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THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Monday 13 th November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / Year 4 Football at Sheringham High School for selected pupils. 12.45pm – 2.45pm. Please bring packed lunches. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). After School Club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Recorder Club with Mrs Towers 3 - 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm).
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS1 Football Club (girls and boys) with Hannah B. 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 16 th November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). After School Club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Art Club with Mr Frost 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available until 5pm.) KS2 Football Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Ben. £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm.) KS2 Netball Club with Mr B after school 3 - 4.15pm (After School Club available after until 5pm).
Friday 17 th November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Flu Immunisation in school. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



Thursday 23rd November: Maths Café for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 parents in the Hall 9am.

Wednesday 29th November: Sapphire Class to Felmingham Church at 9.30am. We would welcome any parent volunteers to help with transport. Please let Mrs Frost know if you are able to help and contact the office to arrange a DBS.

Tuesday 5th December: Amber Class Christmas Craft Afternoon – parents very welcome.

Friday 8th December: FOCS Christmas Fayre in School 3pm.

Monday 11th December: KS2 Full dress rehearsal at The Atrium for Christmas Production. 12pm – 2pm.

Tuesday 12th December: KS1 Nativity performance in School. Times and more details to follow.

Wednesday 13th December: KS1 Nativity performance in School. Times and more details to follow.

Wednesday 13th December: KS2 Christmas Pantomime evening performance at The Atrium.

Thursday 14th December: KS2 Christmas Pantomime evening performance at The Atrium.

Monday 18th December: School Disco! More details to follow. Thank you to Vikki and Megan (Colby Kitchen) for organising this event.

Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Party Food lunch. Christmas jumpers / Christmas outfits.

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

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



Sapphire Class visit to Felmingham Church

Sapphire Class are visiting Felmingham Church on Wednesday 29th November 2023. We would welcome any parent volunteers to help with transporting the children. Please let Mrs Frost know if you are able to help, and Mrs Green in the office if you do not have a DBS. A DBS can be arranged in time for the visit. Thank you in advance for your help.



Sapphire DT – Friday 17th November 2023

Please can every child bring in a shoe box for Friday 17th November for their DT unit of work on wheeled vehicles? I do have a small number of spares for anyone that can't get hold of one. Let's look forward to seeing what they create! Many thanks for your support.



Headteacher Awards

Mia (Amber) for amazing independent writing

Evie (Amber) for making lovely cards for her friends

Orin (Amber) for being sensible

Bertie, Reuben and Isaac (Emerald) for being Sumdog Champions

Reuben x3, Frankie, Otto, Izzy, Georgina, Albert, Harris, Bertie, Edgar and Verity (Emerald)
for fantastic Wall of Wonder work

JP (Sapphire) for marvellous number bonds

All of **Sapphire** for being amazingly sensible in PE



More Headteacher Awards

Reuben, Izzy and Lev (Emerald) for stunning art work
William, Rosie, Dylan, Frankie (Emerald) for passing times table tests
Bertie, William, Eva, Edgar, Rosie, Dylan and Isaac (Emerald) for amazing Reading Diaries
Louis and Hollie (Amber) for logging on to their computers independently in ICT
Arwen, Giles, Ruby and Freddie (Amber) for amazing work in History
Archie T (Amber) for being a great messenger
Evie (Amber) for being kind and helpful
Felix (Sapphire) for explaining how to add on in your head
Ben (Sapphire) for amazing independent letter writing
Emily (Sapphire) for super letter writing



Multi-Skills Event

On Monday 30th October, Colby hosted another multi-skills event on the school field for other schools, this time for Years 3 & 4. The sports leaders excelled themselves taking a bigger ownership on running activities through meetings to discuss how they were going to run the event. It is little surprise that Mr Upton claims that our multi-skills event is one of his favourites as he says that he doesn't have to do anything. A huge compliment to the sports leaders. Children in Year 3 & 4 from Colby also participated in the event having lots of fun being active and trying some new sports and activities throughout the afternoon, ranging from teamwork activities, golf, athletics and various others. A special well done to Noah and Hugo in Sapphire class who were very brave and confident in running activities for children that were up to 2 years older than they are! Well done Colby School, you rock! Ben Richards



Blickling Junior Parkrun

Last Sunday it was fantastic to see 4 of our children compete in and finish in the top 11 of the Blickling Junior Parkrun. Well done to Ophelia Fowell who won the event in a new personal best time, closely followed by Adam Coleman in 3rd place. Bertie Fowell came 9th achieving a new personal best too and William Sparrow 11th. Brilliant performance from them all in very wet conditions underfoot. Blickling Junior Parkrun is a free 2km run for all children ages 4-14 years old and takes place at the National Trust Blickling Estate every Sunday morning at 9am, you just have to register your child online. Most Sundays there are some Colby children attending. To sign up or for more information please see: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/blickling-juniors/>



Little Riders Learn to Ride Courses

Little Riders Learn to Ride courses are running in Aylsham in November/December. The courses aim to give children aged 4 - 10 years the skills and confidence to ride a bike independently. They will be running the courses (4 x 1 hour sessions) at Aylsham High School Sports Hub on Saturday afternoons (3-4pm or 4-5pm) starting on Saturday 18th November.



