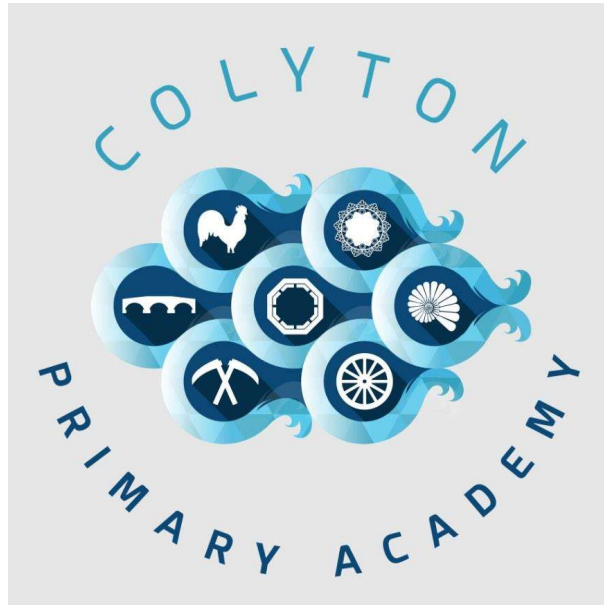




Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

6th December 2024



Autumn Term Week 12

A word from Mrs. Mills



Happy Friday and I hope you are now in the Christmas mood! What a fantastic afternoon we have had getting ready for Christmas with such a great craft afternoon. A huge thanks to Mrs Derryman for getting it all sorted and being super organised and for Mrs Satterly (and Ottie and Willum) for helping get it all bagged up.

Thank you to those of you who came today as well to get Christmassy and contributing to the chocolate tombola! There are only two Fridays left before we break up and the children are invited to wear Christmas clothes and jumpers then too, when in doubt dress for Christmas!

On Wednesday we had a fab time at the Christmas Light Switch On, it was a little damp but this did not put too many people off and the choir were FANTASTIC! A huge well done to everyone who sang and also to Mrs Whitehorn, a super achievement.

On Thursday we had a visit from Tomas he was from Parliament and spoke to KS2 about how parliament works and its history. The children found this very interesting.

Year 6 were also brilliant at the Axe Valley Sing Your Heart out event last night too. We are quickly becoming pros at singing.

It has been another quieter week with children completing some end of terms assessments and finishing off units of work so that in the last week we can do lots of crafts and fun and games.

On Monday years 5 and 6 will be meeting bright and early for the trip to the Houses of Parliament in London. Remember to be at Axminster station from 7.30am. The train leaves at 8am and we will not be able to wait for you if you are late. Your child needs a packed lunch, plenty to drink and a warm coat. Children must wear school uniform and be smartly presented. They may bring a book, cards or colouring for the train journey but no electronics. It may be best (as much as I hate to say it!) to bring lunch, snacks and drinks in disposable pots/bottles so that we can throw them away and limit what we carry. **We are due to get the 17.23 train home with the expectation we are back in Devon by 20.05.** We CANNOT wait!

Have a great weekend everyone, Mrs Mills

Important Dates



Monday 9th December

Year 5 & 6 Parliament Trip

Monday 9th December

Year 2 Panto - Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 11th December

SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 13th December

Reindeer Run

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December

Christmas Fayre from 3.20 in the School Hall.

Tuesday 17th December

KS1 Nativity in the afternoon

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch - Please book on parent pay

Wednesday 18th December

Christingle Service - Meet at school at 5.15pm for a 6pm start.

Friday 20th December

Last day of term!

Wednesday 8th January

1st Day back of 2025

Big Question and words of the Day

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

slide
filthy
target
sweep
thief

Shinobi

tolerate
thwart
tease
solitary
observe



Big Question:

Should learning about our government be compulsory?

School Notices



- **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Wednesday 18th December - There will be no Jacket Potato or Packed Lunch Option. Please select Main or Vegi Option only. Please do this on Parent Pay

- **School Dinners:**

These need to be booked by Sunday for the following week you can book all they way up to the end of term if you wish too. The cost of these is £2.60 per meal for paying parents.

- **Free School Meals:**

Find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals! Apply through the Devon Citizens Portal¹. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

- **Attendance:**

If you are unsure if your child should be in school then visit this website Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)² or check the school website for information School Attendance | ³Colyton Primary Academy⁴ This also covers holiday during term time.

