



## 'Everyone Successful Everyday'

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Dear Parents and Carers

17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

As we come toward the end of a busy half term, I would like to celebrate the fantastic things and share a few highlights with you. We will also look forward to September as well.

As you may know, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, we held the 'Colton Kick Off' in conjunction with a Football Gala at the Colton Sports and Social Club. It was an absolutely brilliant day. The children loved wearing football shirts, playing matches and the penalty shoot-out, all topped off with a cooling ice-lolly.

Lots of people worked really hard to make this event such a success and in particular, I would like to thank Miss Christie and her team of happy helpers and Peter Coello who did a great job. In the end, we raised over £792, which will be donated and go towards the upkeep of the car park which all parents are free to use for drop off and pick up. Thank you to the Club for their ongoing support with this and to all the parents and carers who supported the event and made it a fantastic day.



The Club Committee sent a lovely message saying "We would like to thank Colton School for their support and fantastic events throughout the day which the children loved. It was great to see the local community come together." We all hope that we can continue to work together and host other things which bring everyone together. Well done to all involved".

### SATS Week

This week, pupils in Year 6 across the country have been sitting their Key Stage 2 SATS. These tests are an opportunity for the children to demonstrate what they know and to 'show off' how brilliant they are. As an inclusive school, we take each child from their starting points and support them to reach their full potential. Some children are not following the same curriculum and



therefore find the tests a real challenge. However, all of the children have worked so hard and shown real determination and resilience this week. We are proud of all of them.

We also need to thank all the staff at Colton Primary for their hard work, as by year 6, the pupils have usually had 7 years with us, and everyone had played their part in supporting their education. Thanks to Miss Shepherdson and the team for making the mornings lovely with a special breakfast at the start of each day. The children will receive their results in July as part of their end of year reports.

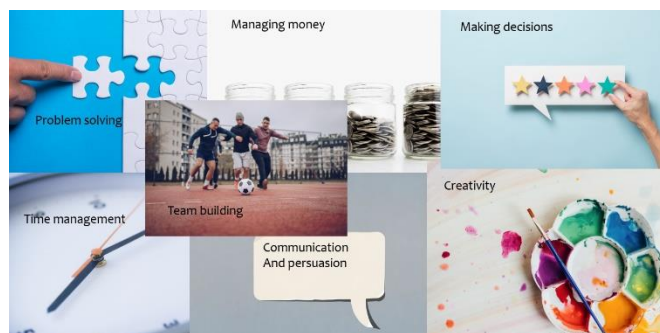
### **Enterprise Week – 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May**



At Colton, our Curriculum For Life really does make sure the children are confident, well-rounded individuals. There are lots of aspect to this, but we hope they understand how to be good citizens, to have empathy for others and how to look after our planet.

**Do you have what it takes to set up a sustainable business?**

Following on from last year’s success we are running our Enterprise Week again. Each class are given £20 and challenged to create an idea or product to sell, making as much profit from it as they can. This year, we have raised the bar as it also needs to link to sustainability in some way. It might be as simple as planting a tree for every 10 items purchased, the product itself might be made from sustainable materials or be good for the planet in some way. We are really looking forward to the ‘Business Fair’ on Friday (children only to atten



### **Walk to School Week**

Walk to School runs from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This links to keeping our bodies healthy and caring for our planet as part of our Curriculum for Life. We would like everyone to try to walk to school next week – or scoot, or cycle. If this isn’t possible, perhaps people could park further away and walk for the last part of their journey. We will record how children have travelled to school and the winning class will receive a special treat at the end of the week.

The children would like to continue to promote walking to school and we will be introducing ‘Wow Wednesdays!’ to support them. The idea is that one day each week, on a Wednesday, everyone tries to walk to school (or cycle / scoot). The children hope to leave their cars behind, which will reduce pollution from exhaust fumes outside school and raise heartrates each week as people jog, walk or ride to school. We can’t wait to see which class does the most miles.

