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Friday 16th June 2023

Please note **Breakfast Club will not be available on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June 2023** due to Year 6 privacy arrangements during their extended Crazy Sleepover.

There will be **no After School Club on Friday 23rd June 2023** because school will be closed at 3pm to allow staff to prepare for the Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover.

Monday 19 th June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 / 6 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 20 th June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Amber Class trip to Wroxham Miniature World – <u>please remember packed lunches</u> Colby Choir practice with Mrs Towers 8.30am (no charge). KS1 Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 21 st June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover begins. Emerald Class to Norwich Castle Museum. Cricket Club 3.15 - 4.15pm with cricket coach £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) NO Athletics Club After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 22 nd June 2023	NO Breakfast Club from 8am. Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover continues. Tag Rugby at lunchtime. KS2 Football Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Ben £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Netball Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Mr B £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) KS2 Gardening Club 3 – 4.15pm £5. PLACES AVAILABLE. (After School Club available after to 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 23 rd June 2023	NO Breakfast Club from 8am. Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover continues. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DUE TO STAFF PREPARING FOR THE CRAZY SLEEPOVER. Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover begins at 6pm.
Sunday 25 th June 2023	Junior Park Run at Blickling Estate 9am.





Sunday 25th June: Colby children are invited to attend the Junior Parkrun at Blickling Estate – see note below.

Tuesday 27th June: New Reception Induction Meeting for parents / carers at 9.15am.

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

Wednesday 28th to Fri 30th June: New Reception Induction Mornings (one morning for each child – you should have received an email to let you know which morning your child is invited).

Friday 7th July: Free Dress Day – please bring a tombola prize for the FOCS Summer Fayre.

Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July: Sport Week.

Friday 14th July: Friends of Colby School Summer Fayre from 3pm.

Monday 17th July: Ruby Class trip to ROARR Dinosaur Park.

Thursday 20th July: Sapphire class trip to How Hill.

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



Headteacher Awards

Freddie (Amber) for a great explanation on programming in computing

Ralph (Amber) for super writing in phonics

Phoebe (Amber) for great butterfly life cycle knowledge

All Year 1s for amazing phonics with Mrs Mead

Arwen (Amber) for great reading during phonics

Felix (Amethyst) for a great memory

Elsie (Amethyst) for super spellings

Elsie and Rufus (Amethyst) for great maths

Isabelle (Amethyst) for great fraction work

Rufus (Amethyst) for being brave

Ed (Amethyst) for percentage work

Otto, Izzy and Rafi (Ruby) for francais fantastique!

JP and James (Sapphire) for excellent report writing

Jacob (Sapphire) for amazing maths – word problems

Rosie (Sapphire) for fantastic independent word problem in maths

Leo, Verity, Felix, JP, Olive and Quinn (Sapphire) for beautiful manners whilst holding artefacts



Girls Football match v Rackheath

Well done to all the girls who represented the school so well on Thursday in our football match against Rackheath. The game was played in great spirits and lots of goals were scored from both teams. A big well done to all the Colby Comets for applying the right tactics and trying to keep possession. They listened brilliantly well and all made great progress. Rita was voted player of the match for some silky dribbling skills whilst I thought Mariia and Martha deserve a special mention for controlling the ball better than ever!

Well done all.

Mr B



Free-Dress Day Friday 7th July 2023

There will be a free-dress day on Friday 7th July 2023. Please could you send in tombola prizes for the FOCS Summer Fayre – all donations gratefully received. Thank you.



On Sunday 25th June all Colby children are invited to attend the Junior Parkrun at Blickling Estate. Hannah B will meet any children wishing to do it at the start of the run which is next to the overflow car park at the Blickling Hall site. Some of our children already take part in the weekly fun run and it would be great to see a larger group from Colby School there.

