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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 all they do to support Colby School.

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*

PS. Colby School is open Monday – Wednesday next week but this is the final newsletter of the term.





<p>Monday 18th December 2023</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Christmas Disco 3 – 5pm £5. Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes for the Disco. Please pay on ParentPay to book a place. No other After School Club available today. Quiet activities also available in classrooms, including nail varnish and art activities. (Please email Mrs Mead if you do not want your child to have nail varnish applied.) Amber children to be collected from their usual gate from 4.45pm. All other children to be collected from the flagpole / adult entrance area from 4.50pm onwards to allow a staggered exit.</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th December 2023</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (no charge). KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). Christmas Party Food Lunch – children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers / outfits. Please cater for around 8 children – you don't need to provide a whole feast. If you could send the food in a disposable container, that would be very helpful. Otherwise, please label any box clearly so we can return it to you afterwards. After School Club until 5pm. £5. No KS2 Recorder Club today.</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th December 2023</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (no charge). Talent Show (school only) this morning – details sent home in a leaflet from School Council. After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
<p>Thursday 21st December 2023</p>	<p>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.</p>
<p>Friday 22nd December 2023</p>	<p>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.</p>
<p>Thursday 4th January 2024</p>	<p>School reopens for the Spring Term 2024. Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
Christmas Party Food Lunch – Tuesday 19th December 2023

Children in Amber and Sapphire Class (and children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled to free school meals) will be provided with a lunch of pizza and salad on Tuesday 19th December 2023 – their entitlement to a free meal. However, we hope you will help us have a wonderful Christmas Party Lunch by sending in some additional food so we can have a party buffet together in the school hall.

Key Stage 2 children are invited to send in food for the Christmas Party Food Lunch too. Colby Kitchen will not be providing hot meals for Key Stage 2 on this day (other than those children who are entitled to free school meals).

The chart below lists the food item that we would like you to provide for the Christmas Party Food buffet. It looks more complicated than it is – simply find your child's year group and the letter that starts their surname to find out what food they should bring in. For example: Harry **P**otter in **Year 6** would bring **crisps**.

Please cater for around 8 children – you don't need to provide a whole feast. If you could send the food in a disposable container, that would be very helpful. Otherwise, please label any box clearly so we can return it to you afterwards.

If your child has food allergies, you may prefer to send them with a plate of their own party food. Please contact me if you would like to discuss how we can help your child enjoy the buffet safely.

Please send your party food donation in on morning of Tuesday 19th December 2023.

Any wrapped donations (crisps, wrapped biscuits, wrapped cakes) which are left over (if anything is) will be donated to a Christmas Food Bank.

If you would prefer your Amber or Sapphire Class child just to have their pizza lunch that day, please let me know by emailing head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk. There is no pressure for children to be involved but we may need to reallocate food donations if children opt out. Key Stage 2 children can choose to bring a packed lunch instead but, again, it would be helpful if you could let me know in advance so I can ensure we have enough food to go around.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about our Christmas Party Lunch.

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Sausage rolls	Reception children: surnames beginning with A, B. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with C, F, G.
Cheese and onion pastry rolls	Reception children: surnames beginning with C, D.
Cheese sandwiches	Reception children: surnames beginning with G, K, L, M. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with H, J.
Ham sandwiches	Reception children: surnames beginning with P, R, T.
Cheese and pineapple on sticks	Reception children: surnames beginning with W, Y.
Cocktail sausages	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with B.
Crisps (Pom bears, hula hoops, ready salted crisps)	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with D, E, F. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with A, B.
Chocolate biscuits	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with H, M, R, S. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with S, Y.
Cakes	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with T, W. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with M, O, P.
Pizza slices	Provided by Colby Kitchen for Amber and Sapphire.
Salad	Provided by Colby Kitchen for Amber and Sapphire.
Veggie sausage rolls and cocktail sausages	Provided by Colby Kitchen for all vegetarians.

