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The Week Ahead

Monday 22 nd January 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 23 rd January 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (no charge). Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 24 th January 2024	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). Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. Swimming Gala at AHS for selected Year 5 and Year 6 pupils – please bring packed lunches. KS1 Football Club (girls and boys) with Hannah B. 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS2 Music Club with Mrs Towers 3 – 4.15pm. £5. ((After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 25 th January 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Art Club with Mr Frost 3 – 4.15pm. New project starting this week. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS2 Netball Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 26 th January 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February: School closed - Spring Half Term holiday.

Monday 26th February: School reopens for 2nd half of Spring Term.

Wednesday 27th March: School closes at 3pm for Easter break. No After School Club today.

Monday 15th April: School reopens for Summer Term.

Wednesday 17th April: Internet Safety / Life Skills parent session at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

Monday 6th May: School closed for May Bank Holiday.

Monday 27th – Fri 31st May: School closed for Summer Half Term.

Monday 3rd June: School reopens for 2nd half of Summer Term.

Friday 19th July: School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



Headteacher Awards

Izzy, Barnaby, James, Reuben and Harris (Emerald) for great ideas linked to our new RE topic about Muslim life

Blake (Ruby) for passing the Gold times tables challenge

Ellen, Adam, Erin, Imogen, Evie and Anna (Ruby) for super spellings

Adam, Evie, Imogen and Stanley (Ruby) for fantastic Oceans' knowledge

Rufus and Will (Amethyst) for great English

Cian (Amethyst) for correcting Mr Mead in Maths!

Arwen and Ruby (Amber) for great English work

Charlie S (Amber) for great rhyming work

George (Amber) for working really hard

Stanley (Amber) for great phonics work

Alannah (Amber) for great writing

Phoebe (Sapphire) for amazing reading

Ralph, Leo, Lily, Stella, Poppy, Verity and Hugo (Sapphire) for super learning behaviour

Herbie (Sapphire) for beautiful manners

Milo (Sapphire) for amazing Masai work

All of Sapphire Class for a fantastic teddy bear picnic



Contacting us

Our school office is manned from 8.50am – 3pm every school day. There are often staff about after 3pm but if no-one is available to answer the telephone you can leave a message on our answer 'phone – we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

We are available on the playground gate every day if you want to talk to us. Never worry that your questions are too small or silly! If you find it more convenient to contact us by email you can contact Mrs Smith or Mrs Green regarding office enquiries on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or myself on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk



Vacancy for a Co-opted Governor at Colby School

This is a voluntary role

Please find below an advert for a co-opted Governor for Colby School. This vacancy is not for a parent Governor but we thought we would share the advert on the newsletter, in case you know someone outside of school who might be interested. Past parents, past Grandparents or members of the local community would be very welcome to apply. Please share this advert with anyone who you think might be interested. Thank you.

The Governing Board of Colby School are looking to appoint an additional Co-opted Governor to join their team.

Whilst the Headteacher is responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of Colby School, the Governing Board is involved in overseeing the curriculum, pupil welfare, premises, health and safety, personnel, and school finances at a strategic level. They monitor and evaluate the school's effectiveness and hold the school to account for the standards achieved and quality of education.

Colby School is fortunate to have a dedicated and highly skilled team of Governors who are actively involved in the life of the school. The Governing Board is made up of representatives of parents, the Local Authority, the local community and school staff. There is a strong partnership between Governors, the Headteacher and all staff who work together to ensure the school ethos that "Everyone Learns, Everyone Leads and Everyone Matters".

The successful applicant will be:

- Highly organised and able to set clear priorities in managing their workload
- Able to work calmly under pressure
- Able to show a 'can-do' attitude and seek solutions to problems
- A strong team player
- A person who demonstrates excellent initiative

We can offer you:

- Training provided by Norfolk Governor Services
- A buddy system provided by our friendly and experienced Governing Board
- A fulfilling role, providing support and challenge for Colby School

For more information about Colby School, please refer to our school website.

For further details, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Kathryn Arnold, by email at kathryn.arnold@norfolk.gov.uk



GROWING FOOD – hearty home-cooked food for busy families

I'm hoping this new project will be something useful for lots of us at Colby. To help make life a little easier, I'm providing a once a week hearty, healthy, family (and planet) friendly alternative to take away food.

Parents can just message me (Lorna - Herbie and Orin's mum) to join the Growing Food Community Group and I'll add them to the WhatsApp group. There, I post the menus on a Sunday, receive orders by the Monday and then cook to order weekly (meaning zero waste). The food will be ready on the Thursday – to collect in Colby car park at 3pm – or at ours in Aylsham afterwards. Free from options are always available.

If anyone is interested please message Lorna - 07947824057.

