



School News

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Dear Parents,

Where does the time go? Here we are at the end of another half-term and half way through the entire school year.

School Uniform

Over the past few weeks I've had to speak to an increasing number of children concerning school uniform for your reference I've included the school uniform information below.

We ask you to ensure that your child attends school appropriately dressed so that he/she will develop a positive attitude towards school both as a community, and as a place of work.

Girl's Uniform

Dark Grey Pinafore Dress or Skirt or Summer Dress (Royal Blue Gingham)

Dark Grey or Navy Blue Tailored Trousers

White Blouse

Royal Blue Cardigan or Jumper or Sweatshirt

Brown or Black Shoes or Sandals (not open-toed sandals)

Boy's Uniform

Dark Grey Trousers or Shorts

White or Grey Shirt

Royal Blue Jumper or Sweatshirt

Brown or Black Shoes or Sandals (NB-Trainers are not allowed for everyday wear)

For PE your child will need:

A **white** t-shirt

Royal blue shorts (jogging bottoms are encouraged for the colder months)

Indoor **plimsoles**

Trainers for outside

White sports socks.

Disco

The FAFA are going to run a school disco on Friday 24th February 4.30 - 6pm for the infants and then 6.30 - 8pm for the juniors. The party will consist of a disco and party games. There will be an entry fee of £1 per child plus a 'tuck shop' will also be available. In the interests of safety all children will have to be collected after the party by an adult.

Newspapers

I'd like to also make an appeal for any old newspaper you may have. The uses to which we put newspaper are many from table protector, celtic hut construction and even Roman shield manufacture. You will see a lovely yellow wheelie bin by the office door, please just pop any of your old newspapers in here. Oh, we would appreciate it if you could edit certain titles to ensure the content is child appropriate!

Pancakes

Don't forget that Tuesday 21st February (first Tuesday back after half term!) is our annual Pancake Day Race!

- Come along and support your child's team as they race around flipping pancakes!
- Get yourself into a team for the Parent's Race too! (Let Mrs. Mills know your participants and exciting team name – no more than 4 to a team)

A Word from...



Miss Young

As one of the longest serving members of staff at Colyton Primary School, I have experienced many changes over the years! My own children, now aged 20, 17 and 13, all attended the school at a time when it was one of the most popular and successful Primary schools in the area. I believe that we are now, quite rightfully, well on the way back towards that success and popularity.

Colyton is a unique school in the way that all members of staff are valued and work together extremely well as a team. We have a good mix of young, enthusiastic staff together with more experienced teachers and TAs, all of whom have much to offer to the school and to the local community.

Over the years, I have taught in Years 2-6 and am currently teaching a mixed Year 4/5 class. At present, my curriculum responsibilities are for Literacy, PE, and MFL (Modern Foreign Languages). I firmly believe that a good level of literacy is so important and is the key to success in all the areas of the curriculum. We are very lucky, at Colyton, to have such a well-stocked library, from which children can choose their reading books. We place a big emphasis on the children's enjoyment of reading and writing activities, as well as aiming to develop their speaking and listening skills.

The majority of children at Colyton really enjoy PE with our specialist PE Coach. We have just received the Active Schools Award at Bronze Level and I am planning to submit an application for the Silver Level Award later this year. In addition, our sports teams have been very successful in inter-schools competitions involving Athletics, Football, Tag Rugby and Tennis.

Having studied languages at school and university, I am very keen for children to experience, and enjoy, learning a foreign language. Both French and German are now part of daily activities in all KS2 classes at Colyton.

If you have any questions or concerns about Literacy, PE or MFL in the school, please do call in to see me.

- Bring a little money as the Friends and Family have kindly offered to provide some refreshments!

Thank you,
Mrs. Mills

I'd like to finish by telling everyone that I will be available to see parents on Thursday mornings, between 9:00 and 10:00, for a coffee and a chat. If you have anything that you'd like to talk about, please pop in.

Diary Dates	
Half Term	13-17 February
Back to School	20 February
Pancake Races	21 February
Class C Gymnastic celebration at Colyton Grammar	23 February
FAFA Disco in the Hall, KS1 1600-1800 KS21830-200	24 February
Maths Morning for Pre-school and Reception Class Parents	29 February
Ocean Maths launch for Class D. Parents will receive an invitation to the event	9 March
Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival at CGS, 1000-1430	16 March
Class E Colyton Grammar Science Skills Day	19 March
Parents' Maths Workshop for Class C Parents will receive an invitation to the event	21 March
Science and Technology Days	22 & 23 March
Parents' Evening	27 March
Parents' Evening	28 March
Easter Holiday	2-13 April
Back to School	16 April
School Closed for Staff Training	4 May
School Closed for Bank Holiday	7 May
Year 6 SATs	14-18 May
Jubilee Street Party from 1600 in the Market Place	3 June
Half Term	4-8 June
Back to School	11 June
School Closed for Staff Training	18 June
Summer Holiday	23 July – 2 September
Back to School	5 September TBC

Pancake Day Races!

Tuesday February 21st 2012



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2:00 pm Top Playground

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Don't forget to bring in some old frying pans for us to use!

Friday 24th February

' School Disco '



Infants : 4.30pm—6.00pm

Juniors: 6.30pm—8.00pm

£1.00 plus Tuck Shop
Available

Lots of prizes, games and
fun. Everyone welcome.

Colyton Primary School
Friends & Family Association