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The Week Ahead

<p>Monday 7th October 2023</p>	<p>BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5.</p> <p>Cross Country Event for all Key Stage 2 children (Emerald, Ruby and Amethyst) at Beeston Hall 1 – 4pm. Please collect children from Colby School at 4.30pm. Please bring packed lunch and drinks.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
<p>Tuesday 8th October 2023</p>	<p>BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5 After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
<p>Wednesday 9th October 2023</p>	<p>BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. Amber and Sapphire parents / families invited to Harvest Festival Assembly starting at 9.15am. After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
<p>Thursday 10th October 2023</p>	<p>BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School club until 5pm. £5. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 - 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). NO KS2 Boys' Football Club due to Colby Comets match at home v Millfield School. NO KS2 Netball Club.</p>
<p>Friday 11th October 2023</p>	<p>BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p> <p>Family Friday on the school playing field from 3pm. Families are very welcome to use the playing field after school for children to play and meet up with friends.</p>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14th October 2024 – Wednesday 16th October 2024: Parent Interviews 3.15pm – 5.45pm. You should have received an email with a link to book your appointment – if you haven't, please contact the school office.

Friday 25th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024 (break up Thursday 24th October 2024 and return to school on Monday 4th November 2024): School closed for Autumn Half Term.

Monday 4th November 2024: After School Club Special – Pumpkin and Bonfire Night themed. 3 – 4.45pm. £5 per child. Includes refreshments and craft activities.

Thursday 7th November 2024: Remembrance Service led by KS2 pupils at 9.15am. KS2 families welcome to attend.

Friday 6th December 2024: Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre 3 – 4.30pm.

Amber and Sapphire Class Nativity Performances:

Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 9.30am: Amber families only – 2 tickets available.

Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 1.30pm: Sapphire families only – 2 tickets available.

Thursday 12th December 2024 at 9.30am: Sapphire families only – 2 tickets available.

Thursday 12th December 2024 at 1.30pm: Amber families only – 2 tickets available.

Monday 16th December 2024: Key Stage 2 Performance Rehearsal at The Atrium pm.

Tuesday 17th December 2024 and Wednesday 18th December 2024: Key Stage 2 Evening Performances at The Atrium. Time to be confirmed.

Thursday 19th December 2024: Christmas Party Food lunch.

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025 (break up Friday 20th December 2024 and return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025): School closed for the Christmas holiday.



Asda Cashpot for Schools

£51.93 so far! Thanks to the 51 people who have signed up!

If you have a spare moment to get the Asda Cashpot for Schools app and register to Colby School (NR11 7EA), we would really appreciate it! Colby School gets £1 for everyone who registers, even if you don't shop at Asda. It all adds up! Please share with your friends and family.

Thank you for your help with this in advance.



Headteacher Awards

Amber (Amethyst) for great knowledge of improper fractions and the number line

Eva (Ruby) for great independent work in Maths

Hudson and Eva (Ruby) for fantastic Maths

Noah (Emerald) for a great answer in Maths

Oliver (Emerald) for writing a great timeline on Edward Tulane

Charlotte and Emily (Emerald) for great examples in Maths

Verity, Emily and Charlotte (Emerald) for fantastic tidying in the corridor



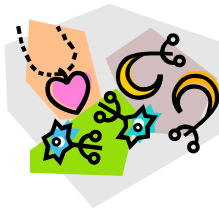
Colby Kitchen

Monday 7 th October 2024	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with meatballs, served with broccoli and carrots.
Tuesday 8 th October 2024	Omega 3 fish fingers served with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn.
Wednesday 9 th October 2024	Sausage and mashed potato, served with carrots, peas and gravy.
Thursday 10 th October 2024	Jacket Potato with cheese, beans, chicken and salad (cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, beetroot).
Friday 11 th October 2024	Cheese Pizza and Pepperoni Pizza, served with salad (cucumber sticks, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus.



Classroom Observations

It has been my pleasure to spend a lesson in every class over the last few days. Your children have settled into the new term beautifully and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning. It was really noticeable how much laughter there is in all the classrooms – children and staff laughing together and enjoying their lessons. Thank you to staff for making learning fun and to the children for throwing themselves into lessons with energy and a big smile!



Safe Practice in Physical Education

The Local Authority issues the following guidance in relation to body piercing and its implications to safety in Physical Education. Norfolk LA supports and follows the good practice guide produced by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education. In keeping with BAALPE's "Safe Practice" document:

"all adornments should be removed before the physical education lesson"

If your child is able to take out their own earrings, they will need to do this before PE lessons. If your child finds it difficult to remove their earrings you may prefer to send them to school without earrings on the days they have PE lessons. Please can children have hairbands available to tie back their hair for PE lessons. Thank you.



Taking photographs in school

We look forward to welcoming Amber and Sapphire parents to the Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 9th October at 9.15am. The Governing Board has agreed that families / visitors may take photographs, and film special events in school such as Harvest Festival, Christmas Plays, Performances and Dress Up Days.

Families are not permitted to take photographs on the playground / field on other days.

Families are asked to be respectful of the privacy of other children and to photograph / record sensitively, concentrating on your own child(ren).

We request that photographs or footage which includes children other than your own is not shared on social media under any circumstances.

Thank you for your support.



Key Stage 1 Multi Skills Event

Last Monday, Colby held a KS1 Multi-skills event for local schools. There were lots of activity stations including football drills, football matches, tag rugby, athletics, tracks, tug o' war, netball and dance. Our newly appointed Sport Captains (Barnaby and Nina) and Sport Leaders were responsible for running each activity.

