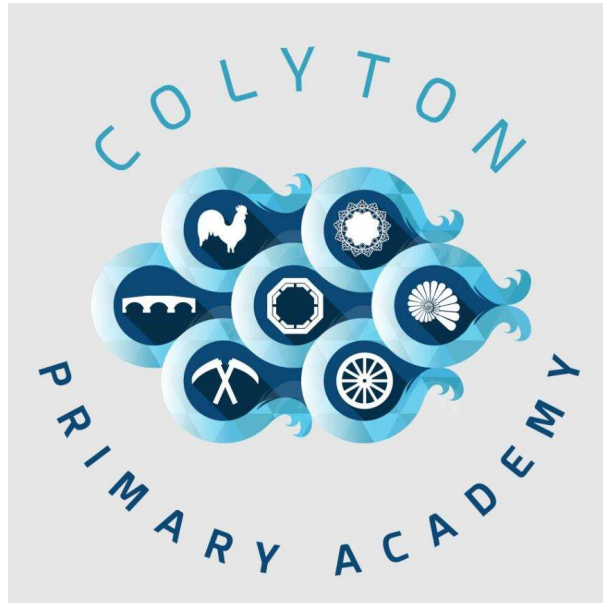




Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

22nd November 2024

Autumn Term Week 11

A word from Mrs. Mills



Well aren't we getting famous! It has been great so celebrate the success of our school with everyone especially the front page of the newspaper! This along with a snow day this week has made it all very exciting.

Thank you for your huge understanding around the school closure. It is never an easy call to make but throughout the morning it was becoming clear that we would not be able to get staff to and from school safely, if at all, and the safest call was to close. I hope the children all had fun in the snow though - it happens so rarely here it was lovely to make some snowy memories (although my husband did get me with a snowball and my children found it hilarious!)

How are you all getting on with your 'well being bingo'. If you need another copy then pop to the office to let us know. This is what I call the 'calm before the Christmas storm' so even though Christmas is an exciting fun time it is also exhausting so take some time for yourselves in the next few weeks so that you can be fully charged up in December.

It was great to see so many parents from year ½ attend our reading workshop on Tuesday. It was a good opportunity for us to share with you the importance of reading for pleasure and why this continues to be a priority for us. It ended with some super reading time in the library with parents and children sharing books in the library.

On Tuesday we have the year ¾ one. Please do join us! (If you attended the year ½ one then the content will be very similar but you are welcome to come again or join later for the reading session) This week we have been doing our regular attendance monitoring.

Next week Mr Foster will be sending out some of our 'for your information' letters. We have been looking at the numbers. If your child has attendance below 95% AND it is not regularly going up then you are likely to receive a letter. These letters are to show you what your child's attendance is and to ask you to let us know if there is anything else we can do to help.

This week I have started to show people around our school for 2025. There is a national drop in the birth rate and it is vital we continue to have children in to our school. This year we are running 6 classes but this is at a push on our budget. We need more numbers in school so if you know anyone who has a child starting school in September 2025 and are unsure of where to go then suggest they come for a tour of our lovely school.

Similarly, we have space in all our other year groups too so spread the word... Colyton is the place to be!

Stay safe in Storm Bert this weekend, Mrs Mill

Important Dates



Tuesday 26th November

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 -English

Friday 29th November

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 29th November

Year 6 Individual Photos -afternoon

Tuesday 3rd December

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 - English

Friday 6th December

Christmas Craft Afternoon - 2pm start for pupils and their special adult (1 per family - no younger siblings please)

Friday 6th December

Wear something Christmassy

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!

Big Question and words of the Day

This Week's Words



Big Questions:

This week I was inspired by my daughter Ros, she asked me at bedtime:"

What was the best part of your day today?"

What would you say I wonder!

Celebration Award Winners

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- Elm: Riley & Ashley for Commitment
 - Oak: Tilly for Commitment
 - Maple: Alice for Creativity & Beau for Confidence
 - Ash: Charlotte & Daisy for Commitment
 - Sycamore: Grace for Confidence & Lyndon for Craftsmanship
 - Beech: Jack for Commitment & Hazel for Confidence
 - Pride of Colyton: Ellenora , Ivy-Rose and Emily Makemson
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School Notices



- **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.

- **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

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/>

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Year 6 Sing Your Heart Out - Christmas this is for all Year 6's - please sign up on Parent Pay

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.

Year 1 & 2 Parent Workshop - English

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Tuesday for the year 1 & 2 parents workshop for English



Upcoming Events and Information



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



Friday 6th December
**Wear something
Christmassy!**



**Send your child into school
looking festive! Items of uniform
can be swapped for Christmas
clothing in exchange for a
chocolate donation which can be
used in the Christmas Fayre
tombola!**



THE POLAR EXPRESS
Tram Ride

1/3 OFF TICKETS*
COLYTON PRIMARY ACADEMY
For Departures on
23rd & 24th November

*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers or discounts



2024

Family Holy Night

COMPETITION

Make your own Nativity Scene
out of anything you can find;
the more creative the better!

Submissions to St Andrew's Church by
Monday 2 December

Entries will be displayed as part of
Colyton Christmas Fayre on
Wednesday 4 December

Single & group
entries of all
ages welcome

holyford.org



*'And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us'*

Contact Amy Dare: 07538 410437 | youth@holyford.org



The Snow Queen

adapted and performed
by Theatrix Arts



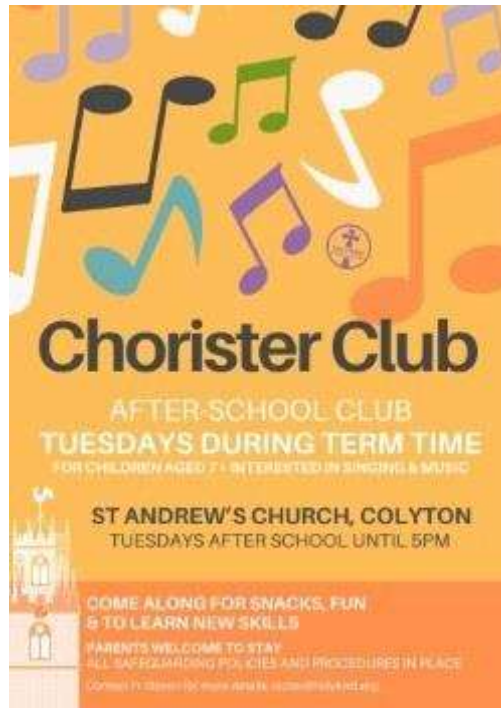
**Adult £11, U12's £8,
Family of 4 £32.**

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



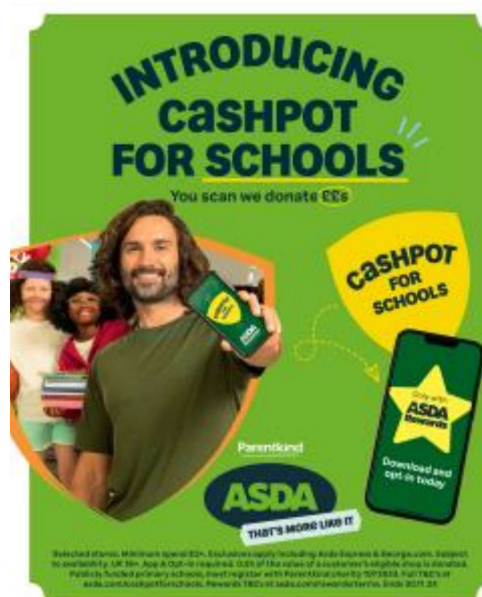
Chorister Club

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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