¹https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

²<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

³<https://www.colytonprimary.org.uk/school-attendance/>

⁴<https://www.colytonprimary.org.uk/school-attendance/>

- **Nut & Sesame Free School:**

A reminder we are a nut free school, this includes Tree Nuts, Peanuts and Sesame.

When bringing a packed lunch or snacks into school please ensure there is no food foods containing nuts or sesame such as Nutella, Pesto, Humus, and Peanut Butter

Thank you for your understanding.

- **Upcoming Trips**

Year 5 & 6 Parliament December 9th - please pay on parent pay ASAP

Year 2 Panto Trip Axminster Guildhall - please give consent on Parent Pay

PGL 2025 - Current Year 5's trip to PGL next year is live on Parent Pay.

Upcoming Events and Information



COLYTON
PRIMARY ACADEMY
Friends And Family
Association

COLYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIENDS & FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Charity No: 1022325



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Friday December 13th
After school at
Colyton Primary Academy

REFRESHMENTS & CAKES
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
STALLS & MORE



ADMISSION: FREE





The HAF website is now live...

THE DEVON WIDE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IS NOW
LIVE AT:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/haf-providers-map/>

Fully funded places are available for children
who are accessing benefit related free school
meals

More information can be found at:

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

For ages 5-16 years

Places are limited



The Snow Queen

adapted and performed
by Theatrix Arts



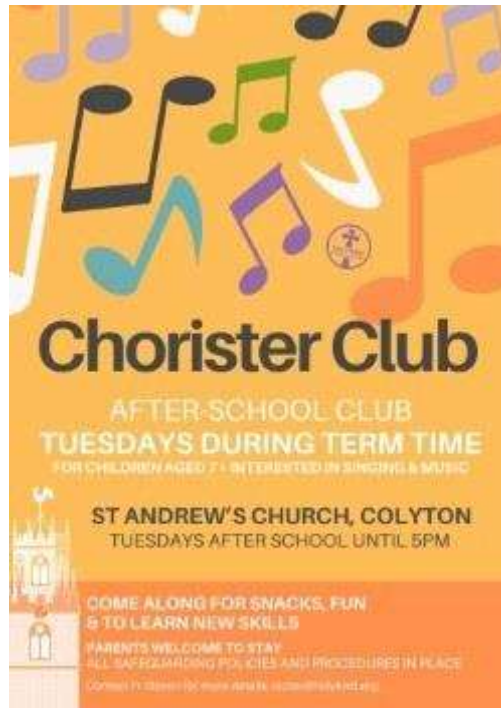
**Adult £11, U12's £8,
Family of 4 £32.**

Friday 20th December at 4pm

The Beehive Honiton!

The Toy Maker is in his workshop, making toys for the children when all of a sudden they come to life to tell the story of The Snow Queen. Watch as this magical story through puppets, changing scenery, music & sound effects comes to life! Then meet the puppets and create you very own Puppet of a character from the show.

Beehivehoniton.co.uk Box Office: 01404 384050



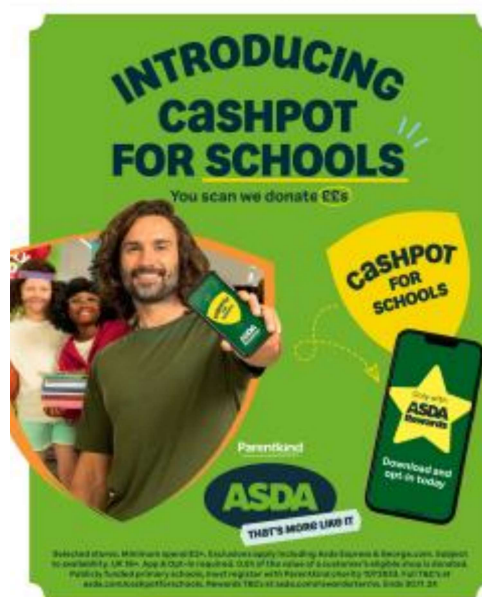
Chorister Club

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
TUESDAYS DURING TERM TIME
FOR CHILDREN AGED 7+ INTERESTED IN SINGING & MUSIC

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLYTON
TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5PM

COME ALONG FOR SNACKS, FUN
& TO LEARN NEW SKILLS

PARENTS WELCOME TO STAY
ALL SAFEGUARDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE
Contact Fr Stephen for more details: stephen@stcolyton.org



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