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Colby School News Issue 19: Friday 3rd February 2023

Monday 6 th February 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 / 6 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 7 th February 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Jacky Smith (author) to visit Amethyst class am. Girls' Football Club 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 8 th February 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. Design Technology Club for KS2 3 - 4.15pm. £5. FULL (After School Club available after to 5pm) Dodgeball Club 3 – 4.15pm with Ben. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 9 th February 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. No Breakfast Book Club with Mrs Mead today – moved to Friday. Tag Rugby at lunchtime. Ukelele lessons for Emerald and Ruby Class. Netball Club 3 – 4.15pm. (After School Club available after to 5pm) KS2 Football Club 3 – 4.15pm. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 10 th February 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Mrs Mead's Breakfast Book Club 8am for an 8.10am start. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5. School closes for half term.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February: School closed for Spring half term.

Sunday 19th February: Do It Together Sunday at Colby School from 10am – 2pm.

Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April: School closed for Easter holiday.

Tuesday 18th April: Pupils return to school for Summer term.

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday Monday.

Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday Monday.

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May: Key Stage 2 National Test Week.

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June: School closed for Summer half term.

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



CAKE SALE

Sapphire Class have been learning about different habitats around the world as part of their science this term.

The Amazon rainforest has absolutely captivated the children and in particular they are concerned about how we can protect this wonderful ecosystem for the future. The children have decided they would like to adopt a jaguar (WWF scheme) to support this cause.

Sapphire children have decided to have a cake sale to raise the funds needed. This will be on **Thursday 8th February at playtime**. Any unsold cakes will be available to purchase after lunch. We would like to ask for donations of cakes and biscuits for the children to sell at 50p each. We will be making some in class too.

Please may we ask that if you make a contribution could you list all the ingredients so that we can look after our food intolerant children.

Thank you in advance with this support and know that Sapphire children are SO looking forwards to 'helping' the rainforest. **Each cake will be on sale for 50p so please send your child in with some cash in a named purse/envelope on Thursday.** We look forward to a successful sale!

Mrs F



Year 3/4 Football success

Well done to all the children who played for the school on Wednesday against Cromer. We played a total of six games, winning four of them and scoring lots of goals. Nina led the Orange team brilliantly and Matthew captained and scored a hat-trick for the greens! There was some excellent football and all the children from both teams played in excellent spirits.

Well done everyone!

Mr B



Attention and Listening Skills

Colby Staff have recently completed some training with the Norfolk and Waveney Speech and Language Therapy Service. Speech Therapists have recommended a new approach to support Attention and Listening Skills. We will be running daily activities with selected children and the new approach uses lots of attention-grabbing items. We wondered if Colby families might have any of the following items that they could either loan or donate to the school.

- A lidded bucket

Toys that are smaller enough to fit in a bucket

- Any small toy with lights (e.g. flashing wand, light up yo-yo, colour changing toys)
- Any small toy with sound
- Wind up toys
- Russian dolls
- Small remote control items
- Stretchy toys
- Small inflatable toys
- Rainmaker
- Push up toy



- Shaving foam
- Food colouring
- Shower curtain or wipe clean table cloth

If you have any of these items, please drop them with any member of staff who will give them to Ms Everett. Thank you!



Contacting us

Our school office is manned from 8.50am – 3pm every school day. There are often staff about after 3pm but if no-one is available to answer the telephone you can leave a message on our answer 'phone – we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

We are available on the playground gate every day if you want to talk to us. Never worry that your questions are too small or silly! If you find it more convenient to contact us by email you can contact Mrs Smith or Mrs Green regarding office enquiries on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or myself on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk



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, fruit, toast and porridge at Breakfast Club.

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 reported that their children have lost items of uniform or property such as water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc. Our Lost Property box is not very full, so the items must be elsewhere. 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.



School Council Fundraiser

Bella (Ruby) and Bea (Emerald) have been working very hard to make some fantastic friendship bracelets and hand-made bookmarks to sell next week to raise funds for School Council projects. They will sell their bracelets and bookmarks at break-times for 50p and £1. Bracelets are suitable for Year 1 children upwards – we won't be selling them to Reception children this time. If you are happy for your child to buy items then please send them with some money next week. **Please note:** If a child has money with them, we will assume they have your permission to buy a bracelet. We won't be selling these items on Thursday, so there is no confusion with the Sapphire Cake Sale. Thank you.

FOCS Fundraising

I just wanted to make you aware of (or remind you about) [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) It is a website which provides an easy way to raise money for Colby School.

If you haven't already signed up please could you register and select the Friends of Colby School as your chosen charity.

It's really easy to register and is free. Once you're registered, you access shopping websites through the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) page and automatically gain funds for Colby School. It could all add up to some great fundraising, thank you.

You don't have to be involved with the school to register, so please spread the word with all your family and friends. Happy Fundraising!



Headteacher Awards

Leon, Erin, Amelie, Blake, Ines and Nina (Emerald) for great attitudes to learning
Nina, Amber C, Bea, Amber E, Reuben, Nathaniel, Bertie, Max, Harris and Edgar (Emerald)
for great maths

Jacob, Eva and Sky (Emerald) for wonderful Wall of Wonder work

Year 3 / 4 footballers for playing great football and showing great sportsmanship

Rufus (Amethyst) for being a great sports leader, goalkeeper, coach and referee

All the rugby team for a great afternoon at Holt!