	EMERALD, RUBY AND AMETHYST PARTY FOOD DONATIONS. PLEASE FIND YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUP AND INITIAL OF THEIR SURNAME TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT PARTY FOOD TO SEND IN. THANK YOU.
Sausage rolls	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with A, B. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with B, C, E.
Cheese and onion pastry rolls	Year 5 children: surnames beginning with O, P, R.
Cheese sandwiches	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with C, D. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with D, F, H.
Ham sandwiches	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with G, J, L, M.
Cheese and pineapple on sticks	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with P, S, T. Year 5 children: surnames beginning with A, B.
Cocktail sausages	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with B.
Crisps (Pom bears, hula hoops, ready salted crisps)	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with C, E. Year 5 children: surnames beginning with S, T. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with J, L, M, P.
Chocolate biscuits	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with F, J. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with R, S.
Cakes	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with M, S. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with W.
Pizza slices	Year 5 children: surnames beginning C, E, F.
Salad (carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes)	Year 5 children: surnames beginning with G, J, L, M.
Veggie sausage rolls and cocktail sausages	Provided by Colby Kitchen for all vegetarians.



Board games afternoon!

Colby children are encouraged to bring in any board games to school on Tuesday when they will be able to play games with their friends after our Christmas party food lunch. Games should be named and put in an appropriate carry bag. The school has lots of games the children can choose from as well. Thank you.



Sapphire Class visit to Felmingham Church

Sapphire Class recently enjoyed a very special visit to Felmingham Church. They were hosted by Heather, one of our lovely Governors and some helpful members of the Church. Children were able to see real examples of religious objects that they had been learning about in school, as part of RE sessions. Whilst there, the children wrote individual prayers for Christmas, which were very thoughtful. These are now hanging on the Church prayer tree. As a special 'thank you' the children wanted to create some beautiful sparkling stars to decorate the Church for the congregation to enjoy over the festive period. The children will be proud to show their prayers and decorative stars to you at the Church.

We must express our gratitude to the FABULOUS parents who transported the children to the church – we couldn't have done it without you! We have posted some photos of the visit on our Google Classroom page.

"It's been interesting to actually see the font where babies are baptized." Leo

"The pews are quite comfy and lots of people could fit in here." Stella

"Some children will be in hospital at Christmas time so it's kind to write a prayer for them." Herbie
Sarah Frost

Christmas Services



Our friends from the United Benefice of King's Beck would like to invite you to join in with the services below, to celebrate this wonderful Christmas season.

Sunday 17th December 10am: Carol Service at Banningham Church.

Sunday 24th December 4pm: Crib Service at Felmingham Church, with Nativity for all the family.

Christmas Morning 10am: Eucharist at Felmingham Church



Headteacher Awards

Poppy, Sofia, Oliver and Izzy (Amethyst) for winning the Spelling Shed hive games

Rufus (Amethyst) for great spellings

Sofia (Amethyst) for getting full marks on the end of Autumn spelling test

Elsie, Eleanor, Dolly, Violet, Poppy and Leo (Amethyst) for improving scores on a spelling test

Cian (Amethyst) for maintaining his brilliant score on the spelling test!

Albert, James, Bertie, Reuben, Otto, Isaac, Frankie, Harrison,

Edgar, Eva and Barney (Emerald)

for fantastic reading assessment scores and attitudes

Albert, Margot, Rosie, Frankie, Harry and William (Emerald)

for excellent Velveteen rabbit writing

Hudson (Emerald) for superb adaptability in the Christmas performance

All of Emerald Class for excellent sitting and listening during play rehearsals!

Reuben, Eva and James (Emerald) for being great role models to all around them

Julia and Harrison (Emerald) for superb manners

Max (Amber) for being really helpful

Jacob (Emerald) for great reading

James (Emerald) for fantastic maths

ALL of Sapphire for a truly FANTASTIC Christmas play performance

Hugo, Noah and JP (Sapphire) for being especially helpful around the classroom this week

Leo and Poppy (Sapphire) for being awesome despite having horrid colds!