Mr Upton (North Norfolk Schools Sport Partnership) sent his thanks by saying "It was lovely just looking out over the field and seeing so much activity going on. The Colby leaders excelled themselves with the quality and variety of the activities that they put on. They seem to get better each year. Their Leadership skills were comparable to Year 11 children that I work with. We got some lovely feedback from staff."

Well done to Colby Sports Captains and Sport Leaders for a very successful event.



More Headteacher Awards

Barnaby (Amethyst) for super creative writing

JP (Emerald) for excellent homework

Ivy (Amethyst) for brilliant Maths / IXL work

Imogen, George and Raff (Amethyst) for amazing Maths

Barnaby (Amethyst) for being a great Sport Captain

Nina (Amethyst) for a brilliant answer

Imogen (Amethyst) for working out an impossible question

Erin (Amethyst) for brilliant English

Adam (Amethyst) for being a very kind Head of Little People

Rosa and Amelie (Amethyst) for excellent commitment

Harris, Margot, Otto, James, Rosie, Lev, Reuben, Harry, Eddie, Izzy and Harrison (Ruby)
for fantastic place value

Margot (Ruby) for awesome writing of larger numbers

Amber, Bertie and Albert (Ruby) for amazing rounding of 7-digit numbers

Hudson (Ruby) for being Star of the Week

Hudson and Eva (Ruby) for super speedy Maths

Izzy (Ruby) for passing the Bronze times tables challenge

James (Ruby) for passing the Silver times tables challenge

Harris (Ruby) for passing the European times tables challenge

Edgar (Ruby) for great catching skills

Jacob C (Ruby) for fantastic homework

Reuben (Ruby) for helping out Mrs Towers

Alfie (Amber) for AMAZING independent writing

Arthur F (Amber) for always listening so beautifully

Max (Amber) for fantastic journey writing in English

Vikings Group (Sapphire) for amazing Phonics

Freya (Sapphire) for explaining what “deciduous” means

Sharks Phonics Group for amazing work

Anya (Sapphire) for looking after a friend

Olivia and Freya (Sapphire) for independent tidying

Brooke (Sapphire) for fantastic learning behaviour

Adam, Erin and Harriet (Amethyst) for organising an amazing Teddy Bears' Picnic



Uniform

Please could Amber class families double check any uniform you have at home. We have had a few people say that fleeces and jumpers have gone missing. We have checked at school and they are not here. If you could all double check, in case your child has gone home with the wrong uniform, that would be super helpful.

Many thanks,

The Amber Class Team



Colby School Running Club

Well done to all our runners on Thursday, we had an amazing turnout of 42 children! Most ran 2k and everyone was working hard and smiling a lot. The children ran lengths of Bridge Road of 250m a maximum of 8 times. There are lots of high fives and encouragement from everyone, including Alice and Ms Everett who also joined us for a run!

In the last week of term we would like to invite parents to come and run with us - details to follow in next week's newsletter.

We will also be organising a run at Blickling on October 20th 2024 - watch out for next week's newsletter for all the info!

Well done everyone!

Mr B



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Nearly 90 children enjoyed our Pizza and Party Food lunch on Thursday. Thank you to Megan for feeding us all! It was a busy morning in Colby Kitchen! It was lovely to watch the older children interact with their Buddies so beautifully, helping them at the buffet table and chatting to them while they ate. Thank you to the Heads of Little People, Adam, Erin and Harriet for organising this fantastic event – we all enjoyed it very much.



Operation Encompass

We are part of Operation Encompass, a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norwich Police and our school. Operation Encompass has been set up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic violence. Mrs Mead (or Mr Frost in Mrs Mead's absence) will receive a confidential email from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub before 9am on the morning after any domestic incident where a child from Colby School has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence. Colby School has designated Mrs Mead and Mr Frost as Key Adults. They have received guidance from Norfolk County Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared in confidence to make sure the right support is available for children and their families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mead.



Internet Safety

We're reviewing our Internet Safety Policy this half term and I thought some of you may appreciate a repeat of our advice on how to keep children safe online.

Sometimes it can be really tricky navigating and understanding the different games that children wish to access and play on. I have found some of the advice from the websites below really helpful and thought that I would share them with you. They have advice for all ages, so are helpful if you have teenagers as well. There is information on some of them about certain games or social media sites that are very popular with the children eg. Roblox, Fortnite, WhatsApp. Definitely, worth a read if you are unsure about the safety of certain apps and websites.

If you have any other questions about online safety, please feel free to contact me or Mrs Moulton.

You can reach us by emailing office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office on 01263 733381 (and Mrs Smith will pass on the message).

Wendy Towers (Subject Leader for Computing)

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/programmes>
- <https://indd.adobe.com/view/edb6c04a-b984-4cd4-ab93-79ea28ac8298>
- **Talk to your child about what they're up to online.** Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.
- **Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child.** The **Thinkuknow site** has films, games and advice for children from five all the way to 16.
- **Encourage your child to go online and explore!** There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.
- **Keep up-to-date with your child's development online.** Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.
- **Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world.** Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.



Internet Safety continued

- **Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.** For children of primary school age, it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.
- **Know what connects to the internet and how.** Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone, games console or TV.
- **Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.** Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not the answer to your child's online safety, but they are a good start and they are not as difficult to install as you might think. Service providers are working hard to make them simple, effective and user friendly.

JustOneNorfolk.nhs.uk

Support for Families

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership would like to remind families not to struggle alone. Contact the Just One Norfolk support and advice line on 0300 300 0123 or log on to www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk for a range of support including emotional wellbeing, practical and mental health support and more.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Colby School Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Christine Mead
Colby School Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Gavin Frost
The Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Mrs Stephanie Kershaw

Have a lovely weekend!

Christine Mead