Flu Immunisations

Please be advised that the portal for your online e-consents will close shortly.

To access the Portal link, you need to right click on the word **HERE** in the document previously sent and then select open link, then select YES to continue should this appear.



Year 3/4 Girls' Football

On Tuesday, a selection of Year 3 / 4 girls attended a football event at Beeston School hosted by Mr Upton. The team played 3 group matches followed by a play-off match at the end. The team gained new skills in football and worked together to create new ways to approach each match. They had a fantastic morning and represented Colby and its ethos brilliantly by ensuring that everybody learnt, lead and mattered when taking part. The morning was topped off in the final game when Colby won a very tense and close game 1 - 0. Well done to all the girls that took part and represented Colby with such high standards. You rock!

Also, a big thank you to Sophia and Amber's parents for taking children to the event.
Ben Richards.



Maths Café Thursday 23rd November at 9am

I will be holding a Maths Cafe this term for any parents in Year 2, 3 and 4. I will talk about times tables expectations, written methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing and other top tips for you to support your children with at home. I will also have some times tables resources to hand out. This is a really good chance to spend some time discussing all things primary maths and if you would like to attend can you please let the office know so we can order the correct amount of biscuits!

Thanks, Mr B



Remembrance Service

Today we were joined by members of the local community, the Royal British Legion and Colby School families for a special Remembrance Service led by Key Stage 2 pupils. Children performed poems, readings and songs about the Second World War and other conflicts. Thank you to Mrs Towers for playing the Last Post. We finished our Service with Head Boy (Oliver) and Head Girls (Ophelia and Sofia) leading a two minute silence to remember the supreme sacrifice made by so many in times of war.

Thank you to all our guests for joining us. It was a lovely turn out. Thank you to all Key Stage 2 staff and children for their hard work in preparing the Service. It was a thoughtful and beautiful Service – I was very proud of Colby School children and I am sure anyone who came will agree it was very special.



Amber Curriculum Autumn 2

This half term in Amber Class is an exciting one with our topic, Stories and Celebrations. When we asked the children what they wanted to learn about in this topic they suggested all things Christmassy including writing letters to Santa and different stories they would like to act out during their choosing! We will be working hard to practice our Christmas play with Sapphire Class, learning about the story of the first Christmas and a special visitor will be making an appearance in the classroom with some Christmas challenges (he usually sits on a shelf!). We have been learning about Traditional Tales such as The Gingerbread Man. We will continue to learn more stories in the upcoming weeks and practise our story telling skills. We will all begin to think about and write our own stories. Alongside this, Year 1's will continue with their weekly news writing as well as writing alternative endings to traditional tales.

In Maths we will be learning all about numbers and gaining an understanding of what numbers actually mean and represent. We will also be learning about one more and one less of numbers, 2D shapes and their properties as well as the early learning of time and what time means throughout the day. Along with this, Year 1's will be learning about 3D shapes and place value up to 20.

We will continue with our outdoor learning mornings in the garden twice a week.

For our foundation subjects in the afternoons will be learning all about:

- different types of families in our Life Skills lessons
- making our very own salads in DT
- learning all about significant people such as famous historical nurses in History
- seasonal changes in Science
- why Christmas is important to Christians in our RE lessons
- netball and dodgeball during PE
- practising our Christmas songs in Music

It's such a wonderful time of the year and we know that everyone is super excited for the exciting time again as we prepare for the countdown to Christmas!

We will be having a Christmas Craft Afternoon on Tuesday 5th December 2023 which will be super exciting. More details and times will follow nearer the time.

We can't wait to see what this half term has in store.
The Amber Class Team



More Headteacher Awards

Edgar, Verity, Harris, Bertie, Reuben, Rosie and Lev (Emerald)

for great attitudes in maths this week

Albert, Harris, Margot (Emerald) for excellent D.T leadership



Emerald Curriculum Autumn 2

Welcome back everyone, I hope you are all well and enjoyed your half term. We have a really exciting 7 weeks ahead of us starting this week with Remembrance. The children are learning all about WW2 and why we use symbols like poppies to help us remember past and present conflicts.

In maths we are going to be looking at estimating, rounding and then lots of focus on problems, logical thinking, multiplication and division.

In science we have started learning all about the human body and had a great time last week recreating the human digestive system!

Alice will be teaching French this term and Mrs Towers will be spending time singing and practising for the Christmas play in our Music lessons.

