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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

*Dear Colby Family,*

*A huge thank you to our fantastic Colby children. It has been wonderful to get to know our lovely new Reception children this term and watch them settle into school life with big smiles! All Colby children have approached this term with their usual enthusiasm, energy, laughter and sense of fun. We are extremely proud of them and they are a credit to themselves, their families and Colby School.*

*Thank you very much to Colby parents. Your continued support has been much appreciated and your kind comments to staff have brightened our days. Thank you to FOCS for the wonderful fundraising again this term and fun events like the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Craft Club.*

*Thank you to our wonderful Colby staff for their professionalism, dedication and humour. They have worked extremely hard to take the very best care of your children. I am sure they will enjoy a well-deserved rest!*

*Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*

*Thank you to you all.  
Christine Mead x*





Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED.
Tuesday 3 <sup>RD</sup> Jan 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	School Opens for the Spring Term. Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



### **Kingsbeck Christmas Services**

Carol Service at 10.00am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Skeyton Church (9 lessons / 9 carols).

Crib Service at 4.00pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at Swanton Abbott Church.

Christmas Day at 10.00am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at Banningham Church.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.



### **Headteacher Awards**

**Alfie (Sapphire)** for great reading

**George (Ruby)** for being a fantastic example during assembly

**Oliver and Freddie (Amethyst)** for amazing design technology

**Cian (Ruby)** for passing the Super Ultimate times tables challenge!

**Ben (Amethyst)** for maths

**Ben (Amethyst)** for helping with the ice

**Jack (Amethyst)** for helping everyone



### More Headteacher Awards

**Mariia, Emily, Zara, Jack, Isabelle and Rufus (Amethyst)** for fantastic spelling scores

**Isabelle (Amethyst)** for Wordle

**Felix, Josie, Eva, Toby, Jacob and Oliver (Amethyst)** for great spelling test scores

**All of Sapphire Class** for making beautiful Christmas cards

**Albert and Otto (Sapphire)** for amazing reading

**Puppies Phonics group (Sapphire)** for brilliant work

**Jacob (Sapphire)** for super + and –

**Albert (Sapphire)** for being kind

**Isobel and Noah (Amber)** for confident speaking in front of the class.

**Ruby (Amber)** for being a kind friend.

**Giles (Amber)** for being really helpful to a friend.



### Head Boy and Head Girl Awards

**Ed (Amethyst)** for being really nice

**Hugo ((Sapphire)** for being lovely and kind

**Mariia (Amethyst)** for being really loving and kind

**Charlotte (Amber)** for being kind

**Bertie (Emerald)** for being really smiley and kind

**Zara (Amethyst)** for being really understanding



We hope you have been enjoying the festive vibes at Colby over the last couple of weeks! It's been busy but so much fun 😊

FOCS would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in running the Christmas Fayre on 2nd December and to all families who attended for their generous support. It really was appreciated! We are proud to announce that we raised almost £1,800 which is amazing in the current financial climate – again, thank you! All funds raised by FOCS will be used to benefit the children at Colby in various projects.

We gave ourselves a week before putting on our creative hats for the Christmas Crafts After School Club on 9th December. It was a busy yet cheerful and glittery event (there may still be some sparkling in the hall), and we hope all those that attended enjoyed themselves.

As always, FOCS would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved, whether it be at our meetings to put forward ideas, or to help out at any events planned.

Our next meeting, and first of 2023 will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in the school hall. There will likely be some leftover mince pies brought along!

From all of us at FOCS we wish the Colby family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!  
The FOCS team.



### **New books for the school library**

Colby School recently received a very generous donation to enable us to buy some new books for the library – thank you very much to the donor. Last week, the Colby Librarians visited the Norfolk Children's Book Centre at Alby. They had a great time looking through the amazing selection of books on sale and were able to choose some to buy. There was even time for some story telling! Thank you to the helpful staff at the Book Centre for selecting appropriate books and making us all feel very welcome.

Alice and Mr B



### **Poppy Appeal Collection**

Thank you so much for your generosity during the recent Poppy Appeal in school. Colby School raised £128.59. Thank you.



Your child has been given a paper copy of the Reading Challenge. They should return any completed challenge sheets to Bella or Toby in Amethyst Class by Monday 9th January 2023. If there are any other reading challenges they have completed that are not on the sheet then please do add them on! Also, a photo of them doing one of their challenges to display in the library would be great - please email it the office. Happy reading!



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

### **Scarlet fever and Strep A**

As you will be aware, we had another reported case of Strep A in Emerald Class yesterday. As there had been 2 cases within 10 days it was classified as an outbreak and I was required to report to a national scarlet fever and Group A Streptococcus helpline.

The helpline advised that I asked parents to keep any children who are showing signs of flu at home today and many of you did so, thank you. There have been no further cases of Strep A reported today.

I have repeated UK Health Security Agency advice below.

**The key message is to seek medical advice as soon as possible, if you are concerned that your child may have scarlet fever / Strep A.**

The UK Health Security Agency states:

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

*Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy  
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*Christine Mead*