, Imogen, Ellen and Erin (Amethyst) for fantastic English

Ivy (Amethyst) for great maths

Charlie (Sapphire) for super conscientious working all week!

Oscar and Alannah (Sapphire) for super work in geography

Charlie (Sapphire) for fabulous work in phonics

Albie (Sapphire) for super geographical knowledge

George and Stella (Sapphire) for being very mature School Council representatives for Sapphire

Felix, Leo, JP, Quinn, Hugo, Remy, Charlotte and Emily (Emerald)

for passing Quarter Final Tables Test

JP, Rita, Leo and Remy (Emerald) for excellent answers in Literacy

Rita, Scarlett, Isobel, Verity and Noah (Emerald) for lovely homework

Norah (Amber) for a fantastic morning

Iris (Amber) for being a super helpful friend

Alfie, Archie, Arthur C, Sophie, Hollie, Delilah, Quinn, Jenson, Arthur P, Ava B,

Clara, Harley, Barnaby and Charlie (Amber)

for super tidying of the shelter

Charlie (Amber) for being a super Spelling Shed helper

Orin (Amber) for a perfect explanation about why we have an air horn in the office



Emerald Class Year 3 Outdoor Learning Activities permission

We would like your permission for your Year 3 child to take part in outdoor learning activities which might take place outside the school grounds. This might involve a walk into Banningham village or a cross country run on Bridge Road. Any activities will have a full risk assessment and appropriate staff levels. We will often inform you ahead of time anyway but by giving your blanket permission for your child to take part in such activities, we have the flexibility to take spur of the moment opportunities. If you are happy for your child to take part in occasional out of school outdoor learning activities, please email the school office on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk.

We already have permission from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents. Thank you.

Christine



Change to end of day collection arrangements

If you need to advise us your child will be collected by somebody else, or needs to stay to After School Club, we would be very grateful if you could please contact us **before 2.30pm** otherwise we may not receive your answerphone message / email as we are often out of the office running errands at the end of the day. Thank you.



Asda Cashpot for Schools

If you have a spare moment to get the Asda Cashpot for Schools app and register to Colby School (NR11 7EA), we would really appreciate it! Colby School gets £1 for everyone who registers, even if you don't shop at Asda. It all adds up! Please share with your friends and family. We have earned £28 this week so far, just by people registering and naming Colby School! Thank you for your help with this in advance.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every day of the week from 8am. It costs £5 per session, payable on Parent Pay. Please bring your child to the black gate at the front entrance of the school, near the flag pole. Please press the Breakfast Club buzzer and Simon will let you in. Breakfast Club takes place in the school hall, which is accessed through the green doors directly in front of the entrance. Please try to drop your child off by 8.15am at the latest to give them enough time to enjoy their breakfast.

Children enjoy juice, cereal, yoghurt, fruit and toast. Please do not hesitate to speak to Simon if you have any questions regarding food choices or allergies.

Breakfast Club is a social place and we hope your children enjoy the relaxed and friendly environment – a great start to the day.



Lost Property

Several parents have already reported that their children have lost items of uniform or property such as water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc. Please could you check all of your child's uniform and property this weekend in case they have things that don't belong to them. **Please name** all of your child's property so we can get things back to them if they get misplaced. Thank you for your help with this.

Have a great weekend!

Christine Mead