The first menu below will be available to order this coming Monday:

Coconut, chickpea & lime soup

vegan, gluten free – can freeze *contains soy
reg £9 / large £16

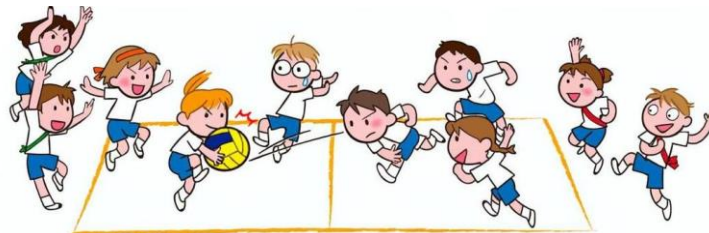
Cashew, Pistachio & Basil Pesto

Vegan, gluten free *contains nuts
reg £9 / large £16

Butterbean Puttanesca

gluten free, vegan on request *contains fish
reg £12 / large £20

My kitchen is registered with the Council and Food Safety with 5 stars.
From **Lorna** (Herbie and Orin's Mum)



Dodgeball Competition

On Tuesday, a selection of Year 6 pupils attended a Dodgeball competition at Cromer Academy. Throughout the morning, they played against various schools from the local area. Each Dodgeball match consisted of best of 3 with each game lasting for 3 minutes. In the chaos of dodgeballs flying all over Cromer's sports hall, Colby won every match on the way to the final. Colby played a very strong team in the final and in the first game, Colby were 3 seconds from losing. However, a great catch meant that we turned the game on its head and won. Shocked by such a dramatic end to the game, Colby dominated in the second game to win the final.

Some great dodging, throwing and catching skills were demonstrated by the children and it was great to see how well they all engaged with each other to create tactics when entering into matches.

Well done to Leonardo, Violet, Rufus, Elsie, Oliver and Ophelia for retaining the Dodgeball trophy (4th time in a row for Colby!).

Ben Richards



Success out of School Club Player of the Match Awards

Many of our children play in football clubs outside of school at the weekends and a couple of weekends ago, 4 of our children all won the 'Player of the Match' award for their respective teams. **Ophelia** (Amethyst) plays for Aylsham U12 girls Kingfisher team and scored 2 outstanding goals in their match. **Bertie** (Emerald) plays for Aylsham U9 Falcons and made many amazing saves playing in goal. **Reuben** (Emerald) plays for the other Aylsham U9 team and he won his award for some brilliant tackling and **Dylan** (Emerald) plays for North Walsham U9 Angels and scored 2 goals (one direct from a corner) and made an assist for another goal. An excellent achievement from these 4 superstars!

We wish all the children who play in clubs outside of school well in their future matches.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every day of the week from 8am. It costs £5 per session, payable on Parent Pay.

Please bring your child to the black gate at the front entrance of the school, near the flag pole. Please press the Breakfast Club buzzer and Simon will let you in. Breakfast Club takes place in the school hall, which is accessed through the green doors directly in front of the entrance. Please try to drop your child off by 8.15am at the latest to give them enough time to enjoy their breakfast.

Children enjoy juice, cereal, fruit, toast and porridge at Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club is a social place and we hope your children enjoy the relaxed and friendly environment – a great start to the day.



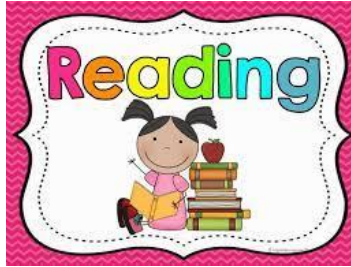
Lost Property

Several parents have reported that their children have lost items of uniform or property such as water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc. Our Lost Property box is not very full, so the items must be elsewhere. 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.



Communication during emergencies!

There are very occasionally times when we have unusual events (power-cuts etc.) and need to contact you quickly. We use the Colby Facebook page and Colby FOCS WhatsApp groups to reach as many people as possible at once. Our telephone landline doesn't work without electricity and mobile telephone signal at school is temperamental. Telephoning you all individually is a slow process. Please sign up to the Colby Facebook page and Colby FOCS WhatsApp groups, if you haven't already done so. It really helps with quick communication. Thank you.



Helping your child to read

During their first term in Amber Class, our Reception children enjoyed daily phonics sessions and were introduced to many initial letter sounds. These sessions are the early part of reading and will continue this term. Children will have been bringing home a reading book for you to share with them.

Most of you will probably have used different strategies to learn to read than we use in school today. We thought it might be helpful for you to have some support with hearing your child read.

We call each sound a letter and 2 - 3 letters make a PHONEME. The GRAPHEME is how it looks. These are taught in a special order because education specialists have worked out that this is the best way to help children to learn to read. The phonemes / graphemes are also split into groups called PHASES.

Each sound makes a very short sound. You may remember bring taught T as a 'ter' sound. Now it is a very short and snappy 't'. If you whisper it, it is easier to make the sound.

Each reading book has the phonemes it contains listed and practising these before reading is a good idea. Books are matched closely with phonemes covered in their phonics sessions so your child should be able to sound out the majority of the words.

Being able to BLEND phonemes to make words, c...a...t is cat is really important and before trying you should make sure that your child recognises each phoneme.

I have included some links on the sound each phoneme makes and how to encourage your child to blend.

How to read each sound:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=UCI2mu7URBc&cbrd=1>

How to blend each sound:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=vqvqMtSNsw>

If you have any queries, please ask any of the Amber adults or Mrs. Frost.

Enjoy this wonderful time of learning to read with your child.

Sarah Frost

Christine Mead