It is a 2km free run organised by 'Parkrun' volunteers. Any children wishing to take part need to be registered online at: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/blickling-juniors/> and bring along their printed barcode on the day which is issued via email after registration online. It is open to children aged 4-14 and all complete the same course. Results and times are sent through to you after the event via email. All children are taking part in athletics in PE this half term and this run will be a great opportunity for them to put into practice what they learn.

All 'Parkrun' rules and guidelines are on their website, parents/guardians DO need to remain on site please but you don't need to accompany your child on the run. There are volunteer marshals throughout the course and children will always be within view of one of these marshals. It is a 2 lap course undertaken on track and grass surface so trainers need to be worn please.

If your child would like to take part please just turn up (you don't need to let school know) on Sunday 25th June, it starts at 9am, so please meet Hannah B between 8:30-8:45am and please remember the printed barcode. Let's get lots of smiling Colby runners (and supporters) along to join in the fun.



Breakfast Club and After School Club cancellations due to the Crazy Sleepovers

Thursday 22nd June 2023: No Breakfast Club

Friday 23rd June: No Breakfast Club

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Colby School Homework Policy

At Colby School, we encourage children to develop a love of learning and to follow our ethos of “Everyone Learns, Everyone Leads and Everyone Matters.” We do this by providing children with stimulating and fun learning experiences at school, which we hope will inspire them to continue learning at home. We believe family life plays a vital part in a child’s education and that having fun with your family should be valued, appreciated and cherished.

We encourage children to want to learn outside school and provide them with lots of ideas for how they can do this. We have an expectation that children will read at home and provide children and families with guidance about this, as detailed below:

Why you should read with your child every day

We want to encourage and foster a love of reading in the children at our school. As parents, we know that you want the very best for your children and already appreciate that learning to read is key to accessing the curriculum at school and the wider world. However, with increasingly busy lives it may seem that hearing a child read at the end of a tiring day can feel like just another chore. We hope that by writing this article for the newsletter we can remind everyone of the importance of reading with children, not just as a mechanical process but as an enjoyable activity for you to share with your children. You reading to your child is equally as important as them listening to you.

Here are some reasons why you should read with your child every day:

1. Reading is fun! Sharing a story, or a non-fiction book, whether it is read by an adult or by a child can give you the opportunity to share funny moments, or wonder at the world and beyond.
2. The value of a bedtime story cannot be over-estimated. It can be a quiet, settling time and gives your child the opportunity to listen to story language and allow their imagination to paint pictures.
3. Children absorb language structure and extend their vocabulary.
4. Children are able to think more logically and express their own thoughts and ideas more clearly.
5. Attention and concentration span is improved which has an impact on all learning.

It is really useful to spend a few moments discussing a book with your child. You can find out how much they have enjoyed it, how well they understood it and whether they have any questions about it.

Some useful questions to ask your child about the book they have shared - choose just one or two to discuss.

1. Who are the main characters?
2. What do you think will happen next?
3. How do you think that character feels? Why? How would you feel in that situation?
4. Can you predict how the book will end?
5. Who is your favourite character? Why?
6. Is there a hidden message in the story? What is it?
7. Can you tell the story in your own words?
8. Do you like how it ended? Can you think of another way the book could have ended?

Remember that reading doesn't just have to be 'done' through books. Comics and magazines are equally good at encouraging children's interest. Point out signposts and information as you are out and about. Children like to be like you, so let them see you reading newspapers, magazines, as well as books.

We hold regular reading competitions and events to encourage children to find an author to suit them or to try something new. Children play a major role in choosing books for the school library.

Children who have Communication Passports may have extra resources, worksheets or suggested activities sent home related to their targets. This additional work is discussed with parents at Communication Passport meetings.

Every class teacher provides children with ideas for optional homework:

Amber Class

Reception children are encouraged to read every day.

Year 1 children are expected to read every day and have weekly spellings to learn at home.

Sapphire Class

Year 1 children are expected to read every day and have weekly spellings to learn at home (given out on Friday).

Year 2 children are expected to read every day and have weekly spellings to learn at home (given out on a Friday).

