



Colmers Farm Newsletter



Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents

Coronavirus is understandably dominating the news currently. If the decision to close schools is made by the Government at some point in the future, we will naturally close. We will however do our best to make you aware of any developments regarding this. Please ensure that you have downloaded the school app if you haven't already. The consistent advice from the Government and their advisors is the importance of handwashing. Please can you ensure that your child can do this effectively.

We have had lots of parents asking if they can set up additional accounts on the school app for their partners. Good news! This is now possible. This can be done via the school app. Please see the app guide section in this newsletter for information about how to do this.

Last week and this week, Ms Davies (our MAT curriculum advisor), has been in school talking to groups of children from each year group about the topics they have been studying this term. She has been really impressed with their enthusiasm and knowledge demonstrated about these, especially when talking about key events, dates and key people. She was also impressed with the links the children were making between their current topics and previously studied topics.

You will have received letters telling you about the decision to go cashless in the school office. This means that all payments for breakfast clubs, dinners and trips will need to be made via Parent Pay. If you have not received details for this or you need additional assistance using this, please contact the school office and they will be happy to assist you.

Please can I remind all parents to be particularly careful with their children near the main road entrance to the school and at the front of the school. We do have cars and other vehicles which enter and leave the school ground at different times. Speed bumps are in place to slow cars down, but unfortunately we do have a few sharp corners on the road into school. Please can all parents who drive onto our school site and all pedestrians be especially careful at these points.

This Friday was Sports Relief and it was great to see all of our children and staff dressed in their favourite sporting clothing. In the afternoon all of our children took part in a sporting challenge such as the sports relief mile. Hopefully we've managed to tire out some of the children for you. A huge thank you to everybody for their donations towards this worthy cause, we are pleased to announce that the school have raised £220.00. Every penny of this money raised, will be donated to this charity and will help vulnerable people across the UK and the world to live happier, healthier and safer lives.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Every Wednesday Evening from 6-9pm for 6 weekly sessions

Starting Wed 22nd April; Wed 29th April; Wed 6th May; Wed 13th May; Wed 20th May but NOT 27th MAY AS HALF TERM and finally Wed 3rd June

At Moseley Hall Hospital, Lecture Theatre, Old Hall, Alcester Rd, Moseley, Birmingham

Are you the parent of a child with special educational needs?

Do you want to meet with other parents and learn about national and local services and what they can offer?

Do you want to feel more confident about working with practitioners and making decisions about your child's journey?

We warmly invite you to a series of evening workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.



For more information please contact Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant) or Sarah Adams (EVIS – Early Support Service)

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To book, please complete and sign attached booking form and consent.



Be Empowered...

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 Trittford Road
Billesley
B13 0ET

For more information please contact:

Katie Price
Communication and Autism Team
0121 303 1792



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Information for Parents and Carers



What do our parents say about us?

'Great teachers and support staff.'

'If there are any issues, I feel I can talk to a teacher to rectify the problem.'

'The administrative staff are fantastic and supportive.'

'Since Excelsior Multi Academy Trust have become involved, communication and my perception of the school has improved.'



Our Vision

All our schools to be outstanding beacons of equality, where pupils succeed in a safe, innovative and vibrant learning community.

Our Cornerstones of School Development

Succeeding together
Ensuring quality for all
Engaging learning
Aspiring from the start

Contact Us

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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.

PARENT LINK SERVICE CONTACT LINE



WHAT IS THE PARENT LINK SERVICE?

As a parent or carer of a child with special educational need or disability, it can be difficult to know who the best person is to get help and advice from.

A Parent Link Officer is a member of Birmingham Local Authority whose job it is to help parents to identify and make links with the right person, at the right time.

WHAT IS THE CONTACT LINE FOR?

The contact line is a central phone line that parents can call, ask questions, talk about things that are concerning them and then be given advice on what the best next steps could be.