All of Amber Class for being amazing with the Christmas play



Out of School Success!

Margot (Emerald) attended the East of England Gymnastics Competition held at Meridian Stars Gymnastics Club in Peterborough on Sunday 3rd December. The competition saw gymnasts from 7 clubs around East Anglia competing in four disciplines - Beam, Floor, Bar and Vault. The best gymnasts overall across the four disciplines would also be judged. Margot was part of a team from North Walsham Gymnastics Club where she trains for 10 hours every week as part of the development squad. In the lead up to this competition she also took on 4x one-to-one sessions so was doing 11 hours every week. Phew! The hard work paid off though as Margot came home with a podium finish in every event. This means she was in the top 3 gymnasts at the competition in her age group. Margot came 2nd in Beam and 3rd in Vault, Floor and Bar - winning an incredible 3rd overall as well.

Wow, what a star Margot, many congratulations!



Out of School Success!

Congratulations to Leonardo (Amethyst) for being on a winning streak the last few weeks in swimming and athletics.

Leonardo won a silver medal for 50m freestyle in his last gala for North Norfolk Vikings. Then he also won the North Norfolk Vikings Junior Endeavour award for 2023.

Plus he competed for City of Norwich athletics (CONAC) in the County Sports Hall competition and his team won the gold trophy.

Fantastic, Leonardo! Well done!



School Disco Monday 18th December 3 - 5pm

Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes for the Disco. Please pay on ParentPay to book a place. If you could do this by Saturday lunchtime, it would be very helpful for me to know how many children to cater for (drinks and snacks included in the entrance fee). No other After School Club available today. Quiet activities are also available in classrooms, including nail varnish and art activities. (Please email Mrs Mead if you do not want your child to have nail varnish applied.) Amber children to be collected from their usual gate from 4.45pm. All other children to be collected from the flagpole / adult entrance area from 4.50pm onwards to allow a staggered exit and safe collection in the dark. Thank you to Megan and Vikki (Colby Kitchen) for organising this event.



Sweets in a Jar

Congratulations to Anya in Amber class who won the sweets at the Christmas Fayre with her clever guess for "Guess how many sweets in the jar". Mr Mead was a close second with his guess, well done. There is always next year, Mr. Mead! Congratulations Anya!

From the **Friends of Colby School**



Christmas Fayre Thank you

A huge thank you to the Friends of Colby School for all of their hard work planning, organising and leading the FOCS Christmas Fayre last week. The happy atmosphere was a perfect start to our Christmas festivities.

A big thank you to everybody who helped – to the generous raffle prize givers, those people who ran stalls, crafts and games, baked cakes, served refreshments, face painted, donated raffle prizes, helped set up and clear up at the end.

Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the fun! Happy Christmas to you all.



Amber and Sapphire Nativity

A huge well done to the lovely children of Amber and Sapphire Class, who performed so beautifully during their performances this week. Thank you to parents / families for providing children with great costumes and coming along to support them. Thank you to the wonderful staff of Amber and Sapphire Class. I hope you all enjoyed the shows as much as we did – there is nothing quite like an angel costume to get you in the mood for Christmas! Thank you for your generous contributions to the collections at the end of the performances – we raised £265 which will be spent on drama and play related resources for Amber and Sapphire children.



Key Stage 2 Performance

I am sure anyone who joined us for the Key Stage 2 Performances this week really enjoyed the shows. Well done to all of Key Stage 2 for their enthusiastic singing and wonderful acting. The audience chuckled away throughout and enjoyed the wonderful singing. Key Stage 2 were fantastic performers – a real bunch of super stars!

A huge thank you to Mrs Towers for her excellent leadership of music throughout the school.

Thank you for your generous contributions at the end of the performances. We raised a wonderful £325 – thank you!

*Merry
Christmas*

Christine Mead