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Parent Interview Week

Monday 20 th March 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 / 6 Football at lunchtime. Year 3 / Year 4 Dodgeball away at Cromer 2 – 4.30pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Amber, Sapphire, Ruby and Amethyst Parent Interviews 3.10pm – 6pm. Emerald Parent Interviews in the Library 5.30pm – 7pm.
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 trip to North Walsham High School to watch Joseph the Musical. Please remember packed lunches. Girls' Football Club 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Dodgeball Club 3 – 4.15pm with Ben. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Key Stage 1 children very welcome. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Parent Interviews for all classes 3.10pm – 6pm.
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. Swimming for current group of selected pupils – <u>please remember packed lunches.</u> Design Technology Club for KS2 3 - 4.15pm. £5. Full. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Mrs Mead's Breakfast Book Club with selected Year 6 pupils. 8am for an 8.10am start. Tag Rugby at lunchtime. Ukelele lessons for Emerald and Ruby Class. Netball Club after school 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 24 th March 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Free Dress Day to bring a chocolate item for the FOCS Easter Tombola. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Wednesday 21st to Fri 23rd June: Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover.

Wednesday 28th to Fri 30th June: Induction days at Aylsham High School for current Yr 6 pupils.

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



United Benefice of King's Beck

Mothering Sunday Service 19th March 2023 at 10am

We look forward to welcoming families to our Mothering Sunday Service at Skeyton Church.
It is a beautiful service for all.



Dodgeball Club

Just a reminder that Ben runs a Dodgeball Club on Tuesdays after school. Some Key Stage 1 children have joined the Dodgeball Club recently and we wanted to let you know that others are very welcome. We've asked Year 6 children to take a break from Dodgeball Club to allow younger children to take part. The highly successful Year 6 Dodgeballers will be able to play again when the weather allows us to move the Dodgeball Club outside and there is more space for everyone to spread out.



Please label your child's belongings

It feels like we are in a constant battle against lost property again this half term. The Lost Property Box fills up every week and we are unable to return items because they are unnamed. Please could you check your child's school uniform, packed lunch box and water bottle over the weekend to ensure they are clearly labelled. Your help with this would be much appreciated.



Monday afternoon!

Monday afternoon was rather eventful at Colby School! At around 1.30pm, a contractor who had been in school to quote for a painting job returned to his van to watch a tree get blown down from the field opposite Colby School, pulling down electrical cables and blocking the road. The bough of the tree landed on his van and lodged on the roof rack, stopping the trunk from falling further - this stopped the electrical cables being pulled to the ground.

We evacuated children and staff from Amethyst immediately because the tree and cables were very close to the mobile. They were taught in the main school building for the rest of the day. We blocked the area off with cones and made emergency telephone calls. We had very quick responses, with the Fire Brigade arriving within 15 minutes. They blocked off Bridge Road fully and remained on site to supervise the scene. Police and UK Power Network also arrived quickly to assist.

At approximately 2pm, our electricity went off. We were able to contact parents on the Colby Facebook page and the FOCS WhatsApp groups. We asked that parents collected children early, if possible, so that we could have a staggered pick up and keep Bridge Road as clear as possible. The Fire Brigade described it as a "protracted incident" and did not expect the road to be cleared or power restored for several hours. They warned us that it was not safe for cars to be removed from the staff car park! Thankfully, they were able to supervise staff vacating the car park at about 4pm and an impromptu Crazy Sleepover was not required!

A local tree surgeon, Liam Feeney (past pupil) arrived to help and the tree was cleared much quicker than we expected. We can thoroughly recommend his services!

Feeney's Tree Services
FeeneysTrees@gmail.com
Tel: 07511 135168

Power was restored around 4.30pm. Hurray!

The Fire Brigade praised us for the quick evacuation of the mobile classroom, which children did incredibly sensibly. As usual, Colby staff and children responded to an unusual situation calmly and safely. We were very pleased to have an uneventful day on Tuesday!



Communication during emergencies!

When we have unusual days like Monday, we sometimes need to contact you quickly. We use the Colby Facebook page and Colby FOCS WhatsApp groups to reach as many people as possible at once. Our telephone landline doesn't work without electricity and mobile telephone signal at school is temperamental. Telephoning you all individually is a slow process. Please sign up to the Colby Facebook page and Colby FOCS WhatsApp groups, if you haven't already done so. It really helps with quick communication. Thank you.



Headteacher Awards

Viv (Ruby) for passing the Super Olympic times tables challenge
Florence, Eleanor, Barnaby, Cian and Hannah (Ruby) for super spelling
Cian, Poppy, Barnaby, Cody, Hannah, Evie and Alannah (Ruby) for excellent Tim Peake diaries
Ophelia (Ruby) for full marks in arithmetic
Shelbi, Jacob and Mariia (Amethyst) for great punctuation
Ed (Amethyst) for lots of lovely English
Oliver, Shelbi, Mariia and Isabelle (Amethyst) for great spelling
William (Amethyst) for good maths
Elsie and Eva (Amethyst) for super quotes
Eva and Bella (Amethyst) for great work on Spelling Shed
Kate (Sapphire) for fabulous fractions homework!
Jacob (Sapphire) for being caring towards a friend
Jacob (Sapphire) for super concentration
All Yr2s for amazing fractions
All Yr1s for running an energetic daily mile
All of Sapphire Class for beautiful writing
Daniel (Amber) for fantastic vocabulary
Libby (Amber) for great phonics work
Luna (Amber) for showing amazing resilience
Seb (Amber) for great listening skills
Stella (Amber) for being very helpful around the classroom
Edward (Amber) for good knowledge about weather and the seasons
Freya (Amber) for excellent contributions during carpet time
Charlotte, Daniel, Edward, Emily and Luna (Amber)
for being super quiet, sensible and respectful

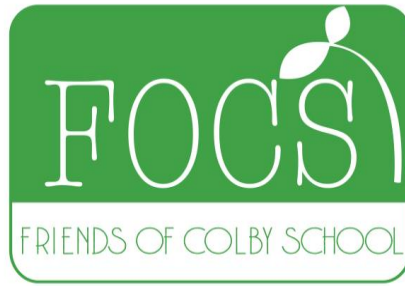


Parent Interviews

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you next week. If you haven't made an appointment yet, and would like to, please contact the school office.

Please pick your child up as usual at 3pm on the day of your Parent Interview, or book a place at After School Club for them by contacting the school office.

We are unable to offer free places at After School Club during Parent Interviews.



Friends of Colby School

With just 2 weeks to go until the Easter Scavenger Hunt (Thursday 30th March from 3pm), we're looking for a few more volunteers to help out at the event. If you can help, please contact a member of the FOCS team, or message the office.

There will be an Easter Bake Off competition, with the cake entries then being sold alongside refreshments. There will also be a fabulous Chocolate Tombola, which was a huge success at the Christmas Fayre. If you would like to create a bake for the competition, and / or donate a prize for the Tombola please keep an eye out for more details. There will also be a craft table.

Please could you send in £3 in an envelope with your child's name on the front to the office as this is a FOCS event, and not through Parentpay.

If any children are booked into After School Club that day, they are welcome to take part.

The FOCS Team

Christine Mead