COLEBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"With God all things are possible"

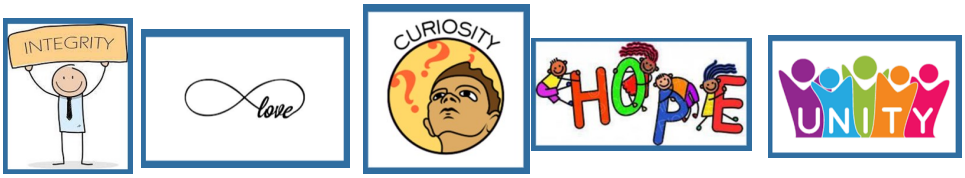
Date: 17 January 2025

Dear Parents/Friends of the School,

It has been a real pleasure welcoming the children back into school following the Christmas holidays and they have all settled back into school life extremely well.

In our Collective Worship this term we have been discussing our school vision and values and what this means for us on a daily basis.

"With God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26



We continue to have further monitoring visits from the Local Authority and Infinity Academies Trust and those who visit school are always incredibly complimentary about school, especially the amazing children we are fortunate enough to work with. The plan still is for the school to join Infinity Academies Trust and we hope to have more information about the timescales for this around February time.

We hope that you all have a great weekend.

David Nicholson
Interim Headteacher

** Please make a note of these dates **

JANUARY:
23rd: KS2 Online safety workshops

FEBRUARY:
14th End of Term 3
24th Start of Term 4

March
6th: World Book Day
12th: Parents Evening
21st: KS2 Visit to the National Holocaust Centre
Red Nose Day

April
4th: End of Term 4
22nd: Start of Term 5

May
27th: Start of Term 6

July
7th: Y5/6 Residential Trip to Walesby Forest
22nd: End of Term 6

ATTENDANCE

A quick reminder about the importance of attendance at school, whilst we understand children so get poorly, it is important they attend well. In addition to this it is important that children arrive on time each morning. Learning does start straight away and if children are consistently late this does have an impact. A whole school attendance is currently 96% which is good but we would like to push towards 97%.



Cumulative attendance each term in relation to number of days absent

Days absent	Sessions absent	Sessions Term 1 (68)	Term 2 (138)	Term 3 (194)	Term 4 (254)	Term 5 (310)	Term 6 (380)
1	2	97.1	98.6	99.0	99.2	99.4	99.5
2	4	94.1	97.1	97.9	98.4	98.7	98.9
3	6	91.2	95.7	96.9	97.6	98.1	98.4
4	8	88.2	94.2	95.9	96.9	97.4	97.9
5	10	85.3	92.8	94.8	96.1	96.8	97.4
6	12	82.4	91.3	93.8	95.3	96.1	96.8
7	14	79.4	89.9	92.8	94.5	95.5	96.3
8	16	76.5	88.4	91.8	93.7	94.8	95.8
9	18	73.5	87.0	90.7	92.9	94.2	95.3
10	20	70.6	85.5	89.7	92.1	93.5	94.7
11	22	67.6	84.1	88.7	91.3	92.9	94.2
12	24	64.7	82.6	87.6	90.6	92.3	93.7
13	26	61.8	81.2	86.6	89.8	91.6	93.2
14	28	58.8	79.7	85.6	89.0	91.0	92.6
15	30	55.9	78.3	84.5	88.2	90.3	92.1
16	32	50.5	75.6	82.6	86.7	89.1	91.1
17	34	44.4	72.6	80.5	85.1	87.8	90.1
18	36	37.7	69.3	78.2	83.3	86.3	88.9
19	38	30.1	65.6	75.5	81.3	84.7	87.5
20	40	21.6	61.4	72.5	79.0	82.8	86.0

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PRAISING

LAST WEEK

RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1

Rudy—for using 'Fred Talk' in RWI sessions.
Starr—for using Base 10 equipment and counting in 10s and 1s.
Francesca—for helping Reception and Year 1 friends in our afternoon learning time.

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Darcie—for super independent IT work using the internet.
Fern—for great descriptive writing about RATS!

UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Ava—for her curiosity during our history lesson.
Emmerson-Lee—for his fantastic artistic representations of moral concepts.

THIS WEEK

RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1

Harley—for concentrating so well when practising writing your name. Keep going Harley!
Rory W—for careful observational drawing of a flower in Science, adding lots of detail and accurate labels.
Eva S—for careful labelling of a flower in Science - even adding information about the functions of each plant part. Well done!