Children should practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables and practise telling the time (analogue clock).

Individual homework may be given focussing on personal targets, such as handwriting.

Emerald Class

All children are expected to read at home and have a minimum of three signatures in their diary. It is incredibly important that even if children are reading chapter books they still read out loud to help them develop their punctuation and comprehension skills.

All children have a weekly spelling test and a weekly times tables test. They can practise using Spelling Shed, Sumdog, Hit the button, times tables sheets, spelling books - whatever option works best for your family. Little and often would be my advice.

All children are expected to spend 3 x 10 mins of spelling and times tables practice.

Sometimes I might give children an optional homework sheet or challenge where they can earn prizes on completion, such as labelling body parts or researching Romans.

If the children are busy at home I am always really keen to see what they have been up to. This could be some writing, a project or attendance at clubs.

Ruby Class

Children are expected to:

Read daily.

Practice spellings for a test each week.

Practice time tables and telling the time.

Children also have access to Spelling Shed, IXL and Sumdog for optional mathematics.

Amethyst Class

Some work will be set according to need and is communicated to parents and children clearly. If work is set, it is to directly support English and maths development. IXL and Spelling Shed are the two most common websites we use.

It is expected that parents hear their children read regularly and sign or encourage their child to sign the Reading Diary.

There might be specific tasks related to leadership roles which can be completed at home also.



The Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleep Over Friday 23rd June 2023 6pm – Saturday 24th June 2023 8am £10 per child

If you haven't already returned your completed form for your child to attend the Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover, please do so by Monday. Several people have emailed to say they would like their child to attend, without returning the form – we must have the details requested on the form for your child to take part.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Crazy Sleepover.



Outdoor Learning

We love Outdoor Learning at Colby. The National Trust's "50 things to do before you are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " has lots of fun ideas for activities children could do at home.

Adventurer

- 1 Climb a tree
- 2 Roll down a really big hill
- 3 Camp out in the wild
- 4 Build a den
- 5 Skim a stone
- 6 Run around in the rain
- 7 Fly a kite
- 8 Catch a fish with a net
- 9 Eat an apple straight from a tree
- 10 Play conkers

Ranger

- 21 Pick blackberries growing in the wild
- 22 Explore inside a tree
- 23 Visit a farm
- 24 Go on a walk barefoot
- 25 Make a grass trumpet
- 26 Hunt for fossils and bones
- 27 Go star gazing
- 28 Climb a huge hill
- 29 Explore a cave
- 30 Hold a scary beast

Explorer

- 41 Plant it, grow it, eat it
- 42 Go swimming in the sea
- 43 Build a raft
- 44 Go bird watching
- 45 Find your way with a map and compass
- 46 Try rock climbing
- 47 Cook on a campfire
- 48 Learn to ride a horse
- 49 Find a geocache
- 50 Canoe down a river

Discoverer

- 11 Go on a really long bike ride
- 12 Make a trail with sticks
- 13 Make a mud pie
- 14 Dam a stream
- 15 Play in the snow
- 16 Make a daisy chain
- 17 Set up a snail race
- 18 Create some wild art
- 19 Play pooh sticks
- 20 Jump over waves

Tracker

- 31 Hunt for bugs
- 32 Find some frogspawn
- 33 Catch a falling leaf
- 34 Track wild animals
- 35 Discover what's in a pond
- 36 Make a home for a wild animal
- 37 Check out the crazy creatures in a rock pool
- 38 Bring up a butterfly
- 39 Catch a crab
- 40 Go on a nature walk at night

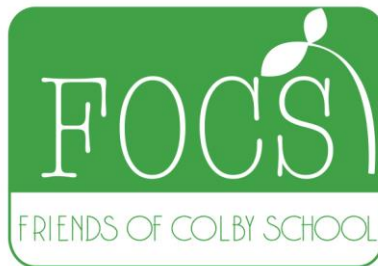
Children are encouraged to bring any projects they complete at home into school for us to celebrate their learning. They receive house points, Headteacher Awards and other treats / prizes for exceptional work.