### **Staffing for September**

All the teachers will be staying in the same year groups in September. We are still organising our teaching assistants and full details for staffing in each class will follow next term.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Weddle Mrs Nelson	Mrs Smith	Miss Hulse	Miss Theaker	Miss Panesar	Mr Hazelgrave	Miss Christie	Miss Shepherdson



## Safeguarding

We are thrilled to announce that we passed our Leeds Safeguarding Audit with flying colours. On 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2 auditors spent the morning checking documentation, speaking to children and staff. They were really impressed and identified lots of exemplary practice at Colton which made us very proud.

The auditors said, "it is evident, that there is a healthy and vigilant attitude towards safeguarding at Colton Primary with a whole school approach serving as a tremendous ethos." Liam Stanton and Hannah Donkin

## Sun Safety

As the weather turns warmer, we will be reminding the children to bring a sun hat to school and to apply sun cream in the morning. Long lasting, 8 hour cream will probably last the day. However, if you would like your child to reapply cream at lunchtime, please send them with a roll on or stick as this is much easier for them to apply themselves. Please note, the children are not allowed to wear sunglasses.

For more information, please see the NHS website: [Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## Sports Day / Week

We are in the final stages of planning an exciting week for the children finishing with **Sports Day (in the morning) on the field on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – weather depending. Early Years will have their own Sports Day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. More details about our plans to follow but we hope this will be another fantastic week.

## PTA Summer Fair

We are really looking forward to the PTA's Summer Fair **on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, after school. There will be lots of exciting things to do and with any luck, the sun will shine on us too. Activities will include: a fire engine, a bouncy obstacle course, hook a duck. an animal petting zoo, a police car, welly wanging, face painting and much more.

If anyone feels they can help out, even if just for an hour, please do get in touch through the PTA Facebook page or pop into the school office.



## Attendance

Attendance overall in school is currently 96.5%. Our target for the year is 97.5% so we still have a little way to go. If you need to take your children to the doctors, dentist or hospital, please ask if their appointment could be made out of the school day. If this isn't possible, we ask that you bring them in before or after their appointment so that they can access at least part of their learning for that day.

As you may already know, any holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. Our Trust Attendance Policy is available on the school website.

Congratulations to Year 2 with the highest attendance this term at 99.02 %. How does your classed attendance compare so far year?

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.33%	95.6%	97.59%	99.01%	97.3%	96.38%	97.44%	99.43%

## Class Assemblies

In the autumn term, parents / carers were invited into school for reading / maths workshops and this term we are going to give the children the opportunity to speak, out loud, in front of an audience with our curriculum celebration assemblies. The children will plan the assemblies with support from their teacher. They are excited to share their favourite pieces of learning from science to music and geography to art. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the children's successes.

Please see the dates for diaries section at the bottom of the newsletter for further details.

## Mindmate Workshop for Parents / Carers of anxious children

On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm**, we are running a workshop about anxiety for parents/carers. It explains what anxiety is, why our body responds that way and what we can do to support children who are anxious. The NHS Mindmate team are really friendly and approachable and parents/carers who attended the first workshop thought it was really useful. If you would like to attend the session, please email the school office on [info@cps.rkit.co.uk](mailto:info@cps.rkit.co.uk) to register for your place.

If you would like more information about mental health, please see the Mindmate website: [MindMate - Emotional wellbeing and mental health](#)

## Training Days for 2024-2025

School will be closed to pupils on the following days:

Monday 2nd September 2024  
Friday 15th November 2024  
Monday 24th February 2025  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Monday 21st July 2025  
Tuesday 22nd July 2025



Date	Activity
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	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Assembly - 9am
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
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Assembly - 9am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 3 Curriculum Celebration Assembly - 9am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	NHS Mindmate Parent's Workshop for Anxious Children
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 2 Curriculum Celebration Assembly - 9am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair after school on the playground, field and in the car park!
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	EYFS Sports Day at 9.30 am (approx.)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	School Sports Day - from 9am on the field to 11..30 am (approx.timings)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	Year 2 Schools Football League match
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Assembly - 9am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception class Stay and Play session 9am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	School closes for summer holiday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	School closed - Training Day

Kind regards,

Mrs Johnson  
**Headteacher**

