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Colby School News Issue 13: Thursday 7th December 2023

Friday 8 th December 2023	Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre from 3 – 5pm. Come and join the Christmassy fun! See note below.
Monday 11 th December 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. KS2 Full dress rehearsal at The Atrium 12pm – 2pm. A permission form to travel by coach is available on Parent Pay. Please respond to give your permission for your child to attend the rehearsal at The Atrium. Please also make sure your child has a packed lunch. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 12 th December 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). KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). Amber and Sapphire Nativity 9.30am for Amber Class families. 1.30pm for Sapphire Class families. 2 tickets per family. After School Club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Recorder Club with Mrs Towers 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm).
Wednesday 13 th December 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). Amber and Sapphire Nativity 9.30am for Sapphire Class families. 1.30pm for Amber Class families. 2 tickets per family. 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. Key Stage 2 Performance at The Atrium. Starts at 6pm – please drop children off in costumes at 5.45pm.
Thursday 14 th December 2023	NO BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE TODAY. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school (no charge). After School Club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after until 5pm.) Key Stage 2 Performance at The Atrium. Starts at 6pm – please drop children off in costumes at 5.45pm.
Friday 15 th December 2023	NO BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE TODAY. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18th December: School Disco and Christmas Games! 3 – 5pm. £5 including snacks and drinks. Thank you to Vikki and Megan (Colby Kitchen) for organising this event. There will be no other After School Club today. Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes to school to change into if they would like to wear party clothes for the Disco.

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.



Emergency School Closure

Wintry weather has arrived so I thought it would be useful to remind you (and let Reception parents know) about procedures relating to Emergency School Closure. Closing the school will always be a last resort and I hope the arrangements detailed below will not be necessary.

Before the school day begins:

In the event of very severe weather I may have to close the school. If this is the case, I will inform County Hall as early in the morning as possible.

Information is available from County Hall in the following ways:

- **Local Radio Station**

The closure advice is usually relayed after the news and travel bulletins up until about 9.30am.

- **Norfolk Website**

Details of school closure can also be found on the Norfolk public website, www.norfolk.gov.uk by selecting 'Emergency School Closures'.

I will also notify the administrator for the Colby parent WhatsApp groups and post on our Colby Facebook page.

During the school day:

If weather deteriorates during the school day it may be necessary to close the school or to cancel After School Clubs to ensure children / families and staff can get home safely. If I decide we need to close the school you will receive a text message asking you to collect your child(ren). Details of closure will also be available by the methods listed above.

If it is snowing in the morning you may decide it would be safer to keep your child(ren) at home, depending on the distance you travel and considering your safety collecting your child(ren) if the weather deteriorates during the day.

We hope to have normal school days for the rest of this term, particularly as we have lots of lovely things planned, and will only close if we feel it is absolutely necessary because of safety.

Thanks for your understanding.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Christmas Party Food Lunch – Tuesday 19th December 2023

Those of you who have been Colby School families since before Covid will remember our epic Christmas Party Food Lunch. It's been a few years since our last one but children remember it fondly and have asked us to do it again. So, it's back by popular demand on Tuesday 19th December 2023 and we hope you will all want to take part.

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. 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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	AMBER AND SAPPHIRE 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	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.



Christmas Fayre Friday 8th December 2023 –starting at 3pm

Thank you to the Friends of Colby School for working so hard to prepare for the Christmas Fayre tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming you to Colby School to join the fun. Please find below a map for the Christmas Fayre. I'm sure it will be a very busy event and the map should help you to avoid the crowds.

Sapphire Classroom will be open for a Christmas Choir Performance at 3.15pm. The Choir will perform the songs they prepared for the cancelled event at Cromer.

Please contact the school office on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk if you intend to send your child to After School Club. If you would like your child to visit the Christmas Fayre, please send them with some money. Let us know what time you will be collecting and we will have your child ready for you in Ruby Class. Please buzz the After School Club bell in the usual way.





School Morning Drop Off

Please could I politely request that children are in school before 8.50am when the school bell goes and the gate is locked. The gate to the playground is opened at 8.30am to allow plenty of time for drop off. The gate is locked at 8.50am to allow staff to get the children in and settled before lessons start. It is disruptive to the whole class if children are late. The 8.50am – 9.10am timetable slot is often used for targeted intervention work or to talk about the lessons for the day ahead. It is unsettling for children to miss this time. With wintery weather ahead, please consider if you need to set off earlier to ensure children are here by 8.50am. Thank you for your help with this.



Performance Week

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Performances next week. As you will be aware from previous events, you are welcome to take photographs during performances but we politely request that images / film are not shared on social media. Please avoid taking photographs of children other than your own.

Some parents have asked if children can sit on their laps during performances. This is fine during the Amber and Sapphire Class performances at school because we have some flexibility with space. Unfortunately, we are limited to 2 tickets per family at The Atrium on each night. The Atrium will not allow non performing children to sit on their parents' laps due to fire regulations regarding the maximum number of people allowed.

Please note, there will be a collection held at the end of the performances to raise funds for School Council projects for Key Stage 1 and for coach hire / hire of The Atrium for Key Stage 2. Please bring some change with you, if you would like to make a donation. Thank you.



Headteacher Awards

Anya and Harper (Amber) for great repeating patterns

Ruby (Amber) for an amazing Christmas tree in computing

Ellie (Amber) for amazing writing

Anya (Amber) for being helpful during our Christmas play rehearsals

Felix (Amber) for super independent writing

Henrietta (Amber) for being really kind to a hurt friend

Oscar and Florence (Amber) for amazing RE knowledge about the Christmas story



More Headteacher Awards

Bea (Ruby) for passing the Silver times tables challenge

Cody, Erin and Amelie (Ruby) for passing the Gold times tables challenge

Ivy (Ruby) for passing the European times tables challenge

Imogen Ruby) for passing the Super Ultimate times tables challenge

Solomiia, Imogen, Max, Raff, Amber E, Erin, Blake, Ivy, Dylan, Otto, George, Alannah, Matthew, Bea, Barnaby and Teddy (Ruby) for fantastic letter writing on climate change

Otto (Ruby) for great netball

Otto (Ruby) for great computing

Bea (Ruby) for awesome dodgeball

Ivy (Ruby) for an excellent explanation of an ecosystem

Barnaby, Teddy, George and Adam (Ruby) for excellent maths - adding fractions

Imogen (Ruby) for excellent subtracting fractions

Otto (Ruby) for excellent ordering of fractions

Barnaby, George, Imogen, Ellen and Adam (Ruby) for full marks on assessment

Adam (Ruby) for an excellent Remembrance Poem

Sofia (Amethyst) for a great answer in English

Rufus (Amethyst) for a great curve throw in Dodgeball

Elsie (Amethyst) for cutting good shapes

Christine Mead