



'Everyone Successful Everyday'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy half term and I am sure you have really enjoyed looking at the wonderful learning on Tapestry or Showbie. The children are working really hard and we are very proud of them.

Red Kite Learning Trust Youth Board

Three children went to represent Colton at the Youth Board Meeting. This is the 4th meeting but the 1st time the children have met in person. Our representatives are Bella, Daniel and Aarush in Year 6 and they were elected at the start of the year. The aim of the group is for children from all the different KITE schools to have a voice and influence the direction of the Trust. This meeting focused on sustainability and the environment.



New arrivals

We are really excited that we have 3 brand new chicks in Reception. They have hatched overnight and are so cute and very loud!

Parent / Teacher Association

Enormous thanks to the PTA who have continued to support the school through the Mother's Day Pop up shop and the Easter disco. Thank you also to the parents and carers who have sent in money for the children to spend or booked places at the disco. Your help makes such a difference, and we really are very grateful. At the moment, we are saving up to replace part of the Adventurelink 'Trim Trail' which costs several thousand pounds per section.

Parents' Panel

This is your opportunity to come and talk to us, informally, and we want to hear from you! If there is something you feel pleased with, or that we might need to improve on, do come along and let us know. If we aren't aware of it, we can't sort it out. If there are any topics parents would particularly like to find out more about, or discuss, please let us know in advance by emailing info@cps.rklt.co.uk. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 25th April but following feedback that more people could access the meetings if they were held on a Friday, we have rescheduled this one to **Friday 28th April, at 9am**. If you are able to attend, please let us know and we can arrange appropriate space and refreshments. At this week's meeting, we discussed the new OFSTED framework. We hope you will help to celebrate the good things about Colton and share these with the inspectors, whenever they arrive.

Attendance

Attendance in school is currently 96.3%. Our target for the year is 98% so we have a little way to go. Congratulations to Year 1 with the highest attendance this week at 100%.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.1%	97.3%	100%	97.6%	99.7%	98%	98.7%	94%

Curriculum for Life – Personal Development at Colton

As well as having high expectations for all of our children, we also want to make sure that they are helped to grow and develop into the best young people they can be. Developing empathy, taking responsibility for their actions and understanding how to be active citizens who can make a positive contribution in the future are all included in our Curriculum for Life.

NSPCC Workshops – Tuesday 21st March

The children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the Speak Out Stay Safe programme workshops this week. All children have had an assembly about staying safe too. Thank you to the volunteers who ran this successfully. We hope it will help support the children staying safe out in the community, at home and online.



Appreciating the Arts

We aim to let the children experience live music or theatre each half term. Last week, the children listened to a selection of brass and woodwind instruments. We are thrilled to announce that 'Maia' performed to the children this afternoon and the children thoroughly enjoyed their concert. We also have the pleasure of welcoming back 'Backchat Brass' in the summer term.



Dogs Trust Workshops – Monday 27th March

The children will be learning about how to look after a pet, with particular reference to dogs and puppies. They will also learn about the work of the Dogs Trust.

HSBC– Understanding Money Workshops 4th and 5th May

Looking into the summer term, we are really excited to have invited HSBC Bank into school to deliver some workshops about the value of money, aspirations and saving for the future. This links really well with the skills for life aspect of our curriculum.



Dates for your diary

Monday 27th March – Dogs Trust Workshops

Wednesday 29th March – PTA Easter Disco

Friday 31st March – Year 2 and Year 5 Visit to Temple Newsam

- **School Closes for the Easter Holiday at the end of the day**

Monday 17th April – School reopens for the summer term

Friday 28th April – Parent Panel 9am

Monday 1st May – May Bank Holiday – school closed

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May – HSBC Money Workshops

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May – KS2 National Assessments (Year 6 SATS)

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