Bethany A—for lovey fluent reading in class.
Eva G—for working so hard all week. Keep it up!

LOWER KEY STAGE 1

William A—for attending sensory circuits with such a huge smile everyday!
Scarlett—for attending sensory circuits with enthusiasm and for being so helpful.

UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Lilly F-M—for her fantastic recount about the book, 'The Arrival'.
Harry H—for his understanding of non-Newtonian fluids .



JOE ROEBUCK

On Tuesday we were joined in school by Joe Roebuck, who is another one of the Inspire+ ambassadors. He spoke to the children at length about not giving up on your dream and to persevere.





Class 3 science

This week in science, we started our properties of materials topic. We started with a fun practical lesson looking at solubility. The children had to predict if one of the materials would dissolve or not; some were obvious others not. Some create suspensions which was something that had not come across before. Below are just a few pictures of all the mess we made. We also made some Ooblek and I showed them how Cocoa powder is hydrophobic and will stay dry in water.







SPORTS BOARD



Following this week's inspirational assembly from Joe Roebuck, we will be developing our sports board to highlight our school sports representatives. If your child has had a recent sporting achievement, such as a swimming badge, a football tournament, dance or gymnastics competition etc. could we please ask you to send in a photograph so we can include it on the board and celebrate their success!

DONATIONS

Time for a New Year de-clutter?

CLOTHING / UNIFORM

We are in need of some spare items of clothing and uniform in school for those little accidents, slips, trips and falls which mean the children need to change their clothes. In particular, we could do with socks and tights. In addition, any spare and outgrown uniform items, such as trousers, skirts, dresses and t-shirts would also be really useful. We have plenty of jumpers! All donations will be very gratefully received.

TOYS

Mrs Ward has requested some donations of large toy diggers and lorries. Also, any large rocks that you may be able to find in your gardens or on walks etc.! This is for an EYFS project she is working on…!

Please drop off any donations to Mrs Bishop in the school office. Thank you!

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Coach Riley will continue delivering a series of after school Multi-Skills sports sessions. The children will enjoy a variety of sports and games. Sessions will run for one hour and finish at 4.20pm. The cost is £3 per child, per session. If you would like your child to attend, please contact Mrs Bishop in the school office.

CRAFT CLUB

Bett Neesham will be returning to run some crafting sessions after school for the remainder of this term. Sessions will run for one hour and finish at 4.20pm. The club is being offered at the cost of £4 per child, per session. If you would like your child to attend, please contact Mrs Bishop in the school office.



BIRTHDAYS!

Evie, Jessica, and Harry all had birthdays over the Christmas holiday.
We hope you all had a very
happy birthday!

COOL MILK

If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com . Here you can log in to your account and select make a payment.

If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register

For any questions related to the milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly .

NORTH KESTEVEN SNOWDROP EVENT—IN AID OF CHILD BEREAVEMENT UK



In partnership with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, the North Kesteven Snowdrop Event will bring families together to remember those that are no longer here.

This year's event is due to take place between 12pm and 3pm on Saturday, 22 February at Whisby Nature Park. Snowdrop bulbs will be provided by Pennells Garden Centre, and will be available on the day for a small donation. Volunteers will also be on hand to help with the planting.

All proceeds will be donated to Child Bereavement UK, which supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

Information on the charity is available via the link https://childbereavementuk.org/about-us/

SHOW AND TELL - CLASS 1



Show and Tell sessions will start for Reception and Year 1 children from next week. Sessions will be on a Wednesday. Children are invited to bring in something of interest to share with the class, that they are comfortable to talk about. This could be a book, certificate, photograph or other items of interest. Please, no toys.

If you have any questions regarding show and tell sessions, please speak to Mrs Bell.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN THE DATES OF
01/09/2020 AND 31/08/2021

The initial closing date for Reception 2025 intake was 15 January, but late applications and changes will be accepted up until **10 February**.

If you live in Lincolnshire you will make your application to Lincolnshire County Council, even if the schools you list on your application are in another area.

If you live outside of Lincolnshire you must apply through your home Local Authority but you can list schools in Lincolnshire. You must apply for a primary or infant school place even if your child already attends their nursery or pre-school.

The parent portal will be open until 28 January for online applications. After this date, it would be best to make a telephone application on 01522 782030.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

FOR CHILDREN STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL OR TRASNFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2025, they may be eligible for school transport.

If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place (3 March for secondary school or 16 April for primary). Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term.

Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Lincolnshire County Council Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport.

Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.