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Monday 20 th November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 21 st November 2023	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). See note below. 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 22 nd November 2023	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). See note below. Swimming for current Year 4 group. Please bring packed lunches. 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 23 rd November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). Mathematics Café with Mr Brown. Year 2, 3 and 4 parents invited to attend. 9am in the school hall. 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 24 th November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Thursday 30th November: Ruby Class Ukulele Performance at 9am.

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.



Out of School Success!

A massive well done to **Anna** (Ruby) for winning two gold medals at her first ever swimming gala for the Vikings. What a star! Well done, Anna!



Headteacher Awards

Etta (Amber) for a fantastic woodland walk creation

Ruby (Amber) for a very creative table cloth

Sophie (Amber) for brilliant phonics

Giles (Amber) for amazing singing



More Headteacher Awards

Ophelia, Rafi, Poppy and Dolly (Amethyst) for getting 8/8 on a Reading Test
All Key Stage 2 for a wonderful Remembrance Service
Bella (Amethyst) for fantastic mathematics homework
Sofia (Amethyst) for a great answer in English
Rufus (Amethyst) for great understanding in mathematics
All of **Ruby Class** for a fantastic performance during Remembrance Service
Raff (x2), Barnaby (x2), Anna, Evie (x2), Matthew, Cody and Otto (Ruby)
for fantastic maths
Barnaby, Amber C, Ines, Anna, Otto, Evie, Stanley, Bea and Max (Ruby)
for fantastic plastic pollution reports
Otto, Bea, Imogen, Nina, Anna (Ruby) for wonderful Remembrance poetry
Raff (Ruby) for passing the Bronze times tables challenge
Blake (Ruby) for passing the Silver times tables challenge
Nina and Matthew (Ruby) for passing the European times tables challenge
Anna and Alfie (Ruby) for passing the Olympic times tables challenge



Key Stage 2 Remembrance Service

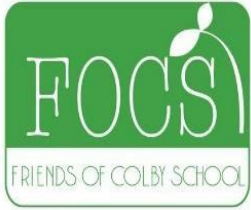
Thank you for all your lovely feedback about the Key Stage 2 Remembrance Service held last week. I thought I would share some words from two of our Year 6 pupils.

We have been considering the thanks and gratitude we feel for the heroic people who contributed to the war. Even though I did not fight in the war, I am extremely grateful that soldiers have fought for us. We are safe because of soldiers fighting for the innocent – they were exceptionally special and fearless. You should definitely feel gratitude for the sacrifices that they made. Those sacrifices were: they participated in the insanely critical mission, they faced awful challenges and they were so fearless that they coped with suffering and losses. We are so appreciative.

By **Cian** (Amethyst)

The amount of appreciation and compassion I feel for the soldiers is immeasurable. They are heroic, brave and courageous men. But also without doubt the women contributed in ways that saved our country. Without those strong women we would never have won the war. Those brave and inspiring soldiers protected our country and protected my family and for that I am eternally grateful. The experiences they must have witnessed, the friends they must have lost and the scars that would have been left behind – they did that for their country, they did that for their community and they did that for us. They went into those fields and they did their duties. I remember those men as heroes, as fighters and as true citizens. So I wear this poppy in honour of all the noble men and women who fought for our country, who represented our country and who saved our country.

By **Dolly** (Amethyst)



Friends of Colby School

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Your FOCS Committee

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(Amber C's Mum)

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(Archie's Mum)

Please feel free to contact us on any of our numbers, catch us at the school gate or alternatively you can email us at: FOCScolbyschool@gmail.com

What is a PTA?

Friends of Colby School PTA is a group of volunteer parents who work alongside the teachers to enhance the school environment in which children learn. Funds are raised through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives to buy extra resources which benefit the children.

Our Mission

Our mission as the PTA of Colby Primary School is to organise events, stalls and sales to raise funds to help support the school financially and to bring the school community together.

Our fundraising focus for this school year is to ensure funds are available for the Chromebooks that will need to be replaced in the near future. Your children regularly use the Chromebooks and any fundraising success from FOCS events enables this to continue.

2022/2023 Funds

In the last school year FOCS raised just over £5,000 through the events held, grants received and donations made. This meant that FOCS were able to provide funding of £8,318 to the school which was spent on:

- Interactive whiteboards that needed replacing (£5,050)
- Classroom resources (£200 per class = £1,000)
- New storage shed (£1,500)
- Cookery class expenses (£500)
- Year 6 leavers items (£268)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - WE NEED YOU!



In order to continue the successful fundraising FOCS desperately need new volunteers! We simply cannot run the Christmas Fayre, or future events without more help. The Christmas Fayre is much anticipated by the children and their families so if you, or other family members, are able to offer 30 minutes of your time, whether that is helping to set up or running a stall, please contact one of the committee members at the top of this newsletter.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 08 December 2023

The Christmas Fayre returns on Friday 08 December at 3pm. As usual the event will be held in the school hall with the firm favourites returning: Raffle, Tombola, Lucky Bags, Produce, Face Painting, Refreshments, and games for all to enjoy!

Although none of the following are mandatory we would appreciate your assistance with the following elements of the Christmas Fayre:

- **Raffle** – tickets will be coming home with your children shortly. Please sell as many tickets as possible and return the tickets and money to the school. If you require more tickets then please contact Carly on the details above.
 - IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, ARE ABLE TO DONATE A SUITABLE PRIZE FOR THE RAFFLE PLEASE LET US KNOW!
- **Tombola** – the children will have a free dress day ahead of the Fayre in return for donating a chocolate tombola prize (date for free dress day TBC)
- **Lucky Bags** – these will also be coming home with your children shortly. If you are able, please pop some sweets or small pocket-money toys in the bags before returning them to the school.
- **Produce & Refreshments** – we will be hosting the Christmas Fayre Bake Off where the cakes will be judged and then sold on the refreshments stall. There will be a prize for the winning bake.

Please remember that there is no obligation to provide anything listed above however if you are able, anything would be greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU – Lastly, FOCS would like to thank you all for your continued support in our efforts to raise the funds for Colby School 🍷





Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club 8.30am on Tuesday and Wednesday

I'm pleased to inform you we will be starting a new Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am in Amber Class on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. There will be no charge for this Club. Children from Year 1 in Sapphire Class are very welcome to join Amber Class for this new Club.



Amber Class Readers

Hello everyone!

We are very keen to have some parent helpers come into Amber Class on a regular basis and listen to our fantastic children read. If you would be happy to commit some time once a week (if possible) then please let Miss Moore or Miss Covell know. If you do not have a DBS check then we can arrange this within school. We would be very grateful for any help you can offer and the children would love having you here!

Thank you. From the Amber Class team



Please don't block the staff carpark entrance / exit

If you park on Bridge Road, please do not block the entrance / exit of the staff car park as we have had several instances where members of staff have been blocked in recently. Thank you for your help in stopping this happening.



Ukulele

Ukulele Performance - Ruby Class

Ruby Class would like to share how well we have been doing learning to play the ukulele. We would like to invite parents to join us on 30th November 2023 at 9am in the school hall. The performance will only take a maximum of 20 minutes. We hope Ruby Class parents / families will be able to come along. From Mrs Towers.

Christine Mead