



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***



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It's been a very busy and extremely productive Term 4. The children have enjoyed a huge range of fun and enriching learning activities both within and beyond the classroom. Many of these events and developments are reflected in the PTAF and Governors Newsletters both out today too.

I am always proud to show prospective families around our school but one particular moment stands out to me as very worthy of passing on. Very recently, I was showing a family around both sites and at the end of the tour both children asked their parents if they could stay! The parents in turn asked me when they could start and then said that what they had seen is 'the way schools should be.' Although this was only a snapshot of the school in action, this is not the first time prospective parents and carers (and many parents and carers already here!) have made comments of this sort. It's so lovely to hear these kinds of comments and it only reiterates to me what a unique, exciting and special place Colston's Primary School is.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday.
Alex Bell

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Well done to all our certificate winners this week: All of Honeybees, Ladybirds and Dragonflies for an amazing art showcase, Reda Zemouri, Malik Amrane, Miya Corak-Bywater, Ryley Desmond, Jaheim Mudada, Annabelle Rogers, Travis Bowman, Ziham Abdullahi, Zayn Peacey Williams, Thomas Wise, Papa Mbaye Juno Carmichael Sturrock, Ivy Williamson, Sylvie White, Daniel White, Muhammad Obsiye, Ayman Ahmed, Pablo Pring, Ben Carpendale, Sofie Tagg, Nia Morgan, Xavier Stockhausen, Chloe Sweeting, Silas Jaeger, Capella Powell, Yousef Debes, Victoria Lord, Patrick Rolt, Leon Woodroffe, Harry Pheasant. Jim George Grant, Leon Serning van der Linde, Muntazar Omer, Felix Taylor and all of 3RW.

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WINNERS



This week's class attendance winners are **3A with 98.9%. Well done!**

This week's class punctuality winners are **3A with 100%. Well done!**

CO-OP NEWS

Unfortunately, due to unavoidable technical issues, the Co-operative Value afternoon had to be postponed. We are hoping to reschedule for as soon in the new term as possible.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD & MUSIC CELEBRATION

On Friday 31st March the hall was full of delicious aromas and exciting music as International Week culminated in a fantastic food sale and music concert. Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised an amazing total of **£1037.62**



which will go towards the aid appeal in Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria and Yemen. A big thank you to the fantastic parents, carers, staff and children (Especially those Y5 buskers!) who all made this event such a big success.

GOVERNORS NEWS

Our Spring Newsletter is out - you will receive it on email from school, find a hard copy in reception areas or go to our page on the school website - 'Governors' under 'My School'.

We have a number of governor vacancies as follows:

- 1 x parent governor
- 2 x co-opted governors (would like to co-opt experienced accountant and lawyer)
- 1 x community governor (must live within a mile of the school)
- 1 x staff governor

Please contact governors@colstons.co.uk for further information and expressions of interest. Thank you.

4W SPORTS FESTIVAL



On a fine, sunny, spring afternoon, 4W walked up to Redland Green School for a Sports Festival. The event was very well organised and administered by Sports Leaders from the school. In groups, 4W spent the afternoon practicing their javelin skills throwing a vortex with their strong arm and

weak arm. They experienced the long jump, triple jump, a sprint relay and a long distance fun run. 4W worked brilliantly together and all had a wonderful time.

ELMGROVE OPEN SINGING ASSEMBLY

We were delighted to see so many parents and carers at the Elmgrove singing assembly on Wednesday. The hall was packed and the whole



of reception and year 1 loved performing our musical story of the Musicians of Bremen. Thank you for coming!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends that came to hear the KS2 choir perform Alice in Wonderland. All the children spoke their lines with confidence and a special mention must go to our brave soloists who sang and acted with great aplomb!



Choir starts back again the second week back (Tuesday 2nd May 3.30-4.30pm). We will start rehearsing for the Colston Hall concert which takes place on Tuesday 27th June at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining choir (or can no longer attend) please let the office know as soon as possible.

LEGO NEEDED

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.

PTAF NEWS

Our first PTAF Newsletter is out now! You will receive it on email from school, find a hard copy in reception areas or go to our page on the school website - 'PTAF' under 'Parent Hub'.

Y1 EASTER SPECIAL Tea & Cakes Friday 7th April

Year 1 are holding an Easter Special Tea & Cakes at the Elmgrove site **TODAY!** 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!



With a big thank to Stella's dad (year 6), James of James' chocolates!

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

PLAYGROUND SURVEY

Are you part of Colston's Community? Then we would love to hear your views about lunchtimes and outdoor spaces at Cotham Grove. Our lunchtime and playground survey is now ready to be taken and if you haven't already received an email about this, you will soon! You will be able to find the link on our website, or please give your email address to the office and we can send you it! Look forward to hearing your views! The Playground Group

DIARY DATES

7th Apr	Year 1 Tea and Cakes TODAY
10th - 21st April	Easter Break
26th Apr	PTAF Meeting
1st May	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
2nd May	After school clubs start
3rd May	Class photos
4th May	2B Class Assembly
4th May	Polling Day
4th May	No Fencing Club
5th May	Reception Tea & Cakes
8th - 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
11th May	5M Class Assembly
18th May	5W Class Assembly
20th May	Spring Fair
22nd - 26th May	Year 6 Camp
25th May	2Y Class Assembly