Jacob (Sapphire) for wonderful writing

Olive (Sapphire) for fantastic phonics

Jaxson (Sapphire) for super rainforest homework

Frankie (Sapphire) for being really kind at lunchtime

Kate (Sapphire) for being really kind

All of Sapphire for amazing descriptive writing about walking through the rainforest

James (Sapphire) for excellent reading to the whole class with fantastic expression

Florence (Ruby) for passing the Gold times tables challenge

Barnaby, Viv, Adam, Ellen, Ivy, Imogen, Dolly, Will and Bella (Ruby)

for fantastic description using DADWAVERS

Adam, Barnaby, Imogen, Cian, Dolly, Eleanor, Ophelia, Poppy, Rafi, Sofia and Viv (Ruby)
for super spellings

Charlie (Amber) for super participation in P.E.

All of Amber Year 1s for excellent behaviour.

Charlotte (Amber) for super story writing.

Stella (Amber) for amazing maths knowledge.

**Let's
do it
together**

Do It Together Sunday - Sunday on 19th February 2023 from 10am – 2pm.

We hope you will be able to join us to work together on a number of projects at Colby School, particularly clearing our pond area. If anyone has a trailer, it would be great if you could help us move some items for disposal. It would also be helpful to have extra hands for painting and tidying jobs. There will be activities available for children too. We hope lots of you will be able to come and help us.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February 2023

Next week is Safer Internet Day and all classes will be talking about keeping safe online. Key Stage 1 will be looking at the resources on the website thinkuknow.co.uk and Key Stage 2 will be watching the live BBC lesson at 11am. It would be a great opportunity to talk to your children about their habits online.

I thought some of you may appreciate a repeat of our advice on how to keep children safe online. Sometimes it can be really tricky navigating and understanding the different games that children wish to access and play on. I have found some of the advice from the websites below really helpful and thought that I would share them with you. They have advice for all ages, so are helpful if you have teenagers as well. There is information on some of them about certain games or social media sites that are very popular with the children eg. Roblox, Fortnite, WhatsApp. Definitely, worth a read if you are unsure about the safety of certain apps and websites.

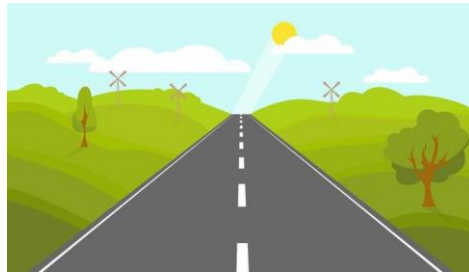
If you have any other questions about online safety, please feel free to contact me or Mrs Moulton.

You can reach us by emailing office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office on 01263 733381 (and Mrs Smith or Mrs Green will pass on the message).

Wendy Towers (Subject Leader for Computing)

- <https://parentinfo.org/>
- https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>
- **Talk to your child about what they're up to online.** Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.
- **Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child.** The **Thinkuknow site** has films, games and advice for children from five all the way to 16.
- **Encourage your child to go online and explore!** There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.
- **Keep up-to-date with your child's development online.** Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.
- **Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world.** Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.

- **Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.** For children of primary school age, it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.
- **Know what connects to the internet and how.** Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone or games console.
- **Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.** Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not the answer to your child's online safety, but they are a good start and they are not as difficult to install as you might think. Service providers are working hard to make them simple, effective and user friendly. Find your service provider and learn how to set your controls.



Car park and Bridge Road at pick up time

A member of the local community has politely requested that parents do not block Bridge Road at pick up time. Please come on to the playground to collect your children to avoid blocking the road and tuck in if cars come past while you are waiting for the gate to open. Thank you.

The car park remains busy at pick up time. If you are able to car share for some of your journeys, it would really help to reduce the number of cars. If your child is entitled to use the school bus, please consider using this service. The school bus is just for Colby children and the bus driver is friendly and helpful. We have asked the Local Authority transport department to provide us with a map and further details regarding who is eligible to use the school bus. We will let you know as soon as we have this information.

When parking on the car park, please can parents with high sided vehicles avoid parking near the exits. Parents have expressed concerns that larger vehicles are blocking visibility and making it difficult to exit the car park safely. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

A parent has commented that the car park was less busy during Covid times when we had staggered pick ups. We are unable to offer earlier staggered pick ups because we cannot reduce curriculum time now the pandemic is over. We cannot offer later staggered pick ups because it would clash with High School collection. Staff also have other after school responsibilities and are not available to supervise collections later than our usual 3pm pick up.

We have reported the pot holes on the car park to Norfolk Highways and hope they will be able to repair them soon. The car park / lay by is owned by Norfolk Highways – it is not school property.

Thank you for your consideration of other families when using the car park / lay by. Please drive carefully and be safe.



Tag Rugby Success

Congratulations to the Colby Tag Rugby Team who represented the school fantastically. Two teams attended the tournament. One finishing 5th overall, losing their first game but going on to win the next and drawing the two games after that. They finished the day with a win in their play-off match.

Our other Colby team finished the day by winning all of their games on the way to the first place final. It was an exciting thriller of a final which finished with Colby winning 9-8. Well done for returning the trophy back to Colby!

Another well done to the team - it was the first time in the tournament that a small school had won both the small schools and large schools trophy.

Excellent work to all the players who represented Colby. What absolute stars!

Mr B and Ben

Thank you to Ben and Mr B for giving up so much of their time to train and support the Tag Rugby players. What a fantastic result!



More Headteacher Awards

Ed (Amethyst) for lovely writing

Rufus (Amethyst) for great maths

Felix (Amethyst) for superb reading with younger children at lunch time

Rufus (Amethyst) for helping with reading in Sapphire class

Harrison (Sapphire) for beautiful handwriting

Albert (Sapphire) for a super guess

Kate and Scarlett (Sapphire) for being really helpful

Lev (Sapphire) for fantastic mathematics

William and Margot (Sapphire) for great English

Leo (Sapphire) for being really helpful stacking chairs

Herbie (Sapphire) for a great attitude to learning

Christine Mead