

Colmers Farm Newsletter



Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break, even though the weather was pretty awful most of the week. It however has been a great start back to Colmers.

It has been an exciting week in EYFS as their first chicks have begun to hatch from their eggs. We also have had our own 'chick cam' in school, so children in all classes can keep an eye on the progress of our new arrivals.

Our parents' evenings took place on Wednesday and Thursday after school this week. It was great to see so many parents in attendance. Parents' evening is really important and, as headteacher, I really would like every parent to have a parents evening. This is really important for your child, as these meetings enable us to work together to enable your child to reach their potential. If you were unable to attend one of our parents' evenings, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. Thank you.

During the parents' evenings, many of you spared some time to complete some questionnaires about the school. Thank you for taking the time to do this. The responses were really positive and many parents we spoke to could see and appreciated the improvements that the staff have made to our school over the last academic year. Thank you for your support.

Next week, we will be starting our science topics in Years 1-6. If your child is in KS2, you should have received a knowledge organiser for your child's new topic. Please spend some time going through this with your child. This will really help them to make a good start to their topics. I have already seen some lovely homework from 3B about their new science topic (see the fabulous examples below). If you would like to work with your child to produce something for their new science topic, please do so. Your child's class teacher would really like to see what you create.



On Thursday and Friday, we held e-safety workshops for parents. Thank you to those parents who attended. Hopefully you found the session useful and you came away from it with lots of useful tips. If you did miss these meetings, do not worry. We will be hosting another of these later on in the year.

This week, we have been getting ready for our head boy and girl election. We have had campaign posters created by the children displayed around the school and they have all created speeches which were shown in classes before the school wide vote on Friday.

This has been a great way for all of our children to learn about democracy and to see it in action. Good luck to all of the candidates, you would all be worthy winners. We will be announcing who has won next week.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and children may dress up for this as their favourite book character if they wish. This is always a lovely day for them. Please note that if a child does not wish to dress up, they should come to school in their normal school uniform.

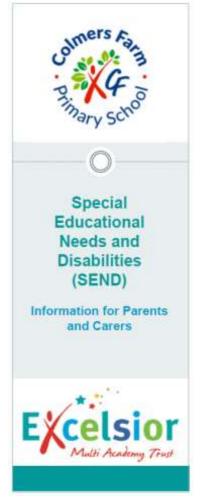
I hope you have a lovely weekend.

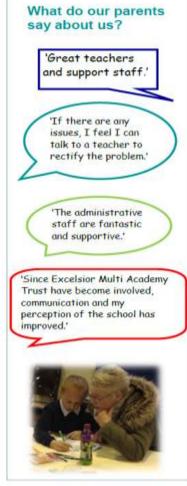
Mr Williams Headteacher

Free Milk in Years 1 and 2

Currently we provide free milk to our Year 1 and 2 children. Due to financial pressures, and the fact that many of our children do not drink it, unfortunately the school is unable to sustain this. This will cease from week beginning 9th March. If you would like your child to receive milk after this date, you will need to pay for this through parent pay at 19p per day.

We will continue to supply free fruit/veg to our reception, year 1 and year 2 children.







Parent Support Group Communication Autism Team

The sessions run on: Fridays 9:15-11:15am

Friday 7th February, 2020 Friday 6th March, 2020 Friday 3rd April, 2020 Friday 15th May, 2020 Friday 12th June, 2020 Friday 10th July, 2020



at GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre 213 Trittiford Road Billesley B13 0ET

For more information please contact:

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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March, 2020

Your child can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book and in return they will receive a free £1.00 book voucher





2B, 3B and 5TM for winning the trophies for the most points on Mathletics.

This week's Mathletics champions are Thomas in Year 2 and Poppie in Year 3 and Madeeha in Year 5



On Thursday 26th March, a special trainer will be in school for a six week programme to teach Reception children, how to ride a bike. They will be taught to balance and how to stay safe while cycling.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As part of our School Uniform Policy, Colmers Farm expects our children to be coming to school in full uniform and wearing proper school shoes. Most of our children do this.

