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Dear Colby Family,

It is hard to believe the first half term of the school year is nearly over! The weeks have flown by! Children have settled into their classes with enthusiasm, energy and their usual sense of fun. It has been wonderful to watch our new Reception children settle in so happily too.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again next half term.

Kind regards, Christine x

Monday 31 st Oct 2022	Pupils return to school after half term. Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Yr 3 & 4 Multi skills PE event at Colby School 1 – 2.30pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 1 st Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Emerald Class trip to Inceborough Hill – please bring a packed lunch. 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 2 nd Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 6 pupils - National Child Measurement team in. Swimming for selected group – please remember packed lunches. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 3 rd Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS2 Football with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) Netball Team (selected players) playing at Cromer 1 – 3pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 4 th Nov 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



Colby Kitchen

As you know from last week's newsletter, our amazing Sam will be leaving Colby School on 4th November 2022 for a change of career. Colby School Governing Board are considering options for Colby Kitchen moving forward. If you are interested in a role in the Colby Kitchen, please get in touch for a chat. It could be a suitable short-term position if you want to earn some extra money before Christmas or a longer term role for a budding cook. Training will be provided.





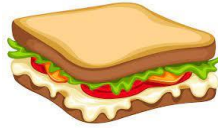
Headteacher Awards

Archie (Amber) for being very kind to his friends
Oscar (Amber) for some brilliant capacity work with water
Sebastian (Amber) for fantastic phonics and learning attitude
Rosa (Amber) for fantastic blending in phonics
Ralph (Amber) for a beautiful leaf drawn on the computer using the Paint programme
Giles (Amber) for being super kind and helpful to his teacher
All of the Year 1s in Amber Class for super designing and making fabric faces in DT!
Sebastian (Amber) for the most amazing phonic work!
Olivia (Amber) for amazing independent writing
Olivia (Amber) for spelling and writing 3 letter words completely on her own
Violet, Hannah and Barnaby (Ruby) for passing the Silver times tables challenge
Leo (Ruby) for passing the Gold times tables challenge
Ellen, Cian, Eleanor, Izzy and George (Ruby) for passing the European times tables challenge
Barnaby (Ruby) for being the Star of IXL
Viv, Dolly and Cody (Ruby) for being Stars of Spelling Shed
William (Ruby) for being the Star of Sumdog
Adam and Violet (Ruby) for super "3 in a row" spellings
Solomiia (Ruby) for excellent reading
Evie, Imogen, Ellen, Barnaby, Cody and Ivy (Ruby) for fantastic work on the tortoise area
Vinnie, Reuben and Teddy (Emerald) for great learning attitude
Harry, Hudson and Amber E (Emerald) for awesome science knowledge
All of Emerald for a great attitude on our class walk to Colby Church
Reuben, Max, Teddy and Amber C (Emerald) for excellent football
All of the Tortoise Crew for awesome teamwork!
Jacob, Anna, Erin, Max, Blake, Amelie, Harris, Harry and Sky (Emerald)
for excellent bird collages
Eva (Emerald) for being kind to a friend
Amelie and Anna (Emerald) for excellent ideas in RE.
Eva (Amethyst) for working independently on Lexia
Emily (Amethyst) for Wordle
Toby (Amethyst) for excellent reading answers
Eva and Bella (Amethyst) for fruit art and organising Amber class
Jacob (Amethyst) for great division work
Isabelle (Amethyst) for the fastest 50 new class record
William (Amethyst) for being polite in lessons
Lucas (Sapphire) for fantastic rhyming in English
Rita and Jacob (Sapphire) for amazing phonics
Albert (Sapphire) for great news writing
Quinn (Sapphire) for loads of fantastic work in maths
Frankie (Sapphire) for 3 acts of kindness
Verity (Sapphire) for very neat phonics
All in the Cheetah Group (Sapphire) for amazing phonics!



Head Girl and Head Boy Awards

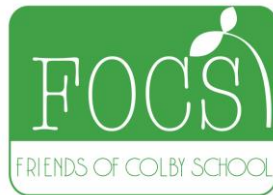
Jacob (Sapphire) for great rugby
Charlie (Amber) for being nice whilst playing with a puzzle
Florence (Ruby) for being kind to younger people
George (Amber) for being very kind and thoughtful



Sapphire Class sandwich making

Sapphire Class were very proud to enjoy a 'healthy sandwich' with a Buddy from Ruby Class this week.

As part of their DT unit of work, children from Year 1 and 2 planned their healthy sandwich and discussed with their Buddy their dietary requirements as well as their choices for a tasty filling. Every child was very careful to prepare their sandwich to their design. It was a lovely moment to see the younger children proudly sharing with their Buddy and there were lots of smiling faces as well as full tummies.



