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*The Week Ahead*

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Multi-skills PE Event for Emerald Class (and children from other schools) taking place on the school field this afternoon, led by Colby School Sport Captains and Sport Leaders. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Friends of Colby School meeting at 8.50am in the school hall. Refreshments available at the FOCS meeting 50p and £1 – please bring some change. School Council Tuck Fund Raiser at breaktime 50p an item – please send children with 50p if they would like to buy a breaktime treat snack. Rugby Tournament at Gresham Village for selected Year 5 and Year 6 pupils 2.45pm – 5pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School club until 5pm. £5. <b>NO</b> KS2 Netball this week. KS2 Girls' football with Hannah to 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). KS2 Boys' Football Club with Ben to 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm).
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5 Tag Rugby at Beeston for selected Year 3 and Year 4 pupils 1 – 3pm. Colby Comets v Sheringham at Home after school. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre 3 – 4.30pm.

**Amber and Sapphire Class Nativity Performances:**

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

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

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

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** Key Stage 2 Performance Rehearsal at The Atrium pm for the main actors.

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** Christmas Party Food lunch.

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



### Asda Cashpot for Schools £123.40 raised so far!

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.



### Colby Kitchen

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with meatballs, served with broccoli and carrots.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Omega 3 fish fingers served with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Sausage and mashed potato, served with carrots, peas and gravy.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Jacket Potato with cheese, beans, chicken and salad (cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, beetroot).
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Cheese Pizza and Pepperoni Pizza, served with salad (cucumber sticks, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus.



### **Amber Class Curriculum Autumn 2**

This half term is another busy and super exciting one for Amber Class. We have spent the week learning about Bonfire Night as well as safety around fireworks and how to care for our pets. We all had a great time at our bonfire party earlier on in the week and loved toasting marshmallows around the fire pit and making s'mores - yummy!

From now until Christmas our topic is called 'Magical Me'. The children have asked to learn about the following things within this topic:

- How to make magic potions.
- Writing some magic recipes.
- How to do magic art.
- How to be magicians.

As Christmas is also coming up, the children have also asked to learn about:

- How to make Christmas food such as Christmas biscuits and Christmas sweets.
- How to make presents for Santa.
- Why Christmas is celebrated.
- How Christmas is celebrated around the world.
- How to write letters to Santa.
- How to make Christmas crafts.

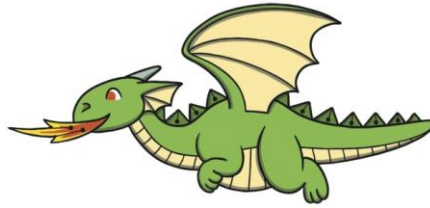
In English we will be using fantasy stories. Children will retell a story using role-play and freeze-frames to sequence events. They will also write their own versions of a story. There will be opportunities to write instructions for magical potions such as magical ink! Children will also explore the use of poetic language and rhyme to create our own magical poetry.

In Maths Reception children will be learning to say the next number from 0-20, order the days of the week, become confident to name 2D shapes and sort into Venn diagrams. Year 1 children will double numbers, practice addition and subtraction skills and confidently name 2D and 3D shapes. As always this will be done in a fun and practical way.

Within our foundation subjects, we will be learning about seasonal and daily weather patterns in Geography; Football and netball in PE; Colour Chaos in Art; Families and people who care for us in Life Skills; The Christmas story in RE; Learning songs for the Christmas play in Music; Materials in Science.

We are looking forward to welcoming Amber Class families into school on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 for our Christmas craft afternoon.

Lots of fun ahead - we can't wait.  
The Amber Class Team



## Sapphire Class Curriculum Autumn 2

I cannot believe we are in the second half of the Autumn Term already!

**PE:** Sapphire Class will continue to have PE on Tuesdays (with Ben) and Fridays (with Miss Covell). Please make sure that your child has adequate warm outdoor PE clothes as we will be outside for our netball skills sessions with Ben.

**English:** We will be sharing stories on 'dragons'! We will be writing character and setting descriptions using adjectives, adverbs (Year 2) and conjunctions. Children continue to have daily phonics sessions and their reading books should be matched to their phonics level (on the reverse of each book you can find the PHASE number). Children will have a short spelling test every Friday morning and all spelling lists will be posted on our Google Classroom page. Year 2s will continue learning new hand writing joins and Year 1s will be shoring up correct formation and orientation of all their letters, both lower case and capitals. Support with this can be found on our Google Classroom page.

In **Maths** we will be working on addition and subtraction within numbers up to 100 (Year 2s) and 30 (Year 1s). We will be using practical objects as well as number tracks. Year 2s will be learning to use their own number line to add and subtract two 2 digit numbers. Please find maths games on our Google Classroom page as the children will know how to play these.

**History:** We will be finding out about the Great Fire of London, when, why and how it happened. We will discover who Samuel Pepys was and explore different types of historical sources.

**Art:** We are finding out about Pablo Picasso and will be using his work to inspire us to create self-portraits, 'Picasso style'! I look forward to seeing these!

Mrs. Moulton will be working with Sapphire children on **computing** and will be working on pictograms.



In our **Life Skills** sessions with Miss Covell, we will be discussing different types of bullying (online and cyber bullying).

We will shortly begin learning our songs which will form part of our Christmas performance! As always, we will join with Amber Class for this and we will let you know shortly about parts and which costumes children will require.

A huge THANK YOU to your support with your children when they brought home the class sock monkeys! I have been amazed at how busy and what wonderful adventures they have had and it's been wonderful to see how hard the children have worked on writing their diary extracts. Malcom and Mabel will continue their travelling with the children this term.

Please ensure that your child has a change of **outdoor shoes** in school from now on as the weather becomes wetter. An old pair of trainers/wellies are ideal. Don't forget to name them!



**Spare socks** should also be kept in their school bags as socks might become soggy at playtimes!



As always, if you have any questions you know where I am!

Sarah Frost



### **Emerald Class Curriculum Autumn 2**

Welcome back everyone. I am very excited about the term ahead with two new additions to the Emerald family and Christmas fun on the horizon!

We have been learning about Remembrance this week which kicks off our WW2 History unit. We will learn about the Black-out and the Blitz and what life was like for women and children during the war.

In Maths we are finishing off our addition unit before switching to multiplication and division. Any counting in 2's, 5's and 10's at home would be very helpful!

In English we will be listening, performing and writing some poetry, using some poems by a local author, A.F. Harold. We will be writing some diary extracts and some stories as well.

In D.T. we will be creating some really interesting electrical systems and we will of course squeeze in some extra Christmas artwork later in the term.

In PE the children will be finishing our football unit, playing netball and thinking about our Colby Value of 'social'. We started this on Wednesday by trying to give feedback to each other and sharing opinions. It's a great unit and helps children develop important life skills.

Alice will switch to French this term on a Thursday which will be really fun.

Mrs Towers will continue to teach music on a Monday as well as lots of singing and play rehearsal fun!

Ms Everett will still teach RE on Thursday mornings and will focus on Sikhism.

Some of the children have been bringing in optional homework which has been great to see and it would be lovely if you could keep up with spellings, times tables and of course reading every week.

The class have come back and settled in well and performed brilliantly in our Remembrance Service today. I can't believe how brave they all were. We are all so proud of them!

If you have any questions then please let me know.

Mr B



## Ruby Class Curriculum Autumn 2

In Ruby Class this half term we started with learning our poems for Remembrance Service.

We will now move on to looking at writing descriptions using the book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We will then use Roald Dahl's *Revolting Rhymes* to write our own narrative poetry. We will also be writing our own balanced arguments about staying safe online. As well as this, we will be continuing with our weekly spellings. Please make sure that your child learns their spellings each week either by using Spelling Shed or any other method.

Please can you also make sure that your child is also reading daily and writing this in their reading records. Please sign to say that you have heard or seen them read.

In Maths, we will start by concentrating on learning the times tables and division facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . Please could you make sure that your child is learning these regularly especially for the times tables test on a Monday. They could either use Hit The Button or Sumdog to help them. We will then use this knowledge to help to solve questions about multiples, factors, square numbers and prime numbers. We will also be learning how to multiply and divide larger numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

In Science, we will be continuing to learn about materials and will be looking at reversible and irreversible changes.

Our history topic this term is The Shang Dynasty. We will be looking at when this period of history happened, the different Gods and Kings they had, what life was like living in this period of time and also look at some different artefacts from this period.

This term they will continue to have Mr Brown and Ben for PE. They will be continuing to do some football but will also be learning new skills within the sport of netball.

In music, we will be learning the Christmas songs for our KS2 pantomime called 'Cinderella Rockerfella'. The children will also be given small parts as part of the play and will have rehearsals throughout this half term.

In Computing with Mrs Moulton, they will be learning about creating websites and creating their own. Mr Mead will continue teaching RE and French. This half term, they will be doing DT with Mr Frost. They are going to be making cam-controlled pop-ups, and they will need to bring in a small but strong/stiff box. Washing powder boxes are great and can be plastic or thick cardboard. We'll need these by this Tuesday.

As always if there are any questions or worries, please contact me on my email [wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk](mailto:wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk).



## **Amethyst Class Curriculum Autumn 2**

I hope you all had a lovely break and the children are ready for another hard-working term!

I would like to share with you all the topics and areas we will be covering.

### Maths:

We look in slightly more detail this half-term at multiple mark questions and problem solving where two or more operations are used. Timetables are still crucial and any work children can do at home is invaluable. Hit the button is an ideal website. Some children will begin to get some IXL homework, initially on areas they need extra arithmetic practise on, but later, on concept areas we are covering in class. We recommend you purchase a Mathematics Study Book (available from school) to support your child with mathematical vocabulary and revision of all subjects covered during Key Stage 2.

### Science:

This half term we are covering living things and their habitats.

### English:

Our key text this half term is 'A Christmas Carol'. Before we get to that, we are looking at devices in stories for effective setting, dialogue and plot devices for cohesion. We will also cover persuasive texts. We have Study Books available to purchase for Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation – this will support homework in this area.

### History:

After a couple more lessons finishing off deserts, we move onto the early Islamic empire and Spanish reconquest.

### P.E:

(Wednesday and Friday afternoons)

We are developing netball and dodgeball skills this half term with a focus on social skills within sports.

R.E: Amethyst will be learning about how Islamic beliefs have influenced art.

French: Children will continue to learn French, developing accent and a range of vocabulary.

Life Skills: We are developing our leadership roles further this half-term with even more independent planning and delivery of activities and skills.

D.T: We will be making hats. If children want to embellish theirs with unusual materials they bring from home, they are very welcome!

IT: Mrs. Moulton will be looking into programming games.

We will be regularly watching Newsround and discussing issues that might relate to us.

As ever, do get in contact on [office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk) or direct at [gfrost4nrd@nsix.org.uk](mailto:gfrost4nrd@nsix.org.uk) if you have any questions or catch me on the playground.

Mr Frost



### **After School Club Special**

The Pumpkin and Bonfire After School Special was a lovely start to the half term on Monday. Thank you to all Colby staff who joined After School Clubbers to lead fun sessions with a Pumpkin or Bonfire theme. There was some beautiful art work produced, lots of great dancing, balloon game fun and excellent bowling. A fun night – thank you to everyone who attended.

We raised a marvellous £290 which has been spent on a set of atlases for our geography lessons, some gardening gloves for outdoor learning and lots of annuals for the library – just for fun! Thank you for supporting this event and helping us to buy extra resources for school.



### **Remembrance Service**

Yesterday, we were joined by members of the local community, the Royal British Legion and Colby School families for a special Remembrance Service led by Key Stage 2 pupils.

Children performed poems, readings and songs about the Second World War and other conflicts (some of their work is shared later in this newsletter). Thank you to Mrs Towers for playing the Last Post. We finished our Service with Head Boy (George) and Head Girl (Evie) leading a two-minute silence to remember the supreme sacrifice made by so many in times of war.

Thank you to all our guests for joining us. It was a lovely turn out. Thank you to all Key Stage 2 staff and children for their hard work in preparing the Service. It was a thoughtful and beautiful Service – I was very proud of Colby School children and I am sure anyone who came will agree it was very special.



### **Friends of Colby School Meeting on Tuesday at 8.50am**

A very warm Hello from Friends of Colby School (FOCS) Committee. FOCS are looking forward to another successful year of fundraising for our lovely School and are in full swing planning the Christmas Fayre. We have a newly elected Treasurer, Alice Robinson (Ruby & Bo's Mum) and previous Treasurer, Carly Thorp (Archie & Arthur's Mum), has stepped into the role of Chair with Georgina Chapple remaining as Secretary.

Please have a little read of our Newsletter attached which outlines more Info about who we are, what we do and our Christmas Fayre plans. We are holding a Meeting on Tuesday 12th November for anyone who can help us with the Fayre on the day or with preparation. It would be lovely if lots of you could come along to meet other parents and chat about FOCS events this year. We hope to see you there. 😊

The Heads of Little People (Adam, Erin and Harriet) will be serving refreshments at the meeting to raise funds for Christmas treats for Amber and Sapphire Class, so please bring along some change if you would like to buy a pastry or a doughnut! Coffee and tea will also be served. The Heads of Little People will also be available to entertain any pre-school children while the meeting takes place (in the Hall too), so you are very welcome to bring along younger siblings.





### **Beautiful fundraising Christmas products from children's artwork**

We will be taking part in a Christmas art fundraising event again this year. You will have the opportunity to have your child's art work professionally turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels or waffle textured tea towels.

Your child will have created their own special Christmas design at school. Children should bring home their designs today – if you haven't had them yet, they will follow on Monday.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the Friends of Colby School.

For prices please go to [www.xmas4schools.co.uk](http://www.xmas4schools.co.uk)

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to school by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Once we have received your forms, we will post them to the company and they will send an email and text message containing an order code and a link to an online ordering portal. You will enter your code to log in and complete your order and make payment.

Please note the return date on your child's artwork form is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 but we will accept orders until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Sorry for the quick return time needed – it's due to Christmas creeping up on us eeeek!



### **Headteacher Awards**

**Anya (Sapphire)** for lovely kindness to a new pupil

**Maia (Emerald)** for politeness to Mrs Mead

**Anya (Sapphire)** for fantastic independent writing

**Arthur C (Amber)** for superb knowledge on space and history

**Archie L (Amber)** for brilliant volcano knowledge

**Eva (Ruby)** for good maths

**Hugo (Emerald)** for great Remembrance writing

**Phoebe (Emerald)** for being a Super Star!

**George (Amethyst)** for being generally amazing in After School Club!

**Charlie, Anya and Amelie (Sapphire)** for incredible independent writing

**Alannah, Felix, Ralph, Arwen, Ruby, George, Olivia and Brooke (Sapphire)**

for beautiful creative Firework Night writing

**Olivia (Sapphire)** for brilliant dragon-themed writing in English

**Flint, Eddie, Otto and Harry (Ruby)** for fantastic group work

**Eva (Ruby)** for a super attitude to lessons

**Albert, Barnaby, Margot, Georgina and Harris (Ruby)** for fantastic poems

**Amber (Ruby)** for passing the Bronze times tables challenge



### Colby Running Club

Well done to all the Colby runners this week, we had an incredible 46 children attend!  
Next week will be a special sprint session so make sure you bring your trainers!  
Can I remind children who have been given their running wristband or would like to receive their wristband to bring in your £1.  
Finally, big thanks to Mrs Mead, Sophia and Hannah B for helping with the Running Club and to Alice D who has been running with the children and setting a faster pace than I can!  
Thanks  
Mr B



### Ruby Class Poems

The following poems written by Ruby Class pupils will be displayed at Felmingham Church this weekend. Well done to Georgina, Margot, Barnaby S and Albert for their beautiful work.

Remembering in peace,  
The people who fought for glory will not cease.  
Only because of the people who died.  
We walk we stride  
As years go by we learn and grow,  
While the poppies sway and blow.  
Because the soldiers did we wear the poppy in strife,  
For they are the ones who gave their life.  
That's why we wear a poppy today,  
For those who fought their life away.

By **Georgina** (Ruby)

Remember the soldiers who fought in the war,  
They lost there lives fighting more and more,  
Crosses row on row all lined up hundreds of feet across,  
There fate was denied when the Germans retreated after months of loss,  
The birds still bravely flying although the guns fired below,  
Tanks firing at the poor little soldiers some got wounded some where killed we don't know,  
They all wanted to go home so they fought more and more,  
Just until they won the war,  
So were a poppy on Remembrance Day,  
To remember the soldiers who were wasted away.

By **Barnaby S** (Ruby)



### Ruby Class Poems contd.

Remember the soldiers who fought in the war,  
Enough to make this country not poor,  
Sorrow and silence we gave to all,  
Respecting brave soldiers who would then fall,  
Crosses lined up row on row,  
The poppies beneath them would flow and flow,  
Praying to soldiers who went the same way,  
We bow and remember on Armistice day,  
Injured soldiers would lay there in hope,  
That all their brave soldiers could cope,  
Lots of the soldiers who didn't come back,  
All because of the brutal attack,  
Future and history, sometimes bring sorrow,  
So that's why they fought for a better tomorrow  
Let's unite and remember, listen and say,  
We respect all soldiers on Remembrance Day.

By **Margot** (Ruby)

Remember the soldiers who fought in war,  
Who gave freedom and happiness just for,  
For us, they died where the poppies grew,  
The grass and the trees swayed as the wind blew.

We must remember sacrifice they made,  
The birds flying through the golden blaze,  
Of light coming straight from the sun,  
And we wear poppies, red as blood.

They died for us and we must respect,  
In our two-minute silence we will connect,  
They lie there, dead in the trenches,  
And that has made all the difference.

By **Albert** (Ruby)



### More Headteacher Awards

**Matthew, Margot, Teddy, Barnaby B, Evie, Erin, Otto (Amethyst), Harrison, Harris, Jacob C, Barney S, Lev (Ruby) Lucas, Scarlett, Edward, Noah, Herbie and Verity (Emerald)**

for an amazing sporting event

**Stanley (Amethyst)** for the best answer Mr Frost has ever heard

**Imogen (Amethyst)** for working ahead

**Ellen (Amethyst)** for excellent maths

**Raff (Amethyst)** for super swimming

**Imogen (Amethyst)** for a great investigation

**All of Emerald** for being so amazing during the Remembrance Service!

**Herbie (Emerald)** for completing more than five bits of homework

**Emily, Maia, Charlotte, Seb and Leo (Emerald)** for great Acrostic Poems

**Remy, Noah and Lucas (Emerald)** for excellent speaking skills

**Sebastian (Emerald)** for a great demonstration of how to shout loudly

**Maia and Hugo (Emerald)** for excellent answers in class

**Arthur C (Amber)** for great concentration during a maths activity

**Sophie (Amber)** for being kind and helpful towards the children in the class

**Barnaby (Amber)** for being a great helper

**Clara (Amber)** for amazing reading

**Quinn (Amber)** for being helpful and following the instructions

**Esme (Amber)** for settling into school so confidently

**Hudson and Eva (Ruby)** for marvellous maths

**Lily and Emily (Emerald)** for great RE work on Shabad



### CGP Study Books

We recommend that Year 6 children purchase Study Books for Mathematics and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPAG). The books are ideal for learning vocabulary and revising work covered in Key Stage 2 ahead of the National Tests in May 2025. We can offer you both books for a reduced rate of £10 (£5 each). If you would like to purchase the books for your child, please send £10 in to school in an envelope marked with your child's name. Thank you.

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Christine Mead*