In English we will be story writing and looking at vocabulary, sentence structure and lots of punctuation. We will also write some poetry. Our class text this term is the Velveteen Rabbit which is a fantastic book that the class will read together as well as writing new endings, diary extracts and letters.

In P.E we are going to be playing lots of dodgeball and netball. Our core value is “social” and the children will be improving their leading, listening, speaking and organising skills. We will be playing netball outside on the playground even if it is cold so please send children in with warm gear. Year 4 will continue their swimming on Wednesday’s so please check dates for when it is the correct week.

Ms Everett will continue R.E on Thursday, looking at Christianity and we will be thinking about how to be a good person, our goals and friendships in Life Skills.

The children have come back focused and working hard, they are very excited about doing extra art this term and of course the lead up to Christmas! Yep, I've said it already!

As always please read with your children as much as you can and practise times tables and spellings ready for weekly mini tests.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and find me.
Mr B



Health and Safety message

Colby School Governors and I thought we should share the following message with you:

You may be aware from media coverage that the government has asked some schools to close or partially close due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in their school buildings.

Our school building does not contain RAAC and is fully safe to open.

We hope that this provides reassurance. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.



Ruby Curriculum Autumn 2

Ruby Class had a great first half term which went very quickly and I am sure this half term will go even quicker with the exciting activities that Christmas brings.

Here is Ruby Class's Curriculum for this half term:

Literacy: We will continue to finish our class book "Kaspar". We have already been busy writing poems about remembrance and the children wrote some lovely poems including some great Haikus. The rest of the term we will be writing persuasive letters and writing non chronological reports with an emphasis on the environment. The children will also continue to bring home spellings each week to learn. Ruby Class is open from 8:30 each morning for children to come and practise their words using Spelling Shed.

Maths: We have already been focussing on multiples, factors, prime numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will now be learning about fractions up to Christmas.

Science: We will be looking at different habitats that organisms live in with a focus related to our oceans topic.

Geography: This half term we will continue learning about oceans but will investigate each of the oceans in more detail.

Music: This half term is full of musical activities including learning the songs for the Christmas Play and Remembrance Service. We will also continue with our ukulele lessons.

PE: Dodgeball and netball with a focus on social values.

Life Skills: We will be looking at Online Safety with a focus on online bullying.

RE: We are looking at sacrifice within a religious context.

French: Learning to describe where they live and what transport we use to travel about.

Another fun-filled and exciting term.
Wendy Towers



More Headteacher Awards

Barnaby, Harriet, Nina, Ivy, Evie, Imogen, Amelie, Solomiia and Blake (Ruby)
for passing times tables challenges
Imogen, Bea, Nina, Otto and Anna (Ruby) for wonderful Remembrance poems



Amethyst Curriculum Autumn 2

The first half-term has gone so well! The children are showing how mature they are, leading their areas of responsibility extremely well.

One particular please - could children make sure they have a pair of shoes for indoors. This is important so we don't bring in any mud to the classroom. Children should continue to bring a pair of trainers/wellies for play time and lunch times as we use the field when we can.

Maths:

Mr. Mead will continue to follow the scheme of work and the children will be moving into fractions and percentages.

Science:

Our science is evolution and inheritance. Children will gain an understanding of how some aspects are genetic and how humans and animals can evolve over time.

English:

Our key text this half-term is 'A Christmas Carol' which we will be looking at a bit nearer to Christmas. To start the half term, we have learnt about remembrance and prepared the assembly for parents and visitors which children led today. Later our English links back to geography where children will write a non-chronological report of sea defences and the state of the Norfolk coast. Most children have done really well on their spellings so far. If your child needs a little extra practice at home, I will be dropping you a note to suggest best ways to support them.

Geography:

The two trips went fantastically. Children loved meeting the giant lobsters particularly! This half-term, we continue with the Norfolk coast moving into investigating different types of sea defences and some of the decisions being taken right now. Climate change also will be discussed.

P.E: (Wednesday/Friday):

P.E is indoors on a Wednesday and will be dodgeball. On Fridays, children are playing netball on the playground.

French:

Simon will be reinforcing vocabulary covered so far and helping children to gain confidence in speaking in sentences.

DT:

The children will love the unit of work on bridge construction! With just art straws and some thread, they will plan and build moving or stable structures to replicate actual bridges they investigate.

Computing:

Liz will be exploring spreadsheets with Amethyst Class this half-term. They will investigate how information can be stored, sorted and made useful.

Music:

Mrs. Towers will be leading music with Amethyst. It's all about performance this half-term and she will be getting them ready for the Christmas production.

Life Skills:

What does a good leader look like? How can we develop our own skills in positive ways to contribute effectively towards school life?

R.E:

We continue with Looking at what sort of leader Jesus was and how people do and sometimes don't live by a moral code.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Frost

Christine Mead