Thank you to all that attended the AGM last Friday. It was a very productive meeting where we elected the new committee members and discussed our plans for the forthcoming school year. A lot of the events that have proven popular in the past will be back, together with some new fundraising ideas. As always we will keep you posted when events are being planned and would ask for any support you are able to provide at the events. If you were unable to attend the AGM but would like to see what FOCS is all about please keep your eyes peeled for details of our next meeting. The more ideas and support we have, the better!

We welcome our newly elected committee members:

Co-chairs: Katie (Reuben and Olivia's mum) and Zoe (Poppy and Rosa's mum)
Vice-chair: Gary (Rosa's dad)
Treasurer: Kathryn (Isabelle's mum)
Secretary: Georgina (Amber's mum)

The committee and all members of FOCS look forward to an exciting year ahead!

The FOCS Team



Tuesday 8th November: Yr 3 & 4 selected pupils - Football at Beeston Hall 9.30 – 12.30.

CHANGE OF DATE Thursday 10th November: Remembrance Assembly led by KS2 from 9.15am.

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

Friday 2nd December: FOCS Christmas Fayre starting at 3pm (provisional date when there are no England World Cup matches!).

Wednesday 7th December: KS1 Nativity performances 9.30am and 1.30pm.

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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.



New Amber Class Teacher

I am very happy to let you know that Miss Ellie Covell will be joining Amber class after half term to cover Miss Moore's maternity leave. Candidates were asked to write a letter to the school community as part of their Interview Day – they had 15 minutes to write about themselves. This is the letter written by Miss Covell:

Hello everybody!

My name is Miss Covell and I am very excited to become a part of Amber Class in the Colby School family. I am thrilled to be your teacher and I am looking forward to a year full of fun, learning and adventure. I can't wait to find out all about you, but first let me tell you a little about me.

I was born in North Norfolk, and have lived in many different villages. I love spending time outside and exploring the countryside. I live at home with my two cats called Alfie and Bellatrix. I also have two rabbits called Bubble and Squeak (named after my favourite Boxing Day meal), and a hamster called Harry. I can't wait to meet all of the amazing animals you have at Colby School.

I attended a university in Lincoln where I studied Special Educational Needs. During my time on this course, I fell in love with teaching and shaping young minds. From that I decided to continue at university and study to become a teacher. I qualified in 2021 and have enjoyed the last year as a supply teacher getting to know many different children in a variety of schools across Norfolk.

It is my mission to fill Amber Class with a love for learning and to help create life-long bonds and friendships. I am excited to get to know all of the children, but also the adults surrounding those children. If anybody has any questions, I love a chat so come and talk to me anytime. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Let's have an awesome year. See you soon.

My favourite things:

- Animal - Elephant
- Book - Anything by Julia Donaldson
- Food - Pasta (and lots of it!)
- Singer - Harry Styles
- Movie - Harry Potter (all of them!)
- Colours - Purple and blue

Anything you want to know, just ask 😊
Miss Covell



Helping your child to read

During their first term in Amber Class, our Reception children have been enjoying daily phonics sessions when they have been introduced to many initial letter sounds. These sessions are the early part of reading and children will have been bringing home a reading book for you to share with them.

Most of you will probably have used different strategies to learn to read than we use in school today. We thought it might be helpful for you to have some support with hearing your child read.

We call each sound a letter and 2 - 3 letters make a PHONEME. The GRAPHEME is how it looks. These are taught in a special order because education specialists have worked out that this is the best way to help children to learn to read. The phonemes / graphemes are also split into groups called PHASES.

Each sound makes a very short sound. You may remember being taught T as a 'ter' sound. Now it is a very short and snappy 't'. If you whisper it, it is easier to make the sound. Each reading book has the phonemes it contains listed and practising these before reading is a good idea. Books are matched closely with phonemes covered in their phonics sessions so your child should be able to sound out the majority of the words. Being able to BLEND phonemes to make words, c...a...t is cat is really important and before trying you should make sure that your child recognises each phoneme.

I have included some links on the sound each phoneme makes and how to encourage your child to blend.

How to read each sound:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=UCI2mu7URBc&cbrd=1>

How to blend each sound:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=vqvqMtSNsw>

If you have any queries, please ask any of the Amber adults or Mrs. Frost.

Enjoy this wonderful time of learning to read with your child.

Sarah Frost



Goodbye to Mrs Hayden

We were all very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Hayden today. She has looked after Amber Class beautifully for the last two weeks, when Miss Moore had to start her maternity leave earlier than expected. Thank you to Mrs Hayden for all her hard work and enthusiasm. Amber Class enjoyed being taught by her very much and she was a valued member of the Colby team.

Christine Mead