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Dear Colby Family,

As we reach the end of another year, I would like to say thank you for your continued support. It's been another successful year, full of happy moments and laughter.

Thank you to the children of Colby School for your enthusiasm, energy and positive attitudes.

Thank you to staff for their hard work throughout the year – they really are a special bunch and work diligently to provide the very best care for your children. It has been wonderful to read your appreciation of staff on the Annual Report reply slips returned so far.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy holiday.

*Kind regards,
Christine Mead*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th September 2023	COLBY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY.
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	COLBY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY.
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	Colby School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am. NO BREAKFAST CLUB THIS WEEK. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 7 th September 2023	NO BREAKFAST CLUB THIS WEEK. After School club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Football Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Ben £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm.)
Friday 8 th September 2023	NO BREAKFAST CLUB THIS WEEK. After School Club until 5pm. £5.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023: School closed for Autumn half term.

Monday 30th October 2023: School reopens for 2nd half of the Autumn term.

Thursday 21st December 2023 – Wednesday 3rd January 2024: School closed for the Christmas holiday.

Thursday 4th January 2024: School reopens for Spring term.



Colby School Art Work on display

A lovely collection of Colby School art work will be on display at Suffield Festival of Arts and Crafts at Suffield Church (NR11 7EL) on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July from 10am to 4pm. There will also be refreshments, a raffle and a plant stall. Admission is free and there will be plenty of parking available. Well done to all the children whose work is on display.

Alice Honey



Headteacher Awards

Ivy, Sofia, Rafi, Alannah, Evie, George O, Ellen, Eleanor. Viv and Adam (Ruby)

for putting an adult in the recovery position at home

Poppy, Dolly, Evie and Ellen (Ruby) for great presentation

Will, Leo, Matthew, Imogen and Ophelia (Ruby) for awesome first aid!

Jacob, Barnaby, Reuben, Adam, Hudson, Otto, Teddy, Bertie, Barney, Cody, Dylan, Ellen,

Nina, Ivy, George, Bella W, Cian, Ophelia, Leo, Izzy, Sofia, Will, Violet, Hannah and Viv

for amazing attitudes and running the 1 mile race!

Well done to **Adam, Nina, Ophelia and Leo (Ruby)** for winning their races!

All of Emerald for excellent cooking!

Max, Georgina, Blake, Amber and Verity (Emerald) for superb clearing up after cooking!



Sports Week 2023

Well done to all the children for their amazing effort during Sports week. We felt it went really well and the children seemed to enjoy their activities. I would be really interested to hear any thoughts for next year or any feedback, so feel free to contact me at abrown6vrq@nsix.org.uk

The **Sports Cup** was handed out along with a lot of medals and we even had some records set! You can see the Colby records board in the corridor near Emerald Class. Feel free to have a look. Well done to Phoenix who won the Sports Cup from Griffins. It was very close. On Thursday Phoenix won the House trophy when they won all of their football matches after school. Noah and Hugo lifted the trophy for the first time! Phoenix then retained their trophy when they won the Tennis Championships on Friday, in the rain, thanks to wins for Bella and Barnaby B! Will anyone be able to stop them next year?

Thanks again to all of our amazing athletes this year and to all the parents and families who have helped with sport at Colby this year.

A big thank you and farewell to the magnificent girls in Year 6 who have been great role models to younger children in the school. I hope to hear of your sporting achievements at high school in future.

I am looking forward to even more sporting success for Colby children in September!

Have a great summer.

Mr B and Ben



Please could we ask that you check your ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding balances. We are at the end of the academic year and we will have to balance our books before the new school year. Thank you.



Year 6 fundraising super star!

Last Friday I left Norfolk to travel to Scotland for the most challenging climb yet: Ben Nevis. I arrived at Fort William, the nearest town to the mountain and on Saturday morning, I began my ascent to Glen Nevis, where I could see thick clouds surrounding Ben Nevis. There were beautiful views over the valley and the river Nevis. After a couple of hours of climbing, the path became steep and uneven and the wind picked up. The visibility became really poor as we entered the cloud and at some points I could not see the path. The last hour was tough; my feet were soaking, my legs aching and I was cold. It was very windy and the path was slippery because of the rain. The grass and bracken had disappeared and there were large rocks underfoot. After four hours we reached the top and I could not believe I had done it! The climb required a lot of perseverance and resilience to reach the summit in the difficult weather conditions and I was the youngest child there that day.

I feel proud to have completed the Three Peaks Challenge and I am pleased to have raised £531 for Colby School, which will pay for new outdoor equipment.

Thank you for all your support and sponsorship. If you would like to see more photos of my journey, click on the link

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



Summer Fayre

THANK YOU!! Despite the weather being completely awful we still managed to raise an amazing £1,501 at the Summer Fayre and that couldn't have been done without your support both before and during the Fayre so thank you for bringing in lucky bags, tombola prizes and cakes and giving your support to everything on offer on the day.

A huge thank you to those of you who helped with setting up, running stalls and clearing up afterwards. It is very much appreciated and these events couldn't go ahead without you.

Finally, thank you and goodbye to Kathryn, Diana and Jo who have given so much support to FOCS over the years that their children have been at Colby - you will be very missed!

We will really need some more people to help out with FOCS in September both as committee members and just general help when needed so look out for information in the new school year if you feel this is something you could spare a little time to.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely summer!



Year 6 Awards

The following Awards were given in our Leavers' Assembly today. Congratulations to Year 6 for all they have achieved this year and throughout their time at Colby School.

House Leadership Award

Freddie, Lexie, Martha, Zara

Sport Captain Leadership Award

Ben, Mariia

Go Kart Leadership Award

Jack, Jacob

Head of Dodgeball Leadership Award

William

Guinea Pig Kindness Award

Josie, Shelbi

School Council Leadership Award

Eva, Phoebe

Environment Leadership Award

Emily

The Outdoor Legacy Award

Freddie

The Everyone Leads Award

Edward, Felix

The National Test Awards

Reading: Isabelle, Josie, Phoebe, Rita

Grammar and Punctuation: Bella, Freddie, Lexie, Rita, Emily

Mathematics: Eva, Felix

The Role Model Leadership Award

Rita

The National Test Legend Award

Rita

Head of Little People Leadership Award

Zara

Deputy of Little People Leadership Award

Isabelle

Chief Scientist Award

Lexie, Martha



More Year 6 Awards

The Lioness Award

Bella, Eva, Lexie

The Isabelle Mardle Award for Sporting Excellence

Lexie

Head Boy Awards

Harry, Toby

Head Girl Awards

Bella, Isabelle

The Ambassador Award

Edward, Harry, Isabelle, Bella, Toby



Thank you

I would like to echo the thank you above to Jo, Kathryn and Diana for all their hard work on FOCS over the years. Thank you so much for everything you have done – you will be missed.

Thank you to all parents and families who have been involved in helping at Colby School throughout the year. Colby School is a team effort and we appreciate all you do for us.



Goodbye to our lovely Year 6

It is very sad to say goodbye to our wonderful **Year 6** pupils but I know that they are ready for High School, both academically and emotionally. Their confidence, enthusiasm for learning and kindness has made them a credit to Colby School and we wish them every success for the future. Goodbye and good luck, Year 6. Come back and visit us to let us know how you are getting on.

Christine Mead