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THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Monday 25 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 26 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. KS2 Choir 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 27 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. Mini Monsters visiting Colby School (all classes). Hot Dog School Council Fundraiser at break-time today 50p. NEW - 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 28 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. KS1 Choir with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). After School Club until 5pm. £5. 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.) Limited spaces.
Friday 29 th September 2023	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. Bike-ability for Year 4 pupils. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 4th October: 9.15am Harvest Festival assembly led by Amber and Sapphire Classes. Families very welcome.

Thursday 5th October: 9.00am FOCS AGM in the school hall.

Friday 13th October: Free Dress Day. Year 6 Fundraiser for the Leadership Hut. £1.

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.



Headteacher Awards

Dylan (Emerald) for being a fantastic role model in assembly

Viv and Hannah (Amethyst) for being excellent Heads of Creativity

Viv (Amethyst) for the best estimation in a tricky maths puzzle

Alannah (Ruby) for a fantastic start to Year 5

Solomiia, Amelie and Amber E (Ruby) for passing the Finalist times tables challenge

Max, Teddy, Barnaby, Ivy and Harriet (Ruby) for passing the Bronze times tables challenge

Ines (Ruby) for passing the Gold times tables challenge

Cody and Dylan (Ruby) for passing the Silver times tables challenge

Imogen, Adam, Ellen and Alfie (Ruby) for passing the European times tables challenge

Ellen (Ruby) for being Star of the Week

Dylan (Ruby) for fantastic rugby

Ellen, Evie, Adam, Anna, Imogen and Erin (Ruby) for fantastic fronted adverbials

Adam (Ruby) for wonderful prepositions

Evie, Ellen, Imogen and Florence (Ruby) for amazing choir support

Sebastian B (Sapphire) for amazing focus in phonics

Verity (Sapphire) for detailed description on Antarctica facts

Year 1 (Sapphire) for fantastic place value work

Sebastian B (Sapphire) for confident independent reading

Oliver (Sapphire) for explaining that the number 30 has no 1s!

JP (Sapphire) for amazing reading of tricky words on a new phase level

Lily, Verity, Olive, Hugo and Milo (Sapphire) for a great maths session with Mr Frost

Olivia (Sapphire) for a beautiful description on Supertato

Florence (Amethyst) for helping the little children in choir

Elsie (Amethyst) for lovely English

Dolly (Amethyst) for great leadership

Viv (Amethyst) for super maths

Ophelia (Amethyst) for amazing art

Rafi (Amethyst) for a great recovery from speaking in class

Rufus and Leo (Amethyst) for literacy

Leo (Amethyst) for a great speech

Verity, William and Jacob (Emerald) for an excellent attitude to learning

Reuben, Bertie, Harry, Harris, Barney and Georgina (Emerald) for being super Yr 4 role models

Georgina, Dylan, Kate and Albert (Emerald) for great tag rugby straight line running

Margot (Emerald) for great kindness

Cian (Amethyst) for an amazing mathematics investigation



Emerald Class Update!

Times tables

We are now up and running with times tables for this year and children should be familiar with what the expectations are. They will have an informal test on Thursdays. This will be marked and recorded but only so we can show progress and monitor what tables they are working on throughout the year. Ideally Year 3's will know the multiplication and division facts for the 2,3,4,5,8 and 11 times tables by the end of term.

Year 4's expectation is that they know all of their remaining tables as well.

They will practise their tables in school 3 times per week but it is expected that they practise at home twice a week as well. This can be on a computer or just playing a game/worksheet, whatever works best for their learning style.

Spellings

Children have all been given their spellings which were determined by a start of the year quick quiz. They all have a RED SPELLING BOOK which will come home with their words for the week. They are expected to practise twice each week in preparation for a spelling test which will be on a Monday or Wednesday morning. They all have access to SPELLING SHED where they can find their words in case they are away on the day we hand them out.

Reading

All the children have heard reading within the first couple of weeks and it has been lovely to hear how much they are enjoying their books this term so far. It is a Colby expectation that children read aloud to an adult at home three times each week. Can reading diaries be signed so that we know if this is happening and keep on track if anyone needs any extra support. Even for children who are now reading chapter books it is really important that their comprehension and understanding is supported at home and at school.

Homework

I had some spare textbooks in the cupboard which I gave to the class last week. They had fun decorating the covers and have been really keen to bring in homework. It has been lovely to see the variety of fantastic ideas the children have and I encourage them all to show me whatever they find interesting.

I don't expect them or ask them to do any set homework other than spellings and times tables. The books are purely optional fun and for extra work they choose to do and can allow the children a chance to earn stickers and prizes if they bring anything in.

If you have any questions then please ask.