NEXT STEPS COULD INCLUDE:



A follow up phone call



Attendance at one of our family forums in your local area



A follow up email



A home visit



Some written information



Support at a face-to-face meeting

PARENT LINK CONTACT TELEPHONE LINE:

0121 303 8461

Monday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Tuesday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Wednesday: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

OTHER WAYS TO CONTACT US:

Email: ParentLinkService@birmingham.gov.uk



Open day
Saturday 14 March
10.00am-12.30pm

Where bright sparks are ignited

Find out more about our:

- Outstanding 2019 GCSE results: 66% 9-9 and 84% 9-7
- Excellent 2019 IB Diploma results: 75% of Higher Level subjects graded 7/6 (equivalent to A*/A or A-level)
- Rich extra-curricular programme and impressive facilities
- Scholarships and Awarded Places

Visit: www.kes.org.uk/opendays
or tel: 0121 415 6954 for more information.

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Our School App

If you would like to request permission for other relatives to access our school app and receive information about the school and your children, you can do this within the app itself. If you cannot find the option to do this or need further assistance, please contact us.



Open the app and press the 'More' button.

Additional Contacts

From the menu, press 'Additional Contacts'.



Here you can request permission for up to three relatives.

Additional Contact

Please complete this form if you would like to invite any additional contacts to access this app. Once the request has been approved the contact will receive an invitation to create their own account.

Title: First Name:

Surname: Relationship:

Mobile Number:

Email:

Submit

Please enter the details of the relative you are requesting permission for and press the submit button.

COME AND JOIN OUR SENCO TEAM FOR A COFFEE

All parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) are invited to a coffee afternoon from 2-3pm on Monday 16th March 2020. Please contact Mrs Evans, Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCO), to book a place if you have not already returned a reply slip to the office.



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	94.7%	1	94.8%	67
	RC	91.7%	9	93.2%	181
Year 1	1KF	98.0%	8	94.5%	120
	1HF	92.3%	5	94.8%	71
Year 2	2H	96.3%	2	96.4%	143
	2B	97.9%	4	95.7%	41
Year 3	3G	92.9%	5	93.2%	141
	3B	97.2%	4	94.7%	110
Year 4	4M	95.9%	11	95.0%	119
	4J	96.9%	1	95.5%	89
Year 5	5TM	97.1%	3	97.4%	30
	5S	95.3%	10	95.1%	106
Year 6	6A	95.8%	7	94.9%	158
	6D	95.1%	1	96.7%	33



Well Done

1KF in KS1 and 3B in KS2 for the highest attendance this week

Well Done

RW in KS1, 4J and 6D in KS2 for the fewest lates this week



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Robyn in RW, Callum in 1HF, Lonnie in 2H, Macie in 4S and Ava-Mai in 6A

WELL DONE



DIARY DATES

Monday 30th March

6A - Trip to RAF Cosford

Tuesday 31st March

6D - Trip to RAF Cosford

Friday 3rd April

Year 3 Parents Maths Inspire Workshop

Friday 3rd April

School closes for Easter

Friday 20th April

Back to school



This Week's KS1 Celebration Assembly



Dillon in Reception
Gabriel and Ryker in Year 1
Ryker and Grace in Year 2,

Who won the 100% attendance raffle ticket?

Rio was the lucky boy In this week's KS1 assembly and Shanae Saddler in Year 5 was KS2's lucky winner.

WELL DONE!



LET'S DO LUNCH!!

Colmers 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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Roast Chicken Fillet Or Cheese & Potato Pie	Fish Fingers Or Macaroni Cheese	Roast Turkey Or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese	Chicken Korma Or Vegetable Samosa	Margherita Pizza Or Fish Fingers
Mashed Potatoes Peas Broccoli	Wedges Garlic Bread Carrots & Cauliflower	New Potatoes Cauliflower Peas	Rainbow Rice Carrots Cauliflower	Chunky Chips Beans Sweetcorn
Forest Fruit Sponge	Mixed Fruit Crumble	Fruit Cocktail	Melting Moments	Frozen Mousse Tub



Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option