However, there are still a number of children who at times are wearing inappropriate footwear and school uniform. Children who are not wearing school jumpers or cardigans, will be given replacements from our lost property to wear until their own can be replaced. For those who do not wear the correct footwear, they will be asked to wear their school pumps.

We are aware that there are occasions when school shoes need to be replaced, as do jumpers and cardigans, and we are aware that parents/carers can't always replace these items immediately. However, we would urge you to do this as soon as possible as it benefits the children by giving them a sense of belonging and it promotes a good attitude to learning.

NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is: 95.1%

This time last year, our whole school attendance percentage was 94.3% Please try to send your child to school everyday

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School attendance and punctuality are a high priority. As a school, we are legally required to accurately record children's attendance and reasons for absence or lateness.

The doors to school open at 8:35am. All children are expected to enter school via a playground door between 8:35am and 8:45am. After this, children will need to be brought through main reception where staff will ask for a reason for lateness. We kindly remind parents to be polite and respectful to staff when asked about lateness and absence.

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

| | | This week | | So far this year | |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | Attendance | No of Lates | Attendance | No of Lates |
| | | | | | |
| Reception | RW | 91.7% | 2 | 94.7% | 60 |
| | RC | 91.3% | 16 | 92.6% | 160 |
| Year 1 | 1KF | 95.6% | 6 | 94.2% | 99 |
| | 1HF | 93.3% | 8 | 95.0% | 56 |
| Year 2 | 2H | 97.0% | 8 | 96.3% | 136 |
| | 2B | 92.8% | 3 | 95.5% | 32 |
| Year 3 | 3G | 88.2% | 11 | 93.1% | 120 |
| | 3B | 89.7% | 10 | 94.6% | 95 |
| Year 4 | 4M | 93.6% | 15 | 94.9% | 96 |
| | 4J | 87.1% | 9 | 94.3% | 83 |
| Year 5 | 5TM | 93.8% | 2 | 97.1% | 24 |
| | 5S | 95.3% | 12 | 95.0% | 83 |
| Year 6 | 6A | 93.3% | 10 | 94.8% | 145 |
| N. | 6D | 97.1% | 2 | 96.7% | 30 |

Well Done

2H in KS1 and 6D in KS2 for the highest attendance this week

Well Done

5TM & 6D in KS2 and RW in KS1 for the fewest lates this week



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Reignn in Reception Arley-Jo in Y2, Caitlyn in Y5 And Memma in Y6



WELL DONE

This Week's KS1 Celebration Assembly



Annabelle-Rose and Louie in Reception Max and Ellis in Year 1, Hao Lin and Aaliyah in Year 2

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 3rd March
No Yr 5 Football After School Club
Thursday 5th March
World Book Day
Friday 13th March
Sports Relief Day
Monday 30th March
6A - Trip to RAF Cosford
Tuesday 31st March

6D - Trip to RAF Cosford



Who won the 100% attendar raffle ticket?



In this week's raffle, Demi-Lee in Year 2 weather lucky girl to win the KS1 prize and Millie in Year 5 was the lucky KS2 winner.

WELL DONE!

LET'S DO LUNCH!!

Colmes Farm will soon be offering children a Pick & Mix Lunchbox. If your child brings in their own packed lunch, but would like the school to provide them with one, then look out for letters coming soon which will provide you with more information.



NEW SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY

Beef Burger with Pineapple Salsa Or Quorn Burger with Pineapple Salsa

Herby Diced Potatoes Mixed Vegetables



TUESDAY

Sausage with Yorkshire Puddings Or

Quom Sausage with Yorkshire Puddings

Mashed Potatoes Sweetcorn Carrots

Chocolate Crunch

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken Or eese & Onion Pasty

New Potatoes Broccoli Peas

Fruit Jelly

THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala Or Vegetable Samosa

> Rainbow Rice Carrots Cauliflower

Chocolate Cracknel

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza Or Battered Pollock

Chunky Chips Beans Sweetcorn

Ice Crear



Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option