



Celebrating Diversity,  
Learning Together

# Colston's Primary School

18 Cotham Grove, Bristol BS6 6AL

19 Elmgrove Road, Bristol BS6 6AJ

Tel: 0117 377 2610

Email: [office@colstonsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@colstonsprimary.co.uk)

[www.colstonsprimary.co.uk](http://www.colstonsprimary.co.uk)

Headteacher: Alex Bell

27th January 2017

Dear parents and carers

## Lateness

Standing at the school gates on both sites this week has alerted me to the increasing number of children who are arriving to school late.

I have outlined in previous newsletters the importance of a prompt start to the school day for children. The learning benefit to those children who are here on time is enormous both in terms of wellbeing and educational value. In addition to this, the school office is unable to do some of its more enriching work, like music and sports arrangements when they have to check and amend registers late into the morning. So I would urge you to please ensure that your children are at school on time every day.

Just to remind you of latest arrival times:

- Cotham Grove (Year 2-6) **8.50am**
- Elmgrove (Year R & 1) **9.00am**

Have a great weekend!

Alex Bell

## CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Well done to class 2Y who had 98.3% attendance this week!

## CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Well done to all our certificate winners this week:

Aneri Patel, Lewis Hayton, Harry Eaton and Ayera Bagalkote, Hero Boers, Keira Dunne, Reuben Pastori-Carr, Jake Griffin, Frank Kirby, Evie Brent, Arlo Dixon, Ziham Abdullahi, Hanna Omar, Rohan Farnfield, Raul Blasco Mitchell, Saffir Davies, Freya Boers, Liz Ebot, Edward Curtis, Amia Backwell, Gabriel Henshaw, Luka Rigg, Inez White, Zainab Ali, Azeem Hussein, Capella Powell, Leo James, Isla Longley-Clarke, Bella Taylor, Olivia Curtis, Tom Cheeseman, Maire Bradley, Isra Yusuf and Joe Brazier.

## ABSENCE

If for any reason your child is absent from school, please ensure that you call the school office on **0117 3772610** before 10am on each day of absence. We would also appreciate a quick message, if they are ill, to let us know what they are off unwell with.

**Children who have had an episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting MUST NOT return until 48 hours after the last episode has passed. This advice must be adhered to please to stop sickness being spread throughout the school.**

## MUSIC NEWS

### Violin Assembly - Wednesday 1st February

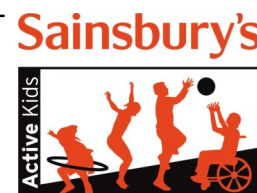
Parents and carers are welcome to come and watch their children perform at 3:10pm in Cotham Grove hall.

### Tea Time Concert - Tuesday 7th February

If your child plays an instrument and would like to take part in the Tea Time Concert, please collect a letter from the school office or see Mr Millington.

## ACTIVE KIDS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this term and we would really appreciate any vouchers that you have to be donated in the Sainsbury's box by the office.



© Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd

Three ways that all families and friends can help us to collect vouchers:

**Sainsbury's Local** - In Sainsbury's Local stores customer's will get one voucher for every £5 they spend.

**Sainsbury's Supermarkets** - Every time customers shop in store they will be given one voucher for every £10 they spend at the till.

**Online at [sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk)** - Customers will still receive the equivalent of one voucher for every £10 they spend. The vouchers will be printed on one piece of paper up to a maximum value of 50 vouchers - so please keep them safe!

The more vouchers that we collect, the more equipment we can buy for students to use in school.

Thank you for your support.

---

## COLSTON'S PRIMARY PTAF NEEDS YOU!

---

### Chair & Vice Chair needed by 1/2 term!!

Are you a good communicator? Can you coordinate a great team to be even greater? At Colston's Primary we have active year group members taking on a varied range of events over the school year. We would like to maximise our fundraising potential using the wealth of experience we have. Can you help us?

In a time when school budgets are being squeezed we have the chance to make a real difference to our children's education through fundraising to buy key resources.

Enthusiastic volunteers will be welcomed with open arms, cups of tea & total support!

For more information please see Mr Bell via the school office.

### A brief description of the Chair role by our last chair Sarah Farnfield:

Events help the social life of school and help raise much needed funds. The money raised is spent on things to aid the children's enjoyment & learning. Over the last 2 years we have funded the scrapstore, playpod, books for the library & Librarian, golden time/wet play games, additional reading books for classes, art week, gardening equipment, football equipment for the Downs Saturday sessions and much more.

The Chair role is mostly communication and there are 6 meetings over the year (1 per term) this is where the funds raised are allocated via the committee's vote. Overall it is a very rewarding, social, well supported role and the children benefit from the PTAF efforts.

---

### PTAF EVENTS

---

#### Colston's Film Night - Friday 3rd February

Colston's PTAF present...The Secret Life of Pets  
6-7:30pm in the Cotham Grove hall

Tickets on sale from 30th January in both playgrounds. Tickets cost £3 each and includes a fruit drink for children OR a hot drink for adults..

**Please note: children and adults need tickets. 4 children per adult.**

We need volunteers on the night and food donations, if you can help please talk to your class rep!

#### Colston's Annual Quiz Night - Friday 24th February

Please Save the Date for the Annual Colston's Quiz  
24th February, 7:30pm in the Cotham Grove hall  
Teams of 6 people - £5 per person  
Tickets are limited, so please buy yours at  
[www.colstonsquiz.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.colstonsquiz.eventbrite.co.uk)

---

## IDEAS FOR THE COTHAM PLAYGROUND

---

A big thank you to all the children who wrote their suggestions on our Playground Ideas board.

Now it's the grown ups' turn! Please come to the school office at Cotham Grove and write any idea or suggestion for the things you would like in our new playground. We really appreciate your input, so don't be shy! The PG Ideas Board will be there until the end of term. Gianna

---

### YEAR 6 MINI ENTERPRISE

---

We would be very grateful if you could bring in any old candles you do not want for our Year 6 Mini Enterprise project. If you have some please give them to us or hand in at the office.

Thank you!

Matilda, Jessica, William, Josh 6JO

---

### UPPER KS2 FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT

---

On Tuesday Colston's Primary played against Clifton High. The teams playing were Hawks and Wolves. Both teams played very strong games with Wolves winning 5-0! Unfortunately Hawks came up against a well-drilled Y6 team and lost 5-3. Everyone put in an excellent display of skills and both keepers made countless saves. The Hawks team contained: Milo, Jim, Reuben, Henry, Patrick, Shabaz, Arthur and Marley. The Wolves team contained: Felix Taylor, Angus, Toby, Jack, Harry Albless Roberts, Harry Pheasant and Josh.

By Felix Taylor and Henry Packham

---

### DIARY DATES

---

31st Jan	Playing Out meeting CG library
1st Feb	Violin Assembly 3.10pm CG hall
3rd Feb	PTAF Film Night 6-7:30pm CG
6th Feb	Year 1 Trip
6th Feb	Year 5 Trip
7th Feb	Teatime Concert
7th Feb	Year 2 Trip
9th Feb	Co-op WOW day
10th Feb	Last day of term
<b>13th Feb - 17th Feb Half Term</b>	
24th Feb	PTAF Quiz Night
2nd Mar	World Book Day
2nd Mar	Year 4 Trip
10th Mar	Year 6 Market Bazaar
16th Mar	4J Class Assembly
23rd Mar	3T Class Assembly
27th Mar	International Week
28th Mar	Parent's Consultations
30th Mar	Parent's Consultations
30th Mar	3A Class Assembly
6th Apr	3R Class Assembly
<b>10th - 21st April Easter Break</b>	