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Dear Colby Family,

It is hard to believe the first half term of the school year is nearly over! The weeks have flown by! Children have settled into their classes with enthusiasm, energy and their usual sense of fun. It has been wonderful to watch our new Reception children settle in so happily too.

It has been lovely to be back at school this week, after being off last week with a throat infection. A big thank you to Mr Frost (Deputy Headteacher) and all other staff for their hard work covering for me while I was ill.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again next half term.

Kind regards, Christine x

THE  
**WEEK**  
AHEAD

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3/4 Multi Skills event at Colby School 12.30 – 2.30pm. Please can Year 3/4 children come dressed in warm PE kit. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 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 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. No KS1 Choir today. 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu immunisation team in for whole school– Information leaflet and consent information emailed out separately.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** FOCS Christmas Fayre in School 3pm.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Full dress rehearsal at The Atrium for Christmas Production. 12pm – 2pm.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity performance in School. Times and more details to follow.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity performance in School. Times and more details to follow.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Christmas Pantomime evening performance at The Atrium.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Christmas Pantomime evening performance at The Atrium.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024:** School closed for the Christmas holiday.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** School reopens for the Spring term.



## Guitar Lessons

Our guitar teacher, Ashley, currently has a couple of spaces available for anyone who would like to have guitar lessons in school. Please contact him at [ashleyburgoyne@outlook.com](mailto:ashleyburgoyne@outlook.com) for further details.



## Colby School Winter Menu with effect from Monday 30th October 2023.

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake</b> served with salad.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Sausage &amp; Mash</b> served with carrots, broccoli and gravy.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Breaded Chicken</b> served with new potatoes, sweetcorn and peas.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans</b> served with salad.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fish Fingers in a roll</b> served with cucumber and carrot sticks.

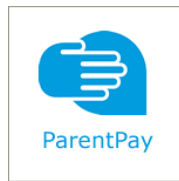
Dessert every day is a choice of fruit.



### Parent Interviews

Thank you for all your lovely feedback about Parent Interviews last week. Teachers enjoyed chatting to you about how well your children have settled into class this term. I have had the pleasure of watching lessons in all classes over the last few weeks, so I've seen first hand how well children are doing. It has been particularly lovely to watch our new Reception children – they have settled into school life with enthusiasm and a wonderful sense of fun.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Teachers are usually available on the playground from 8.40am or at pick up. If it is easier for you to email, please email [office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk) or [head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk)



### Parent Pay

Please could we politely request that you check your Parent Pay account over half term and pay off any outstanding amount. We have a significant number of payments owed for After School Club, in particular, and we would appreciate your help with getting payments up to date. We will be sending reminder letters out after half term, so it would be very helpful if you could pay off any debts before then. We have a Finance Budget Revision meeting coming up in November and it is very important that we have funds up to date by then. Your help with this would be appreciated. If you are having difficulty making payments, please do not hesitate to contact me privately on [head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk). Thank you.



### Drop off and Pick Up

We open the gate to the playing field every morning to enable you to walk down the path to get to school instead of walking along the road. The gate is locked again at 8.50am to secure the playing field. After the half-term holiday, we will aim to open the gate before the end of the school day, so you can use the path at the end of the school day. This might not always be possible because of staff commitments at that time but we will open it when we can.

If there is anyone who arrives early on the car park in the afternoon who would be willing to help with unlocking the gate, please let me know by emailing [head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk)



### Cross Country Success

On Tuesday Colby sent runners to the North Norfolk Qualifying event at Greshams School. Everyone was amazing and seven people came in the top ten and three even got a medal! Runners who qualified will be racing at Thetford against other people from across Norfolk. It was really fun and everyone was really proud of themselves for doing so well.

Thanks to all the adults who helped take us.

Reuben - Emerald Class



### Headteacher Awards

**Ruby, Oscar and Fred (Amber Class)** for fantastic Geography work about their journeys to school  
**Arwen (Amber)** for a fantastic story map in English  
**Etta (Amber)** for excellent formation of the letter 'k'  
**Stanley (Amber)** for great spellings  
**Florence (Amber)** for being very helpful  
**Ruby (Amber)** for super tidying  
**Felix (Amber)** for amazing progress with reading  
**Reuben, Dylan and Barney (Emerald)** for great PE  
**Reuben, Albert, Harris, Dylan, Bertie and James (Emerald)** for spectacular maths  
**Kate, Margot, Izzy and Will (Emerald)** for great maths attitude  
**Verity, Reuben and Georgina (Emerald)** for excellent learning behaviour  
**Jacob B (Emerald)** for an excellent attitude in PE  
**Herbie's Dad (Sapphire)** for donating his old trainers for our scarecrow  
**Oliver, Verity and Herbie (Sapphire)** for amazing scarecrow writing  
**Albie (Sapphire)** for super tidying  
**Jaxson and Poppy (Sapphire)** for wonderful work on hibernation  
**Leo (Sapphire)** for amazing chilli maths  
**Edward (Sapphire)** for being really kind in sharing his new book  
**JP (Sapphire)** for reading lots of his Horrid Henry book  
**Seb S (Sapphire)** for being extremely helpful in the classroom  
**Hugo (Sapphire)** for super phonics  
**Dolly (Amethyst)** for a hat-trick of fastest 50 records  
**Florence and George (Amethyst)** for magnificent maths  
**Viv, Sofia, Elsie, Florence, Violet, Bella and Dolly (Amethyst)**  
for great TAG rugby refereeing in PE



### Sapphire Class

We would be very grateful if Sapphire class children could have a change of clothes at school – especially as winter is approaching and it is getting a bit wet from time to time. If they could also bring in a pair of wellies for our outdoor learning. We are very happy for the clothes and wellies to stay at school, but PLEASE could you make sure everything is named!

