



# Colston's Primary School

## A Co-operative Academy

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Celebrating Diversity,  
Learning Together

*This term's co-operative value is **SELF-HELP***



31st March 2017

Dear parents and carers,

What a great week it's been at Colston's. The sights, sounds and aromas emanating from all over the school have been of a truly international flavour. It has been great to see so many parents, carers, relatives and other friends of the school offering the children the chance to experience different aspects of life from all around the world.

Here's some reflections from the children on the week so far:

"We really enjoyed cooking spring rolls with Jing-they were delicious!"

"It was great to find out about Vikings and Swedish history!"

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved for organising such an enriching week for us all. A particularly big THANKS goes out to Mr Insall, Mr Reddecliff and Mr Brett for getting it all together so brilliantly.

### Staff News

It is with sadness that I announce that Sam Martin will be leaving Colston's at the end of this term. Sam has been at the school for 11 years, working as a Learning Support Assistant and more recently as part of the Family Support Team. In my short time here she has proved to be a great colleague and a truly dedicated champion for children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sam for her hard work and commitment to the families and children of Colston's Primary School and to wish her the very best for her undoubtedly successful future.

Alex Bell

### CLASS ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WINNERS



This week's class attendance winners are **Nightingales with 98.3%. Well done!**

This week's class punctuality winners are **5W and 6JA with 100%. Well done!**

### CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Well done to all our certificate winners this week:

Poppy Barwick, Evie Ashdown, Keyaan Hussain, Asharga Mohamed, Lily Messenger, Emma Fricke, Lucas Falbo Zani, Jacob Thomas, Henry Fricke, Maud Cooper, Aania Saad Niveyah Fannell, Thomas Wright, Jibriil Abdi, Yasser Khiar, Coco Peacey-Williams, Wilfred Caig, Rihanna Percy, Lyra Powell, Ibrahim Mohamed, Isabella Kear, Charlotte Taylor, Theodore Browne, Orsolya Nemeth, Oscar Farnfield, Ismail Hussein, Max Andrews, Ramzey Boukhedenna-Down, Annabel Lewis, Matilda Fraser, Shabaz Osman-Pursey, Anas Aden, Flo Elvin-Robinson, Nathan Sweeting, Toby Stocks-Hayward, Milo Jady, William Davies, Alfie Blackmore, Milo Price, Rihanna Tinling, Angus White, Marley Backwell and the whole of class 3A.

### CO-OP NEWS

Next Thursday will be our Co-operative Value Day. After the success of last term's activity, the Year 6's will once again be taking over the school to teach the children about the value of self-help. A full report will be on the website and in next week's newsletter.

### INTERNATIONAL FOOD & MUSIC CELEBRATION

Please join us for a celebration of international food and music **TODAY from 3.00 onwards in the hall at Cotham Grove**. We hope that it will be the perfect way to round off International week at Colston's where parents, carers, staff and friends of the school have been sharing their knowledge of different countries and cultures around the world. All proceeds will go towards the aid effort in Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria and Yemen. There will also be a collection point for the Somalia appeal food donations.



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### THE SECRET GARDEN AT COTHAM GROVE

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The Secret Garden is finally starting to look Spring like! We would like to say a special thank you to Riverside Garden Centre who support us with donations of bulbs, compost and by paying for a gardener to come along and help us.



The pond has now been cleared out but needs restocking. If anyone has any oxygenating pond plants or frogspawn they could supply it would be much appreciated.

Also we will be holding a plant sale at the May Spring Fair so if anyone is planting seeds over the next month or so please think about popping in a few extra for us to sell.

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### THE GARDEN AT ELMGROVE

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Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that have helped Mr Higgins with the Elmgrove garden this week. Both with the heavy digging last Saturday morning and with supporting the children to sow the grass seed during the week. We have got a lot done and the children have really enjoyed doing some gardening. Thank you!

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### QEH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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On Tuesday 28th March 2017, Jacob Lench, Felix Woolnough, Felix Taylor, Henry Packham, Angus White, Joe Brazier, Tom Cheeseman, Harry Allbless-Roberts, Leon Serning Van Der Linde, Marley Backwell represented Colston's and travelled to QEH Fayland to play a football tournament. They each played incredibly well and got to the semi-finals and came second. After the match, we each got to meet the Bristol City football players; we all got their autographs and had a photo to cherish the moment. After that we met the Bristol City chef and we each got a sausage roll! By Felix and Angus



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### Y5/6 TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

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On Thursday 30th March, Tilly, Annabel, Flo, Ramzey, Toby, Will, Shabaz, Milo, Alfie, Anas and Nathan took part in the Tag Rugby tournament at Avonmouth Rugby Club. It was fun and excitable! We had two training sessions, one the week before and one the day before. We won two matches and lost three but some of the other players had been playing every weekend since September, so I think we did well! By Tilly & Alfie



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### RED NOSE DAY

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Thank you for your donations for Comic Relief. We raised an amazing **£216.94!**

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### LEGO NEEDED

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Lego desperately needed for Cotham. Please donate any Lego you may have in the back of the toy cupboard. It is very popular at playtime. Just drop off at either office.

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### PTAF NEWS

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**Y1 EASTER SPECIAL Tea & Cakes Friday 7th April**  
Year 1 are holding an Easter Special Tea & Cakes at the Elmgrove site next Friday, 7 April from 3.15pm. Please come down to show your support, eat things covered in mini eggs and drink tea. PLUS - enter the raffle for a giant James's Chocolates Easter egg!

### Spring Fair - Saturday 20th May

The PTAF are looking for musicians/performers within the school parenting/teaching community to volunteer to do a slot on the day. You could be anything from a musician to a juggler. They are also wondering if anyone has any small marquees they could borrow in case of wet weather? If you are able to help, please email [parryjane@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:parryjane@blueyonder.co.uk)

### PTAF needs a Treasurer!

He/she should have a basic knowledge of book keeping. The duties are keeping financial records, managing bank accounts and making payments, organising floats and banking money after events and presenting reports at meetings and the AGM. If you feel you can help with this important role, please send a message to [mai.ja.alan@gmail.com](mailto:mai.ja.alan@gmail.com). Your school needs you!