'Everyone Successful Everyday'

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Dear Parents/Carers   26th May 2023

This term has gone so fast, we are not sure how we managed to fit everything in! I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Year 2 and Year 6 for successfully completing the national tests known as SATS. You may have seen articles in the press or on the news regarding the difficulty of the KS2 tests. There was a lot to read, understand and then answer but, on the whole, our pupils coped well. We also need to thank all the staff who have carefully prepared our children, without 'teaching to the test.' Most of the children had the knowledge and understanding they needed to answer the majority of questions, although many did run out of time. Thank you also to you, our parents who have supported the children at home. Working together, we help the children achieve their very best, whatever that may be. Y6 tests are marked externally, and the results come back to school in July. They will be included in the end of year reports. Well done everyone!

Race for Life 2023

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part in the recent Race for Life at Temple Newsam. Lots of families took part, running for many different reasons and we congratulate you all. In particular, we want to say well done to a team of girls who managed to raise over £1,300, which is incredible.

Libby Y2	Rosie S Y2	Alexa Y2
Imogen Y2	Grace Y2	Isla Y1
Sophie Rec	Mollie Y2	

Total raised
£1,381.00
+ £278.76 Gift Aid

251% of the £550.00 target

Parent and Carer's Panel

The next Parents' Panel is on Friday 16th June at 9am. Following a suggestion by a parent, we will aim to offer the Parent Panel meetings on different days, and at different times of day as this may help more parents and carers to attend. This meeting will be hosted by the NHS Mindmate team who are coming to talk about the Mental Health Workshops. Other suggested topics for discussion include our upcoming consultation about Relationships and Sex Education at Colton and our Curriculum for Life. In 2020, we shared the RSE curriculum with our families and consulted about what to include. New

families have joined us and want to ensure what we teach is still meeting the needs of our children. If there are any other key areas or particular aspects of school that parents would like to discuss, please do let us know.

Community Events

Colton Sports and Social club

We invite everyone to our community event at the Colton Sports and Social Club on **Friday 16th May from 3:30pm.** We are very grateful to the Committee who have agreed that parents can use the car park, free of charge. We really appreciate this kind gesture and hope lots of families can visit the club after school to enjoy some of the activities on offer, have a drink and perhaps a snack or two.

Improving the School Grounds

Do you have a couple of spare hours to help improve the school grounds? On Saturday 27th May, Saturday 10th June and 17th June, between 2 and 4pm, we have a group of green fingered volunteers, ready to go. We would love you to come and join us as we clear, tidy and plant. No experience or gardening knowledge required, just a bit of enthusiasm. We might even get chance to plant some of our Coronation Wildflower Seeds.

New Time Capsule

In February 2000, pupils at Colton Primary School created a 'Millennium Time Capsule' on 02.02.2000. It was kept safe until February 2020 when we opened it and invited ex staff and pupils to join us. It was wonderful to read the letters written by the children at the time, and then to meet them as adults. We have now put together a new 'Time Capsule'. The children have put a whole selection of things inside such as class photos, what they think school will be like in 2043, what jobs they think might exist when they grow up and the diary of an 8 year old. Perhaps the staff at Colton will invite the children back in 2043 to re-open the capsule and remember their time at Colton. A summary of what went in:

Reception: Class photo and what we would like to be when we are older.

Year 1: A memory book and predictions about the jobs we might do.

Year 2: Class photo, favourite games to play and predictions about the future.

Year 3: Class photo, poster and a diary of an 8 year old.

Year 4: Class photo, mood board, self-portraits, Music charts and predictions about the future.

Year 5: Class photo, predictions about what we might learn in school.

Year 6: Class photo and predictions about the future.

Times Table Rock Stars Day

Huge thank you to everyone who supported our TRRS Day. The children looked fantastic. Rapid recall of multiplication tables makes complex maths so much easier – keep going! We raised £94 for school so thank you for your contributions and support.

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th May – Break up at 3:30pm for half-term holiday

Monday 5th June – School reopens

Monday 5th June – Friday 17th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check / Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 13th June – KS2 Countryside Day (Y3/4/5/6 out all day)

Wednesday 21st June – School Class Photographs

Wednesday 28th June – Reception new starters meeting (for September 2023) Please choose either 3:30pm / 4:30pm meeting

Thursday 29th June – Nursery new starters meeting 4pm

Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June - Enterprise Week (More information to follow)

Possible NEU Strike action week beginning 3rd July - TBC

Thursday 6th July 9:30am - Possible Sports Day (subject to strike action TBC)

Friday 7th July – School Closed for RKLT Trust Training Day

Friday 14th July – Year 5 Big Samba

Various dates In July – Y6 High School transition (see specific information sent from each high school)

Wednesday 19th July – whole school 'Colton ARTS Festival' (Musical performances, poetry and an art gallery) Details to follow

Friday 21st July – Y6 Final Assembly and school closes for the summer at 3:30pm

We hope everyone has a lovely half- term holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Caroline Johnson

Headteacher