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| Monday 9 th October 2023 | Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Cross Country Event at Beeston Hall for all Emerald Class, all Ruby Class and selected Amethyst Class. Children back at 4pm. Please bring packed lunches. Parent Interviews from 3.10pm – 5.50pm. |
| Tuesday 10 th October 2023 | Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS2 Choir with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). After School Club until 5pm. £5. NO KS2 Recorder Club today due to Parent Interviews. Parent Interviews from 3.10pm – 5.50pm. |
| Wednesday 11 th October 2023 | Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Ruby Class and Amethyst Class Beach Trip. 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. Parent Interviews from 3.10pm – 5.50pm. |
| Thursday 12 th October 2023 | Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS1 Choir with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). Amethyst Class Trip to Jonas Crab Factory. 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. KS2 Gardening Club with Mrs Frost 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm.) |
| Friday 13 th October 2023 | Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Free Dress Day School Council Fundraiser £1. After School Club until 5pm. £5. |



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Monday 30th October: 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.



School Uniform

Dear Amber families,

Please could you double-check any uniform you have at home as we have had lots of jumpers going missing that aren't at school. Please also make sure that all uniform is named.

Many thanks, The Amber Class team



Cromer Tennis & Squash Club

JUNIOR CLUB at Cromer Tennis & Squash Club now offers 4 sessions each week for children to try out, play and enjoy 4 different racquet sports –Tennis, Squash, Table Tennis & the new sport, Pickleball!

The sessions cost £5 each.

To book a session for your child just email the Club at admin@chromertennisclub.co.uk and pay on the day.

You may wish to consider Junior Membership of the Club for your child, in which case all sessions are FREE. Junior Membership costs £ 30 (aged 0 – 11 years), valid to April 30th 2024.



Eco Club

We are the new Eco Club and we think it is important that we all help to look after our local environment. We would like to help hedgehogs because one of our local rescue centres is having to close for a while. Climate change has led to quite a few abandoned hedgehog babies. We have signed up to take part in the Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge.

If you would like to help us, please come to Sapphire Class next Tuesday (10th October) and find out how you can help.

Eleanor, Bea, Leo, Felix and Amber (Eco Club)



FOCS WhatsApp Group Contact numbers

Following on from the success of the class WhatsApp Groups in previous years, we are pleased to let you know that the following parents have agreed to be the class co-ordinators for WhatsApp. Messages can be sent through these class groups. Thank you very much.

Amber Class: Amy (George's mum) 07515 428498
Sapphire Class: Zoe (Poppy and Rosa's mum) 07546 492669
Emerald Class: Saara (Max and Izzy's mum) 07747 477863
Ruby Class: Becky (Teddy and Hugo's mum) 07860 944118
Amethyst Class: Sophia (Ophelia and Bertie's mum) 07585 209871

We held our first meeting of 2023/24 in the school hall yesterday morning, which was very productive and exciting to see what we plan to do!

As well as the committee who are pleased to be part of FOCS for another year, there were two new faces at the meeting - a big welcome to them! We hoped to see more, but understand that time is precious to all of us so if you would like to be even a tiny part of the FOCS team, whether that be 15 minutes helping out at the Fayres, ticketing tombola prizes, or you have ideas that could be added to our schedule of events we would love to hear from you! FOCS now have an email address that we can be reached at: focscolbyschool@gmail.com.

We had a very successful fundraising year in 2022/23 that has enabled us to support the school with various purchases and enhancing the experience that children of Colby enjoy! We want to beat our totals year on year but this cannot happen if we are unable to run the events to the best of their ability due to lack of help/support. The long term plan for FOCS is to raise funds so that new Chromebooks can be purchased as and when they are needed. These Chromebooks are so important to the children so whatever time can be given to help FOCS is immensely appreciated :) Keep your eyes peeled for the first FOCS event in the coming weeks!

Best wishes - Team FOCS



Parent Interviews

Teachers are looking forward to meeting you for Parent Interviews next week. If you haven't had a chance to book an appointment yet, please telephone or email the school office and they will liaise with your child's teacher.

Please note, we are not able to supervise children during Parent Interviews unless they have been booked into After School Club. You are welcome to bring your child into the Parent Interview, if you have no other childcare available. Please collect your child at 3pm as usual, unless you would like to book your child into After School Club. Thank you.