Thank you. Mrs Frost



### Multi Skills - Monday 30th October

Colby will be hosting a multi skills event with nearly 200 children from local schools attending. Could all Year 3 / 4 children and ALL SPORTS LEADERS be in P.E. kit for the day.

Thanks,

Mr B and Ben



### **Tag Rugby**

Congratulations to all Colby children taking part in the tag rugby festival at Holt Rugby Club on Thursday. You all played brilliantly and were such a great advert for the school with your sportsmanship, teamwork, manners and friendliness. One of the referees said we were his favourite school because we listened so well and never complained! Well done.

A special mention to Izzy, Cody, Barnaby and Teddy who performed brilliantly in all their games, Alfie and Stanley for representing the school in a new sport, Blake for being so fearless and Matthew for his quick feet and great concentration, Dolly for great attitude and enthusiasm, Rufus for leading his team, George for being a standout performer and Hannah for exceptional attitude and development throughout the afternoon.

It was a pleasure to watch you all play.

Thanks also to Henry (Dolly's Dad) for driving and allowing an extra team to play today, much appreciated! Mr B



### **Car Seats**

I've had some recent queries about car seats and I thought it would be useful to share the information below which comes from the GOV.UK website.

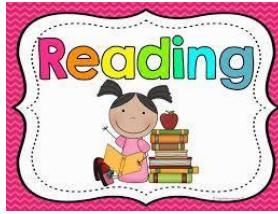
"You must make sure that any children in the vehicle you're driving are in the correct car seat for their height or weight until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first. Children should wear a seat belt if they're 12 or 13 years old, or younger and over 135cm tall. You can be fined up to £500 if a child under 14 is not in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving."



### **Lost Property**

We are struggling to deal with a never-ending pile of lost property at the moment. Weather changing throughout the day means that children are discarding their sweatshirts and cardigans. Unfortunately, the majority of our lost property is unnamed and this makes it very hard to get clothes back to the right children. Please could you check your child's clothes and other property (water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc) over the half term holiday and rename items if labels have faded. Thank you.





### Helping your child to read

During their first term in Amber Class, our Reception children have been enjoying daily phonics sessions when they have been introduced to many initial letter sounds. These sessions are the early part of reading and 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 being 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



### Goodbye, Mrs Hazell

We were very sorry to say goodbye to our lovely Mrs Hazell (Jenny) this week. Jenny has looked after children at Colby School for 37 years! We wish her every happiness for her well deserved retirement. We will miss her very much.

*Christine Mead*



# Multi-Racquet Sports Fun Days at Cromer Tennis & Squash Club

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 8 – 11 years  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: 12 – 16 years  
9.30 am – 2pm each day

**Early drop off option 8.30 am for busy parents  
with coach supervised FOOTBALL - FREE**

Children should bring own breakfast and lunch snacks

**4 racquet sports each with fully qualified coaches**  
including the new game of Pickleball

**PICKLEBALL – Will Taylor – Pickleball Registry coach**

**SQUASH – Henry Geaves – Squash England Level 2 coach**

**TABLE TENNIS – Caitlin Chapman - Table Tennis England Level 1 coach**

**TENNIS – Jack Seton - LTA Level 3**

**Cost: £ 30 per day, £ 50 for 2 days**

**Pay by credit card on arrival !**

**To book for a place for your child**

**Just email specifying which days**

Email: [admin@chromertennisclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@chromertennisclub.co.uk) Tel: 01263 513 741

**Cromer Tennis & Squash Club,**

Norwich Road, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 0EX

[www.chromertennisclub.co.uk](http://www.chromertennisclub.co.uk)

**Special Offer**

Book a place

and get 6 months FREE Junior Membership (valid to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024)  
so your child can use the Club in the Christmas & Easter holidays

# Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

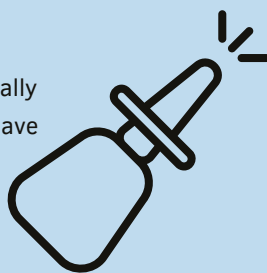
To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/norfolk>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

## THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu.
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions).
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective.
- ✓ Is free



## THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. This *may* also be the vaccine of choice for vegans. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu injection, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,

Your Local Immunisation Team  
Vaccination UK



Vaccination UK

NORFOLK  
Immunisation Team  
Contact Details



[norfolk@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:norfolk@v-uk.co.uk)



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## USEFUL INFO



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.



**PLEASE NOTE** the flu vaccine will **NOT** be available to otherwise healthy children after **December 15th** at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.



Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

## USEFUL LINKS



[www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu)

[www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk](https://www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk)



## PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:

[www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy)

For data protection queries, please contact:  
[dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk)





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

*Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.*

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***Are there any side effects of the vaccine?***

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

### ***Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?***

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with *very severely* weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

***We do not eat pork products.***

### ***Can my child have a different flu vaccine?***

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

If your child is vegan, please note that the flu injection is a cell based vaccine. For more information, please see our FAQs page on our website:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu>