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Colby School News Issue 39

Friday 19th July 2024:



Dear Colby Family,

As we reach the end of another year, I would like to say thank you for your continued support. It's been another successful year, full of happy moments and laughter.

Thank you to the children of Colby School for your enthusiasm, energy and positive attitudes.

Thank you to staff for their hard work throughout the year – they really are a special bunch and work diligently to provide the very best care for your children. It has been wonderful to read your appreciation of staff on the Annual Report reply slips returned so far.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy holiday.

*Kind regards,
Christine Mead*





First Week of Autumn Term

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| Monday 2 nd Sept 2024 | SCHOOL CLOSED. |
| Tuesday 3 rd Sept 2024 | SCHOOL CLOSED. |
| Wednesday 4 th Sept 2024 | SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM. Playground opens from 8.30am. School starts at 8.50am for Year 1 – Year 6. New Reception Children to arrive at 9.15am. No Breakfast Club today – begins next week. No After School Club today – begins tomorrow. |
| Thursday 5 th Sept 2024 | Breakfast Club today – begins next week. After School Club until 5pm. £5. |
| Friday 6 th Sept 2024 | No Breakfast Club today – begins next week. After School Club until 5pm. £5. |



Friday 25th October – Friday 1st November: School closed for Autumn half term.

Monday 4th November: School reopens for 2nd half of Autumn term.

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025: School closed for Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 7th January 2025: School reopens for Spring term.

Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025: School closed for Spring half term.

Monday 24th February: School reopens for 2nd half of Spring term.



9.15am start for new Reception children on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September 2024

In a change of arrangements to those discussed at the Reception Parent Meeting, we have decided to welcome new Reception children to Colby School at 9.15am on the first few days of the Autumn term (slightly later than our usual start time of 8.50am). This will provide children and families with a quieter start to the day and should help with a smoother handover. It will also give new parents more space on the carpark while they get used to drop off routines. Amber Class will be open from 8.30am as usual from Wednesday 4th September 2024, so Year 1 children can arrive at their usual time. Amber Class children with siblings are also welcome to come when you drop off their older brothers or sisters, if you would prefer. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this. Thank you.



Colby Kitchen

We will be continuing with our current two week rolling menu until 23rd September 2024, when we will launch the Colby Kitchen Autumn Menu (details to follow next term).

As mentioned at the Reception Parent Meeting, we ask that Reception children bring packed lunches at the beginning of term to give them the security of food from home while they settle into school life. Please do not hesitate to contact me on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk if you would like school to provide a packed lunch during this period. Reception children will be invited to order hot meals from Monday 23rd September 2024.

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| Wednesday 4th September 2024 | Chicken in a wholemeal wrap served with vegetable cous cous, sweetcorn and peas. Optional salsa, tomato ketchup or egg free mayonnaise. Choice of yoghurt or fruit. |
| Thursday 5th September 2024 | Jacket Potato with salad (cucumber, tomatoes, lettuce, beetroot) with a choice of cheese, beans and chicken – served to children buffet style so they can choose fillings. Fruit. |
| Friday 6th September 2024 | Cheese Pizza and Pepperoni Pizza, served with salad (cucumber sticks, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and optional humus. Fruit. |



Pond Champion

We have had one parent express an interest in helping us with up keep and maintenance of our pond area – thank you very much! If anyone else would like to help, please speak to Mr Frost – it would be great to have a team to share the load.



Please could we ask that you check your ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding balances. We have to balance our books before the new school year. It really is important that we have all the accounts balanced. Thank you in anticipation.



Thank you

Thank you to FOCS and all parents and families who have been involved in helping at Colby School throughout the year. Colby School is a team effort and we appreciate all you do for us. It has been a very busy, happy and productive year at Colby School – thanks for all your help and support. We know we are extremely lucky to have such a strong school community, where you help out in so many ways.



Goodbye to our lovely Year 6

It is very sad to say goodbye to our wonderful **Year 6** pupils but I know that they are ready for High School, both academically and emotionally. Their confidence, enthusiasm for learning and kindness has made them a credit to Colby School and we wish them every success for the future. Goodbye and good luck, Year 6. Come back and visit us to let us know how you are getting on.



Headteacher Awards

Hudson (Emerald) for amazing artwork!

Stanley, Oscar, Mia and Giles (Sapphire Spiderlings) for good "au" Phonics

All of Emerald class for great Sports Week behaviour

All of Emerald Class

for amazing enthusiasm in the last week of term to complete their boats and canvas paintings to a great standard!

Margot (Emerald) for beautiful story writing at home

Felix, Lily, Emily, Freya, Rosa, Poppy and Olivia (Sapphire)

for FANTASTIC independent 'silly' news writing!

Leo, Ralph, Hugo and Freya (Sapphire)

for displaying super communication skills in 'talking partner' work.

All of Sapphire Class for being THE most amazing class this year!

Barnaby, Alfie, Cody and Blake (Ruby) for fantastic First Aid and recovery positioning

Adam, Barnaby, Max, Raff, Alannah, George, Evie, Matthew, Blake, Otto and Ines (Ruby)

for fantastic use of Google drawings

Adam, Max, Ellen, Amber E, Evie, George, Imogen, Stanley and Teddy (Ruby)

for great editing of videos

Dylan, Anna, Nina, Max, Amelie, Matthew, Otto, Erin, Amber E, Harriet,

Bea, Barnaby, Teddy Solomiia and Ellen (Ruby)

for brilliant spellings

Adam, Imogen and Anna (Ruby) for fantastic maths reasoning scores

All of Amber Class for an amazing year!

Raff, Bea, Alannah, Max, Teddy, Anna, Imogen and Matthew (Ruby) for fantastic history recount



Year 6 Awards

The following Awards were given in our Leavers' Assembly today. Congratulations to Year 6 for all they have achieved this year and throughout their time at Colby School.

House Leadership Award

Cian, Florence, William, Leonardo, Elsie, Violet, Dolly and Oliver

Sport Captain Leadership Award

Oliver and Ophelia

The Sporting Achievement Award

Leonardo

Go Kart Leadership Award

Rufus and George

Guinea Pig Care Award

Bella and Rafi

School Council Leadership Award

Dolly and Izzy

The Outdoor Legacy Award

Vivienne and Violet

The Determination Award

Bella

The National Test Awards

Reading The 40s Club:

Bella, Dolly, Elsie, George, Hannah, Izzy, Leonardo, Ophelia, Sofia and Viv

Grammar and Punctuation The 40s Club:

Cian, Dolly, Elsie, Sofia and Violet

Spelling The 20/20 Club:

Cian, Elsie and Izzy

Arithmetic The 40/40 Club:

Cian, Izzy and Ophelia

Highest Score Awards

Hannah (Reading)

Ophelia (Mathematics)

Elsie (Grammar and Punctuation)

The National Test Legend Award

Elsie and Ophelia



Year 6 Awards continued

Attendance Awards

Florence and Rufus 100%
Cian, Elsie, Ophelia and William 99%

The Comeback Champion Award

Eleanor

Honorary Member of Staff

Mr Hinton

The Creative Arts Award

Vivienne and Hannah

The Kindness Award

Poppy

The Friendship Award

Oliver

The Positive Attitude Award

Florence

The Happiness Award – The Spirit of Satsumo

William

The Ambassador Award

Izzy, Rufus and Sofia

The Isabelle Mardle Award for Sporting Excellence

Ophelia



As part of Sports Week all Key Stage 2 children took part in a mile run on Wednesday, with all doing amazingly for their House and many even wanting to do extra laps after finishing! If children wish to do more running, Blickling Junior Parkrun takes place every Sunday morning at 9am. It is a free 2km run for all children aged 4-14 years old and takes place at the National Trust Blickling Estate, you just have to register your child online. Most Sundays there are some Colby children attending and it would be great to see even more there.

To sign up or for more information please see: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/blickling-juniors/>

Thanks,
Hannah B



SPORT

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to say a huge thankyou to all the staff and parents for all their efforts during Sport and PE this year. We have seen some incredible performances, witnessed brilliant individual accomplishments, watched great team work and been proud to be a part of the sporting journey of lots of children this year.

It takes lots of organising and time outside of school hours and I want to give a special mention to Hannah B and Sophia who tirelessly set up lunch equipment for the children to play games and have access to fun activities every day. Also to Ben, who has done another fantastic job this year of running clubs throughout the week.

I have attached a PE Newsletter and hope you enjoy reading a recap of the year and a preview of September.

I will be sending out a PE and Sport survey in September and very much look forward to hearing your views but if you have any questions before then please just ask on the playground.

Thanks for your support
Mr B



Thank you so much for everyone who came and supported Friends of Colby School at this year's Summer Fayre. Despite the rain, there were lots of smiley faces and we had a successful event and made just over £1470. Thank you for all the Donations of raffle and tombola prizes, lucky bags, cakes and wine. We really do appreciate you helping us raise funds for Colby School and could not do it without these donations.

A big thank you also to all of the volunteers on the day. We had new and old faces from the Colby Family helping on the stalls.

We wish you all a lovely Sunny Summer holidays and the best of luck to the Year 6's on the next stage of their journey.

Thanks again
Carly & Georgina
FOCS

Christine Mead