Children are also encouraged to take part in a variety of extra-curricular clubs, including sport and music.



Tennis Success

Colby travelled to Cromer Tennis Club yesterday for the North Norfolk Tennis Championships and managed to pull off a stunning victory! All the players in both teams did really well and improved throughout the afternoon. The event was fantastic and the weather was beautiful. Thank you to all the children for representing the school so well and to Mr Pettit for helping with transport.



Thank you to FOCS

A huge thank you to FOCS and to all of you who have participated in fundraising events this year so far. FOCS recently made a generous donation to school funds to help us buy a number of resources. We are very grateful.

Cookery: FOCS helped us purchase new cookery equipment for cooking in our design technology lessons. They have sponsored the ingredients for the recent scone cooking in Amethyst and Sapphire plus contributed towards cooking in Amber, Emerald and Ruby later in the term.

Year 6 Trophies and Leavers Party: FOCS have sponsored Year 6 trophies and refreshments / party food for the Year 6 Leavers Party.

Shed: FOCS have paid for a shed which will be used to store our new go-karts and FOCS resources.

Interactive Whiteboard: FOCS have paid for two interactive whiteboards this year! Thank you very much!

We are very grateful to FOCS and all our Colby families for your support of fundraising. The money you raise really helps us to continue to improve the opportunities for your children.

Thank you very much for all you do.



Swimming Success

Fantastic individual performances and equally heroic efforts in the relays

This annual event for small and big schools across North Norfolk was kick-started by Barnaby S with victory in the Year 3 boys' freestyle, followed up moments later by an all-time record setting swim from Anna. Viv, Leonardo and Bella B all swam well in highly competitive freestyle races and were unlucky to finish in the places. The following three strokes – breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly – brought an incredible run of medals and records. Colby children set the fastest times in ten of the remaining fifteen individual races we entered. There were several event records amongst them and it was hard to keep up with. A special mention should go to Evie and Anna who both competed against older children and won anyway.

The relays were just as exciting to watch and demonstrated both the strength in depth of our expert swimmers, as well as the enthusiasm and determination of everyone involved. The girls made a clean sweep of their events and were more or less unbeatable. Ellen swam in all three races with only a minute break in between. Barnaby B, Barnaby S, Cody and George came within a whisker of victory after a phenomenal swim from Cody who pulled back 4 metres from the race leader on his leg. With Leonardo, our only Year 5 boy, swapping into the team for the next relay, an even closer race saw them miss out by the smallest margin. When there were not enough teams to make the Year 6, the same boys' team immediately jumped back in the pool – some for their third consecutive race. In an epic battle that could have gone either way, the anchor leg saw Barnaby S going stroke for stroke with the individual Year 6 champion from Sheringham. Although we eventually missed out by millimetres, Colby can take great pride in the manner in which they competed, especially against children two or even three years their senior. Overall, Colby finished a well-deserved second.

It was the first scorching day of the Summer and it was great to have Vinnie handing out the suntan lotion and looking so cool! Many thanks are due to Dave Upton from the North Norfolk Sports Partnership for organising such a great swimming Gala and to Beeston Hall School for hosting it, as well as providing a banquet of biscuits. I would also like to mention our appreciation for the parents who ferried the children to the event and gave up so much of their day.

Mr Mead

Special congratulations to the following children who set new records:

Year 4 girls freestyle - Anna (Colby) 15.55

Year 4 girls breast stroke - Anna (Colby) 21.41

Year 4 girls back - Ellen (Colby) 15.62

Year 4 girls fly - Ellen (Colby) 18.88

Year 4 girls relay - Colby 1.17.70

Year 5 girls relay - Colby 1.14.70

The Year 6 Colby Girls relay record from last year (set by three current Year 6 girls when they were in Year 5) was not broken

Christine Mead