Mr B



Garden in a Box success

Congratulations to **Georgina** (Emerald) for winning the Garden in a Box competition at Felmingham Church last week. Well done, Georgina – you are a great ambassador for Colby School.



Menu choice for this half term Yum yum!

MONDAY	Pasta bolognese, garlic bread. Fruit.
TUESDAY	Hotdog in a roll, salad and homemade potato wedges. Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Fish fingers, new potatoes, sweetcorn and peas. Fruit
THURSDAY	Jacket potato, cheese, beans and salad. Fruit.
FRIDAY	Cheese pizza, cucumber and carrot sticks. Fruit



Year 6 Pupil Leaders

Year 6 children are cracking into their leadership roles and have had a very successful week. Thank you to everyone who supported the Cake Sale this week and well done to Viv, Hannah, Elsie and Dolly for organising it and providing delicious cakes. They raised a fantastic **£112** for creative arts – awesome!

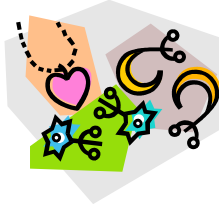


PENNY DONATIONS

Dear readers of this newsletter,

We are the newly selected School Council Executive for Colby School this year. Until the half term holiday, we are going to have a jar for each classroom that students can put spare 1 and 2p pennies in to help School Council funds. We would greatly appreciate it if you would care to donate as many as you can to help our lovely school. We will dedicate the money that we raise to our new Leadership Hut which will help other students and leaders have a place to learn how to be part of a team, as well as lead one. We completely understand if you can't find any pennies but thanks in advance if you do.

From Izzy, Dolly & Elsie



Safe Practice in Physical Education

The Local Authority issues the following guidance in relation to body piercing and its implications to safety in Physical Education. Norfolk LA supports and follows the good practice guide produced by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education. In keeping with BAALPE's "Safe Practice" document:

“all adornments should be removed before the physical education lesson”

If your child is able to take out their own earrings, they will need to do this before PE lessons. If your child finds it difficult to remove their earrings you may prefer to send them to school without earrings on the days they have PE lessons. Please can children have hairbands available to tie back their hair for PE lessons. Thank you.



Taking photographs in school

We look forward to welcoming Amber and Sapphire parents to the Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 4th October at 9.15am. The Governing Board has agreed that families / visitors may take photographs, and film special events in school such as Harvest Festival, Christmas Plays, Performances and Dress Up Days.

Families are not permitted to take photographs on the playground / field on other days.

Families are asked to be respectful of the privacy of other children and to photograph / record sensitively, concentrating on your own child(ren).

We request that photographs or footage which includes children other than your own is not shared on social media under any circumstances.

Thank you for your support.



Lost Property

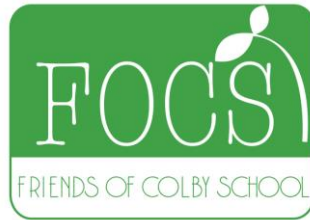
Several parents have already reported that their children have lost items of uniform or property such as water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc. Please could you check all of your child's uniform and property this weekend in case they have things that don't belong to them. **Please name** all of your child's property so we can get things back to them if they get misplaced. Thank you for your help with this.



Change to end of day collection arrangements

If you need to advise us your child will be collected by somebody else, or needs to stay to After School Club, we would be very grateful if you could please contact us **before 2.30pm** otherwise we may not receive your answerphone message / email as we are often out of the office running errands at the end of the day.

Many thanks,
Mrs Smith and Mrs Green



The Friends of Colby School (FOCS) would like to wish all families a happy, fun and exciting new school year for 2023/24!

For those that are new to Colby School, FOCS is the PTA which organises and runs various events throughout the year to raise funds for the enhancement to the education and environment that the pupils enjoy every day at Colby.

Our AGM is being held on Thursday 5th October at 9am in the school hall, and we would like to extend an invitation to all parents, whether existing or new, to come along and see what we have planned for the year ahead. There is no obligation to be a constant presence but new ideas are always welcome.

It is also impossible for big events such as the super successful Christmas and Summer Fayres to be run without the generosity of parents' time, so anything you can give to FOCS is greatly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you all on 5th October but if you have any queries in the meantime please let the school office know and they will pass onto the FOCS members.

Team FOCS



WhatsApp

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) 07546 492669
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



More Headteacher Awards

George (Amber) for being helpful

All Amber Year 1s for excellent maths work

Evie (Amber) for being extremely polite

Felix (Amber) for fantastic confidence within the classroom

Sophie (Amber) for sharing great ideas within circle time

Cian (Amethyst) for an ingenious investigation of squares, cubes and higher powers!

Christine Mead