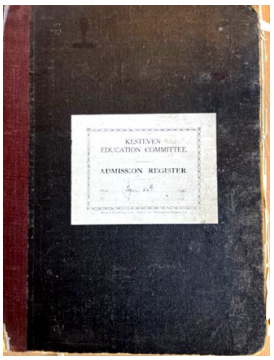
COLEBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
"With God all things are possible"

Date: 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Friends of the School,

The weeks continue to fly by and the children have all settled into the new school year extremely well. It is always a pleasure to hear the teachers talking so positively about the children and their learning.

I recently learnt that my own nan went to Coleby school along with her brother and sister and having found the school log book she is in there having enrolled at the school in April 1945. She speaks fondly of her time at Coleby school, recalling all of those who made a difference to her at the time and I look forward to sharing some of her stories with the children. As a church school we greatly value those relationships with others and as we remind the children regularly, one of the greatest gifts we have is to be kind to others.



At the start of a new school year, the staff team have been working hard to review our curriculum to ensure that it is the very best it can be for the children in our school. Having made a few changes, we will update the curriculum pages on the website so that you are able to see exactly what the children are learning in each individual subject.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

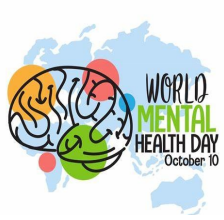
David Nicholson
Headteacher



We shall be hosting a **Macmillan Coffee** event in the School Hall on Friday, 27th September, from **3 p.m. til 4 p.m.** For those who will be attending, your children will join you in the hall at the end of their school day.

Please do come along and join us for tea/coffee and home-made cake to support this amazing charity. We would be very grateful for donations of home-made cakes, bakes, biscuits, which should be delivered to school on the morning of Friday, 27th September. *It would be helpful if you could advise us before Wednesday, 25th if you will be able to make a cake donation.*

World Mental Health Day



Thursday, 10th October is World Mental Health Day.

To mark this day, we would like to invite children to come into school in their own clothes with a **yellow** theme. During the day we will be thinking about the importance of looking after our own mental health and what we can do to help with this.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER
18th: Swimming begins for Y5/6
27th: Macmillan Coffee/Cake event 15:00 til 16:00

OCTOBER:
2nd: Immunisation Team in School, Nasal Flu Spray
8th: Harvest Festival Coleby Church 09:15
10th: World Mental Health Day. Yellow themed dress
16th: Parents' Evening 4 til 6
17th: Parents' Evening 4 til 6
18th: End of Term 1
29th: Start of Term 2

NOVEMBER:
11th: Tempest Photographers -Individual & Sibling Portraits 08.30
15th: Primary Admissions open for Sept YR intake
W/c 18th: Assessment Week
W/c 25th: Assessment Week

DECEMBER:
16th: FOCS Whole School Aladdin Panto trip. Newark Theatre.
17th: Christmas Performance at Coleby Church, TBC
19th: End of Term 2

FLU VACCINATIONS

We are expecting the Flu Immunisation Team in school on Wednesday, 2nd October. If you haven't already registered your child, then details about the flu immunisation can be found in emails sent on 11th July and 4th September 2024.

CLASS PRAISING

LAST WEEK:

CLASS 1
Ida was praised for her amazing start to Reception—she listens carefully, tries her best and has such a positive attitude. Well done Ida.

Annabella received praise for her fantastic start to Y1. She has shown lots of enthusiasm and focus for learning. Keep it up.

Elliot also received praise for his sensible and mature behaviour. He has had a great start to his time at Coleby School.

Lower Key Stage 2
Both Fern and Charlie were praised by Mrs White for producing some great handwriting

Upper Key Stage 2
Praise for Dan for his fantastic contributions to class discussions and Eva for showing great perseverance during Maths lessons.

LAST WEEK:

CLASS 1
Mrs Standen praised Freddie for making excellent choices all week and sharing equipment with his friends and Molly for always setting such a good example in class. She is a polite, kind and hardworking member of the class and an absolute superstar.

Lower Key Stage 2
Praise for Darcie for her super attitude to her learning and for careful presentation and for Tilda for her super work and perseverance with some tricky Maths.

Upper Key Stage 2
Mr Potter says ~ Well done to Oscar for his outstanding mathematical performance this week and Finlay for his phenomenal reading performance!

LEGO BUILDER AWARDS to Dan, Emmerson Lee and Harry H**.**

LUNCHTIME HELPERS

Thank you Mason, Scarlet, Fern and Darcie who have been amazing lunchtime helpers. Thank you also to Sam and Eva O who had stepped in for a session each.

They have all been super role models.



BIRTHDAYS

'Super'-Star and Eva S both celebrated their birthdays in school this week.

We send them lots of happy birthday wishes.

**** FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY ****

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals as this can help the school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning. From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals and we would encourage you to submit an application if you feel you meet the following criteria:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

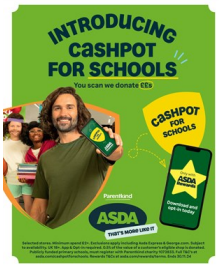
Please apply online: https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx

Coleby School has signed up for the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda who are making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus**, it doesn't stop there, Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started**. It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode (LN5 0AJ)
3. Shop instore across Asda and George or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot, as you shop Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. Remember anyone can sign up, so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner! For more details please visit asda.com/cashpotforschools



Thank you.

junior parkrun

Did you know that there is now a Junior Parkrun at Boultham Park, Lincoln, which takes place each Sunday at 9 a.m?

The 2 km run is aimed at children between the ages of 4-14 and is a lovely, family friendly, free weekly event which encourages children to be more active. They would love to see you there.

Further details can be found at https://www.parkrun.org.uk/boulthampark-juniors/

Online Safety Newsletter Sept 2024

Need app ideas?

Internet Matters have curated a list of age-appropriate apps depending on what your aim is when your child is spending time online:

Skill Building apps:
If you would like to help your child develop a new skill, then you might find some useful ideas here:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids/

Apps to keep your child entertained:
These apps are organised into age groups so you can find an app that is suitable for your child:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/13-great-apps-to-keep-your-kids-amused-in-the-school-holidays/

Apps to help get your child active:
Again, these apps are organised by age group:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/apps-to-help-kids-get-active/

Wellbeing apps:
These apps are organised by topic such as sleep aids or managing anxiety and will help your child develop an understanding of how to look after their own wellbeing:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/wellbeing-apps-guide-for-kids/

Family Quiz for Online Wellbeing Tips

The NSPCC have created a quiz that can be completed as a family to help you have discussions together and find out about the NSPCC's top tips for positive online wellbeing.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online/quiz/

Social Media Algorithms

What is an Algorithm?



Algorithms influence what we see on social media platforms and predicts what type of content we are most likely to interact with, thereby keeping us online for longer. The algorithm uses information such as who you follow, what you have searched for and what you have watched, liked or shared to determine what it thinks most interests you, to then show you this content more, for example, in the explore tab on Instagram.

What do I need to know?

Whilst there are benefits to algorithms, for example it means we tend to see content that does interest us, unfortunately there are negatives as well. They can lead to increased screentime as we continue to see things that interest us. Secondly, it can lead to users being shown large amounts of inappropriate content which can exacerbate negative body image or heighten access to misogyny content. It can also lead to 'echo chambers' where you are only seeing content that relates to your opinion rather than seeing a balanced viewpoint.

The Family Online Safety Institute discuss algorithms in more detail as well as tips for you to help your child, such as how to reset their algorithm: https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-social-media-algorithms

WhatsApp: chat lock/secret code

You must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. Did you know that you can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting? If a user locks a chat, then the chat will appear at the top under locked chats but cannot be viewed without your device password or biometric (face id/fingerprint). Furthermore though, a user can apply an additional setting to hide the locked chat (so it does not appear in their chat list and can only be accessed via the search bar). Whilst this feature adds privacy, it can make it difficult to monitor what your child is doing on WhatsApp, which is why it is important to have regular chats with your child.

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.09.24.

Please take time to read the following:-

As always we thank you all for your support with our school uniform. We would like to take this opportunity to provide all of our families with a quick reminder of the uniform expectations.

Winter Uniform

Grey or black trousers, skirts or dresses,
Navy blue sweatshirt, jumper, slip over or cardigan,
White 'polo' type shirt, shirt or blouse,
"Sensible" plain black shoes or boots, (no heeled shoes, boots, slip on shoes or trainers), that your child can run and play in comfortably and safely.

Summer Uniform

Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or dresses,
Light blue and white checked/gingham summer dresses,
Navy blue sweatshirt, jumper, slip over or cardigan,
White 'polo' type shirt, shirt or blouse,
"Sensible" plain black shoes or black, brown, navy or white sandals (not slip on or trainers) that your child can run and play in comfortably and safely. Please note that either white, or grey socks **must be worn with sandals.**

Sports clothes – Year 1 to 6

Plain t shirt <u>without</u> logos
Plain navy blue hooded sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan and navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings,
Black, navy or white training shoes or plimsolls,
Football boots for football practice or matches only. Please note that metal studs may not be worn for any reason.

Hair and personal appearance

Children with long hair must have it tied up at school.
Children are asked to come to school with a natural hair colour; dyed or bleached hair is not appropriate.
Children must not wear makeup or coloured nail varnish for school. Items such as lip balm must be colourless,
The wearing of jewellery is not permitted except for simple studs or wrist watches/items such as Fitbits. Smart watches, like Apple, Garmin, Samsung or VTech with cameras/ recording capabilities, are not to be worn.
All items must be removed during games, swimming and other physical activities. Children who wear studs must be able to remove them by themselves. Please note that we cannot take responsibility for any jewellery and/or items such as Fitbits brought to school.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS—JULY 2024

We were delighted to receive the photos below for five out of our six leavers showing them looking very happy, confident and smart in their secondary school uniforms. It has been a privilege to see them grow and flourish during their time at Coleby School and we wish them all the very best for the next phase of their education.