Key Stage 1 Multi Skills Event

On Monday, Colby held a KS1 Multi-skills event for local schools. It had 11 stations which were:- football drills, football matches, tag rugby, athletics, handball, tracks, tug o' war, netball, ballzone, floor is lava and dance. Our newly appointed Sport Captains and Leaders were responsible for running each activity.

Mr Upton (North Norfolk Schools Sport Partnership) sent his thanks by saying "It was lovely just looking out over the field and seeing so much activity going on. The Colby leaders excelled themselves with the quality and variety of the activities that they put on. They seem to get better each year. We got some lovely feedback from staff."

Well done to Colby Sports Captains and Leaders for a very successful event.



Headteacher Awards

Barnaby, Bertie and Kate (Emerald)

for great leadership and being an excellent 'director' in your role-play group in RE

Julia and Georgina (Emerald) for thoughtful contributions to discussions in RE

Flint (Emerald) for working really sensibly in RE and learning your lines by heart

Ellie (Amber) for great listening

Izzy and Ophelia (Amethyst) for their brilliant leadership skills at KS1 After School Football Club

Izzy, Elsie, Florence, Eleanor and Sofia (Amethyst) for full marks on a reading test

All the Sports Leaders and Captains for running KS1 Sports events

Dolly (Amethyst) for great protractor work

Elsie (Amethyst) for a great story in literacy

Amelie (Ruby) for passing the Bronze times tables challenge

Barnaby (Ruby) for passing the Silver times tables challenge

Stanley (Ruby) for passing the Gold times tables challenge

Imogen (Ruby) for passing the Olympic times tables challenge

Blake (Ruby) for passing the Finalist times tables challenge

Imogen (Ruby) for going above and beyond

Erin (Ruby) for recognising the French origin of an English word

Adam, George, Barnaby and Ellen (Ruby) for fantastic place value assessments

Imogen and Evie (Ruby) for brilliant spellings

Amber E (Ruby) for fantastic homework

Reuben, Bertie, Eva, Verity, Jacob C, Dylan, Barney and William (Emerald)

for passing their tables tests

Reuben, Jacob C and Izzy (Emerald) for wonderful Wall of Wonder work

Georgina, William, Izzy, Reuben, Harris and Harry (Emerald) for great learning attitudes

Dylan, Barney, Albert, Bertie and Jacob B (Emerald) for excellent maths

Verity (Sapphire) for amazing chilli maths

Hugo (Sapphire) for good focussed and accurate spellings

Herbie (Sapphire) for fabulous phonics



More Headteacher Awards

Freya (Sapphire) for being really kind to a friend

Sebastian B (Sapphire) for brilliant handwriting

All of Sapphire Class for a beautiful Harvest Festival

JP (Sapphire) for being kind and considerate of others, and taking care of the classroom

Stanley (Amber) for being really responsible

All of Amber Class for an amazing Harvest Festival performance

Oscar (Amber) for amazing phonics

Archie T (Amber) for amazing phonics

Arwen (Amber) for settling into Phase 5 phonics in Sapphire Class beautifully



Year 6 fundraiser events

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a cake, hot dog or craft item during our Wednesday Year 6 fundraiser events this term so far. Year 6 have launched themselves into their fundraising events with great enthusiasm and have plans to buy new go-karts and a new guinea pig cage, to decorate the school hall and to refurbish their Leadership Hut. Fundraiser events will continue on Wednesdays for the rest of term. If your child would like to buy something, please send them with 50 pence on Wednesdays. There is no pressure for children to take part so please do not feel you need to send your child with any money.



Free Dress Days - Information for new parents

From time to time, we enjoy having Free Dress Days / Mufti Days at Colby School when children are invited to wear something different to their school uniform. This includes Book Day costumes, topic themed costumes, pyjamas, onesies, party clothes, crazy hair day etc. Once a half term, we ask that children make a voluntary contribution when they have a Free Dress Day. This half term's Free Dress Day is next Friday and children are invited to wear anything warm and comfortable that they would like. Their £1 voluntary donation will go towards Year 6 pupil leadership fundraising, including refurbishing their Leadership Hut and decorating the school hall. We limit the Free Dress Days when we ask for voluntary contributions / items to once a half term but sometimes dress up just for fun! Dressing up is always optional and please never feel you need to provide a professional costume or go to lots of trouble!

Christine Mead

NEW U7 GIRLS TEAM

Taster session
Monday 16th October

Training:
Mondays 5-6pm
@ Youngs Park

Year 1 & 2 girls
All abilities
welcome



Contact Hannah:
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