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**'Everyone Successful Everyday'**

19<sup>th</sup>

February 2024

**Welcome back everyone!**

**Learning and our Curriculum**

We hope you feel ready to have fun and get stuck into our new topics. It is great to see the exciting things that are going on all the time in school. Tapestry shows a summary of the fantastic learning going on in your child's class. For KS2 there is also Showbie, where you can see how your child is progressing by looking at work in their exercise books. Ask your son or daughter to show you around – they are absolutely brilliant at navigating it and would love to show off their favourite pieces of work.

This half term, alongside English, maths and science, the children will be learning either geography or history.

YEAR GROUP	Nursery Down on the farm	Reception Spring and growth	Y1 What is in the UK?	Y2 What was it like to be a Victorian child?
Spring 2 History/ Geography	Use the Bee Bot to move around the farm mat giving simple instructions. (Forwards/backwards).	Life cycle of plants, humans and chicks. To explore aerial photographs. *Temple Newsam Farm)	We are Britain: Learn about continents then countries, capitals and landmarks of UK.	Victorian times – compare a Victorian child's life to modern day. What was life like in Victorian Leeds? (Armley Mills visit)
YEAR GROUP	Y3 'There's nowt like a proper brew' (We are West Yorkshire) Do all cities look the same?	Y4 Life as a Roman Would you have preferred to be a soldier or farmer in Roman times?	Y5 'The Land of opportunity' (We are America) Is the landscape the same in North and South America?	Y6 In Flanders Fields
Spring 2 History/ Geography	Counties and cities Compare to Sheffield – very hilly Manchester – Pennines	Roman Daily life – range of different occupations and children's lives.	Children will learn about the landscape and places of North and South America	To focus on WW1 memorials Leeds (Colton) Whitkirk Church Look at important local events during WW2 such as the 'Barnbow Lasses'

**PTA Theatre Visits and AGM**

Last term, year 4/5/6 were treated to an amazing visit to the theatre. They watched a performance of Oliver and were absolutely enthralled. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work and all our parents who support them. The money raised goes to pay for amazing things, including this visit. We are so lucky to have such fantastic support – thank you.

We are currently looking for a suitable performance for Year 1 2 and 3 which has enough seats available!

When you join Colton Primary School, you also become a member of our PTA. We would love more parents and carers to join us. The Annual General Meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. It would be wonderful to see some new faces as well as our hard-working regulars. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Staffing updates**

We are looking forward to the birth of 2 Colton babies – Mrs. Leverett in the school office and Miss Jewitt in Year 4 are both expecting their babies soon. We hope everything goes smoothly when the time comes. Miss Lauren Sheriden and Mrs. Jane Coello will be joining Mrs Lawson and Miss Miller in the school office.

Our school office opening hours are 8:30am to 4pm. If you have a query after 4pm, we will aim to respond the next working day.

After over 30 years caring for the children and families of Colton Primary School, Mrs. Beard has taken the decision to take some time to look after herself. We will miss her very much, especially her lovely bright clothes, cheery personality and beaming smile. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best for the future.

## Safeguarding

As you will already know, keeping the children safe is our top priority and we need to ask for your help. A number of parents have been stopping on the yellow zig-zag markings outside the school entrance to drop off their children. Please use the Colton Sports and Social Club (Cricket Club) car park if you are unable to park on School Lane safely. The school car park is very small and is for use by staff and visitors only. A small number of parents and carers have permission to use it due to the specific needs of their children. The staff car park should not be used at drop off, collection or accessing Kids Club. We have had a couple of 'near misses' where people were reversing, and children could have been injured.

If you are accessing Kids Club before or after school, please ensure that you close the green gates behind you. These have security locks on them and are to ensure the site is only accessible to parents and approved visitors.

If you have any other safeguarding concerns, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads or email us through [info@cps.rklt.co.uk](mailto:info@cps.rklt.co.uk).

Mrs. Beard

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Leverett

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Leeson (From March)



## School Attendance and Absences

Most of the time, when we see 95%, we would think of that as a good achievement. However, attendance falling below this level starts to become a concern and below 90% means that your child is deemed 'persistently absent'.

Our whole school target for attendance this year is 97%. Thank you to everyone who is working with us to ensure the children attend school as much as possible. Our attendance as a school is currently 96.4% so we are on track to achieve our target by the end of the year.

Please have a look at the NHS guide 'Is my child too ill for school?' as this has useful information about when to keep your child at home due to illness.

## Healthy School's Guidance

**watch the sugar**  
You might be surprised to see how much sugar is in your food and drink\*

More than the maximum amount for an 8 year old!

- There are 7 cubes in 1 can of sugary fizzy drink
- A muffin contains around 5 cubes of sugar
- A bowl of ice cream contains a round 8 cubes of sugar

\*Based on Kantar data 2014

The Change4Life Sugar Swaps app is designed to show quickly and easily how much total sugar is in the things you're having. Just scan the barcode and see how much total sugar it contains. Download for free from the App Store (Google Play coming soon). Let's start scanning!

Love your labels  
When shopping choose colour-coded front of pack nutrition labels that have more green on them than red.

Remember, eating wholegrain cereals and plenty of fruit and vegetables helps to ensure children are eating enough fibre. Fibre is an important part of a healthy balanced diet.

Please ensure your child only brings healthy snacks to school for playtime. They children are allowed fresh fruit, vegetable sticks and water to drink.

We have noticed a number of children having dental appointments during the school day. It can be really difficult to find a dentist and unfortunately several children have needed decayed teeth removing.

If you are still looking for a dentist, please see the link below for a list of dental surgeries.

[NHS Dentist near me » Find an NHS Dentist taking new patients \(dentalchoices.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/find-nhs-dentist/)

## Behaviour Policy

We have recently updated our School Behaviour Policy and would like to thank the parents who offered their comments. Please take a few moments to read over the updated policy

which can be found on the website on the following link: [colton.org.uk/seecmsfile/?id=1001](https://colton.org.uk/seecmsfile/?id=1001)

We will be sharing a pupil friendly version written by the School Council with the children soon.

With best wishes,

Mrs Caroline Johnson

Headteacher

## Attendance Ladder



## Dates for your diary

Date	Activity
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	World Thinking Day – Scouting Association (children can wear their Brownies / Cubs / Guides / Beavers uniform to school.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 4 visit to Garforth Methodist Church 'Wesley Life Path' workshop
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 2 visit to Armley Mills
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	School Council Book and Fidget Toy Fair (Details to follow)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Assess Plan Do Review Meetings (by invitation)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	PTA Mother's Day Pop Up Shop
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day- come as a book character if you wish - further details to follow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Science and Art Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	PTA Annual General Meeting – 5pm at School Mobile farm visit for EYFS
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Live Music Performance for the whole school by 'Maia' Comic Relief – Wear red, wear a nose or dress down for a £1 minimum donation
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Parents / Carers Meetings (Appointment times to follow)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	World Maths Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 2 Schools Football League match
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School closes at the end of the day for Easter Holiday
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School closed - Training Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	School reopens
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 6 Residential Visit to Robin Wood
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 2 Schools Football League match
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	KS2 (Y6) SATS Test Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024-Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Enterprise Week (Details to be confirmed)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School closes at the end of the day for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	School reopens
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	EYFS Sports Day (TBC)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	School Sports Day (TBC)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	Year 2 Schools Football League match
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	School closes for summer holiday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	School closed – Training Day

