



'Everyone Successful Everyday'

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Dear Parents/Carers

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As we come towards the end of the term, and this academic year, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their support over the year. I would also like to thank the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to make sure we provide the best education we can for all our children. As a small school, everyone has several roles to play, and the children are always at the centre of everything we do. I would like to remember some of the wonderful experiences the children have had this year:

Movie nights	Christmas performances	Carols at Whitkirk Church
World Book Day	Times Table Rock Stars Day	NSPCC Stay Safe Workshop
Smart Money Workshops	Arts Festival	Health and Well-Being Week
Harvest Festival	Children in Need	Halloween and Easter discos
Poetry Day and the Book Bus	Enterprise Week	King's Coronation Celebration
Big Samba	Live music - Backchat Brass, Drumming demonstration and Maia	
Sport's Day	Y6 end of year Performance	Creating a Time Capsule
Colton Lodges Residents Visits	Elf Run	Easter egg competition
Colour Run		

The children have experienced live music, had the opportunity to enjoy lots of after school clubs and school visits such as Danelaw, York Railway Museum, Armley Mills and our Year 6 residential to Robin Wood. All of these contribute to our academic studies but also the personal development aspects of our Curriculum for Life – ensuring our children are successful in everything they do. The pure joy and laughter at the Colour Run was a delight to see – from staff and children!

Enterprise Week Charity donations

We were thrilled to see the children build their businesses and make a profit during Enterprise Week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped us and for supporting the children with bringing money to spend. These donations have been made on behalf of the children.

	Charities	Donated
Nursery	World Wide Fund	£ 26.58
Reception	World Wide Fund	£ 46.50
Year 1	RSPCA	£ 48.28
Year 2	Cancer Research & St Gemmas (100%)	£ 90.40
Year 3	Leeds Homeless Street Angels	£ 32.75
Year 4	Unicef	£ 78.53
Year 5	Rob Burrows Motor Neuron (100%)	£ 81.50
Year 6	Cancer Research UK	£ 31.59
	Total Donated whole school	£ 424.11

Lovely Lunchtimes

I would also like to recognise our amazing kitchen staff in our end of year newsletter. Our wonderful ladies have created a Treat Table for Fridays. It is laid out in the style of a restaurant and the children can be invited to dine at the special table, rewarding excellent behaviour and good manners in the dining hall. Children receive a lovely invitation which says, "You have been specially selected for showing good manners, excellent behaviour in the dining hall and you are a role model for other children. Well done! "

Thank you to our lovely kitchen staff for always taking the time to go above and beyond for our school!



National Assessments – our results

The children have also achieved well academically, and scores in government tests are well above the national average in many areas. As an inclusive school, some of our children do not follow the national curriculum and so we will never be one of the schools getting 100% in any tests. We are proud of all of our children and work hard to help them achieve their very best – whatever that may be. Congratulations to all the children for their fantastic achievements – you should be very proud.

National Assessment	Year group	% at the expected standard / passed	% at the higher standard / greater depth
Good Level of Development	Reception	67%	
Phonics Screening Check	Year 1	87%	
Key Stage 1 National Assessments	Year 2	Reading – 70% Writing – 57% Maths – 70% Science – 87%	Reading – 17% Writing – 20% Maths – 23% Science – N/A
Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4	No pass mark but 67% got over 20/25 marks	
Key Stage 2 ‘SATS’ National Assessments	Year 6	Reading – 77% Writing – 70% Maths – 87% Science – 83% Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – 83%	Reading – 30% Writing – 13% Maths – 40% Science – N/A Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – 47%

Year 3 Football

Thanks to Mr Coello (junior and senior) for organising and supporting our Y3 football team. Colton’s team came second in the 2022-23 Y3 Leeds Central Schools League - they have played brilliantly throughout. We are very proud of their skills and also their sportsmanship. In the final session of fixtures our children played 4 matches. They won 3 and drew 1 (against the League winners).

TEAM	POINTS
1 St Peter & Paul	70
2 Colton	64
3 St Josephs	62

Well done to everyone involved – next year, that league is ours!

End of Year Reports

As part of our work to become more sustainable as a school, this year we took the decision to email out the children’s reports. Whilst most arrived at their destination without a hitch, a couple of classes didn’t work first time. We rectified this as soon as possible and everyone should now have their report. If you have not received an end of year report, please contact school office on info@cps.rkt.co.uk.

