



19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous year! I am so proud of all the children and staff for their hard work and dedication to learning. Our children have done brilliantly and made superb progress. As an inclusive school, we are unlikely to top the league tables, but we all strive to ensure every pupil achieves their very best.

This year, our results in national tests are as follows:

Reception children: 70% achieved a 'Good Level of Development'

Year 1: 77% passed their Phonics Screening Check

Year 4: 67% received full marks or 24/25 in their Multiplication Screening Check

Year 6: 67% achieved the 'Age Related Expectation' in reading and 13% achieved the higher standard

67% achieved the 'Age Related Expectation' in writing and 17% achieved the higher standard

73% achieved the 'Age Related Expectation' in maths and 23% achieved the higher standard

77% achieved the 'Age Related Expectation' in grammar and spelling and 27% achieved the higher standard

Our year 6 pupils have excelled in their end of term performance, and I fully expect to see some of them on the television or on stage! We work closely with all the high schools to make sure that the transition from year 6 to year 7 goes as smoothly as possible. It is a big change, but the children are more than ready for the next step in their educational journey. Everyone at Colton wishes them all the very best as they move on to high school.

Our Curriculum for Life continues to offer the children exciting, real life learning experiences. We have enjoyed lots of performances, productions, live music, school visits and sports. Tapestry is full of happy children, engrossed in their learning – it is just joyful. We have more exciting plans for next year too. Please see the 2024-25 calendar of events for details.

Every parent is a member of our PTA, and we are very grateful for everyone's support. Whether you are an active member, planning and organising the summer fair, a disco, a pop-up shop, or you support the PTA events – thank you. With very challenging budgets and no sign of this improving, we rely more than ever on the PTA to fund things that make enhance the children's time with us at Colton.

I would also like to thank the Governors for all their help, support and challenge over this year. I am absolutely thrilled with our Ofsted outcome. It is extremely rare for a school to be judged outstanding in all areas and the report is a testament to everyone's dedication and commitment to the school. So once again, thank you.

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### Reports

Everyone has now received their end of year school reports. I hope you enjoy reading them and feel proud of everything your son / daughter has achieved. We did have a couple of queries about attendance percentages. Please note, one day of absence counts as 2 sessions.

### Colton Kids Club

We still have a few spaces for our summer Kids Club. There are places each day for the week beg Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July Mon – to Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> August. There are also spaces on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Prices are £32 per day 8:30-5pm. Half day 8:30-12:30pm or 1pm-5pm £19

In September, there are a limited number of spaces available. From Y2 upwards there are a couple of morning and afternoon sessions available. For EYFS, there are no morning spaces (although we do hold a waiting list) and there are afternoon spaces on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you require any further information, or would like to book, please contact Miss Sissons:

[coltonkidsclub@cps.rklt.co.uk](mailto:coltonkidsclub@cps.rklt.co.uk)

### Temple Newsam Community Partnership summer activities

There are lots of activities going on for children and families over the summer holiday. Please see the TNCP website for details.

<https://tncp.co.uk/children-young-people/holiday-activities>

**Looking forward to September**, there are a couple of bits of information to share.

We have tried really hard not to increase the prices of school lunches but can no longer subsidise meals for the children. From September, the **new prices for school lunches are Nursery £2.65 and KS2 £2.85**. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a free school dinner.

### School Uniform

When we return to school in September, we will be monitoring school uniform. There is no requirement to have uniform with the school logo. Please ensure your child's name is in everything they bring to school so if it is lost, we can return it to them. Please check the details of the policy, which is on our website: [www.colton.org.uk/for-parentscarers/uniform](http://www.colton.org.uk/for-parentscarers/uniform)

### PE Kit

Children are expected to wear appropriate clothing for PE.

Navy plain PE shorts

White T shirt (no buttons or accessories) either plain or with the Colton star on.

For indoor: black pumps or bare feet.

For outdoors : sturdy trainers, plain navy tracksuit top and bottoms (**not football / rugby strips**)

Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery can be worn for PE sessions

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### Hair

Hair should be neat and the child's natural colour. No extreme haircuts such as lines, patterns or shapes shaved into the hair. Hair must be at least grade 2 in length. Long hair (below shoulders) should be tied back. Decorative hair accessories should be small, discrete and in the school colours of navy, grey, black or white.

### Appearance

Jewellery is not allowed in school with the exception of one small pair of stud earrings and a watch. Smart watches are not allowed.

No nail varnish or makeup is to be worn by our children. The exception to this is on PTA dress down or break the rules day and charity fancy dress days when face paints would be allowed (E.G. dots for Pudsey Bear).

### Equipment

School will provide the equipment the children need for their learning.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to walk home from school themselves if we receive written permission from parents / carers. They can bring a mobile phone to school, but these cannot be used on the school playground. Phones must be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day and they will be locked away for safe keeping until home time.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need a 'book bag' to keep things safe between home and school. Children may bring a small bag or rucksack in Key Stage 2 to carry their things but are welcome to continue to use their book bag.

### Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water through the school day. Please ensure your child has a suitable water bottle. Stanley Cups are not suitable as they are far too big to store in the classroom and they hurt if dropped on little toes.

### Staffing confirmation

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 becomes Mrs Gerrard	Miss Shepherdson
Mrs Nistor Mrs Leeson Miss Roberts	Mrs Duckworth Miss Kelly	Miss Sissons	Mr Wildman Mrs Radwell	Miss Chapman	Miss Howard Miss Johnsen	TBC	Mr Brodie Mrs Batley Mrs Storey

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### **PE days**

In September, the children will have PE twice a week, subject to the weather at times through the winter months. Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit to school on these days. If there are any changes, the class teacher will let you know on Tapestry.

Reception Mrs Smith: Tuesday and Friday

Year 1 Miss Hulse: Thursday and Friday

Year 2 Miss Theaker: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3 Miss Panesar: Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 Mr Hazelgrave: Swimming on Tuesday and PE Friday

Year 5 Mrs Gerrard (formerly Miss Christie): Monday and Tuesday

Year 6 Miss Shepherdson: Tuesday and Thursday

### **Welcome Meetings**

At the start of the school year, we always welcome our parents into school to share information about the upcoming year and provide the opportunity for parents to ask any questions. This year's welcome meetings are:

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

3:30pm Year 1 Miss Hulse

4:00pm Year 2 Miss Theaker

4:30pm Year 3 Miss Panesar

#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

3:30pm Year 4 Mr Hazelgrave

4:00pm Year 5 Mrs Gerrard (formerly Miss Christie)

4:30pm Year 6 Miss Shepherdson

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

3:30pm Reception Phonics Information Evening - Mrs Smith

### **Returning to school in September**

School is closed for our Safeguarding Updates Training Day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and we reopen to pupils on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

The playground gates will open at 8:35am and the children will be let into school when the bell rings at 8:50am. If it is raining heavily, we will let the children into the classrooms 5 minutes early, from 8:45am. Parents are responsible for supervising their children before school. Please do not allow them to play on the Adventure-link before or after school.

School finishes at 3:15 for EYFS 3:20pm KS1 and 3:25pm for KS2.

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### Calendar dates

We are sending an overview of key dates for next year. We hope these will not change but on occasions, things do need to be amended. We will inform you through Tapestry of any changes. We hope you will find this document useful.

On a personal note, thank you so much for all the kind messages and support. It continues to be a really difficult time, but it will pass. Miss Weddle and I have spoken several times each day and all the staff have pulled together brilliantly to keep our fabulous school running beautifully.

From all the staff at our wonderful school, we wish you a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again in September.

With very best wishes,

*Mrs. Caroline Johnson*  
Headteacher

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