Community Relationships

We would like to try and build relationships with local community groups. If anyone is part of a local faith group or any other community group, we would love to hear from you. It has been lovely to invite parents in to speak to the children about running a business as part of Enterprise Week. If you feel you have something to share, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from anyone who has an exciting job or career that the children might like to follow, for example, widening their horizons and promoting ambition. We are also hoping to introduce a ‘secret reader’ initiative. So, if you have 15 minutes to spare and feel brave enough to come into school and read a story to a class of children, we would love to hear from you.

Parent Teacher Association

We want to extend a huge thank you to the PTA for all the exciting events we have had throughout the year. The children have had so many opportunities that at the moment, we just couldn't manage without their support. Thank you to all the other parents too, as we also need your children to attend these brilliant events. What an incredible total – thank you! Remember you are a PTA member as soon as your child joins our school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the Local Governing Body for a parent to join us. There are five meetings each year, which are usually held through the school day. The commitment involves regular training and an interest in supporting the school to provide the best possible education for the children. As part of your role, you might also be asked to attend school visits, assemblies and to meet with children and staff to understand and discuss our curriculum. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please email the office on info@cps.rklt.co.uk and we will share more information with you.

Colton Gardeners

We would like to sincerely thank Jane Coello and her band of helpers who braved the intense heat back in June to tidy and rejuvenate our Sensory Garden. We have repaired the fencing and the plants are already breathing a sigh of relief at having some space to grow. We certainly don't have any gardening experts in school so thank you so much to everyone who has helped. It has really made a difference.

Getting ready for September

Uniform Requirements – please see the full Uniform Policy on the website for details - colton.org.uk/seeCMSfile/?id=999

Key things to remember:

No branded clothing please. If children bring PE kit to school which does not meet the uniform requirements, we will ask them to wear our spare PE kits.

PE shorts must be knee length cycling shorts / mid-thigh – not revealing buttocks.

Hair – no lines, colours or shapes and patterns. Hair accessories should be small, discrete and in school colours – navy, white or black.

Children no longer need to have 'school shoes' but if trainers are worn instead, these must be plain black – no markings.

Children are not allowed to wear nail polish, jewellery (other than a watch – not a smart watch – and one pair of stud earrings). If children are having their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays so they can be removed for PE lessons in September.

Uniform does not have the Colton logo – Sainsbury's / Tesco / Matalan school uniform fine. Second hand uniform is available clothing is available via the uniform swap Facebook group.

Please ensure names are in everything as it will help us to get lost property back to your children.

Places in Kids Club

Do you need support with childcare before and after school? We offer wrap around care every day from 7:30am to 6pm. Children can attend from Nursery to Year 6. If you would like any more information, please email: coltonkidsclub@cps.rklt.co.uk or speak to the School Office.

Phone Free Zone



From September, the school playground will be a phone free zone. If parents / carers need to take a call around pick up or drop off, we politely ask that you end the call before entering the playground. We will return telephones to Year 5 and Year 6 at the school gate so they can contact parents once they have left the playground. We need to make sure all children and adults feel safe on the school grounds. This also ensures we are in line with the latest national updates in the Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidance. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Classes for September

We can now confirm staffing for September 2023. The children have had a good transition experience and they have been able to get to know their new teachers before the end of term.

Class	Teaching Staff			
Nursery	Mrs Nelson	Miss Weddle	Miss Nistor	Miss Jewitt
Reception	Mrs Smith	Mrs Meston		
Year 1	Miss Hulse	Miss Sissons	Mrs Flint	
Year 2	Miss Theaker	Miss Chapman		
Year 3	Miss Panesar	Miss Johnsen	Mrs Ramsden	Mrs Radwell
Year 4	Mr Hazelgrave	Miss Jewitt	Mrs Waite	
Year 5	Miss Christie	Miss Howard	Mrs Batley	
Year 6	Miss Shepherdson	Mrs Storey	Mrs Leeson	Mr Brodie

2023-24 Training days

Monday 4th September 2023
Monday 22nd July 2024

Monday 8th January 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Dates for your diary

Friday 21st July - School closes for the summer at 3:30pm

Monday 4th September – School Closed Training Day

Tuesday 5th September – School reopens for children

Friday 15th September – 9am NHS Mindmate / Mental Health information meeting for parents

New starters to Nursery and Reception – see separate starting information

Tuesday 19th September– Welcome meeting Year 1 3:30 pm, Year 2 4pm and Year 3 4:30pm

Wednesday 20th September - Welcome meeting Year 4 3:30pm, Y5 4pm and Year 6 4:30pm

Tuesday 26th September - Welcome meeting – Reception 3:30pm

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer – see you in September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Caroline Johnson

Headteacher

