



Colmers Farm Newsletter



Friday 11th December, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of this term. I hope that you have had a good week.

We have been marking Human Rights Day this week with a series of physical activities carried out by each year group such as running or walking a set distance. Human rights are something that we often take for granted in this country, however it is important to remember that many of these rights are not accessible in many countries across the world.

This week, Year 2 have been taking their phonics screening check. This has replaced the phonics check that the children should have taken at the end of Year 1, but which was cancelled due to lockdown. The children have done really well with this, particularly considering how much schooling these children have missed over the last year. With 74% of children reaching the threshold for this. Well done Year 2! Your child's teacher will soon be letting you know how they got on. For children who did not reach the threshold required, they will have another chance to take the phonics screening check at the end of year 2.

On Friday, we had our second ever set of Governors' Award Assemblies (after the first set last December). These assemblies were supposed to take place termly, but Coronavirus unfortunately prevented us from doing this last year. For the assemblies today we were joined on Microsoft Teams by two of our Governors – Our chair of Governors Mrs Wadley and our staff Governor Mrs Corbett. One child in each year group from Reception to Year 6 received an award in each of the following areas: being a role model to others, improving the well-being of others and for excellent achievement and progress. Congratulations to the following children who were this term's very worth recipients:

Year Group	A role model to others	Improving the well-being of others	Excellent achievement and progress
Reception	Eden F. (RC)	Riley W. (RF)	Kade E. (RC)
Year 1	Manisha R. (1F)	Kyla-May E. (1W)	Noah H. (1F)
Year 2	Niamh M. (2H)	Hayden B. (2B)	Kaiden F. (2B)
Year 3	Rennzo M. (3T)	Khloe G. (3B)	Aliza K. (3B)
Year 4	Logan W. (4G)	Kennedy F. (4J)	Junior B. (4J)
Year 5	Violet W. (5M)	William F. (5TM)	Demi M. (5TM)
Year 6	Scarlett F. (6T)	Miyah E. (6D)	George S. (6T)

We have a number of computer programs for children to use at home including Mathletics, Spelling Shed and Accelerated Reader. Regular use of these really helps your child to progress quickly with their learning. Please encourage your children to use these at home. If you have any log in issues, please let school know as soon as possible and we can remedy this swiftly for you.

It is with really sadness today that we are saying goodbye to one of our staff members, Mr Taylor. Mr Taylor has been at Colmers Farm for 8 years and he has done a brilliant job looking after the IT infrastructure at our school and helping staff with their computing problems. We will all really miss him. We wish Mr Taylor the greatest of luck in his new job.

Please remember that next week the children will be having their Christmas dinners (which are always popular). If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner (and they do not normally have a school dinners), please contact the school office. The cost of this will be £2.25.

I hope that you have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Mr Williams

Headteacher.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

APPLY ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILD TO START RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2021

CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2021

VISIT: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please contact a member on

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner for EYFS, Years 1,3 and 5

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Christmas Dinner for EYFS, Years 2,4 and 6

Friday 18th December

School Closes for Christmas

Monday 4th January

Teachers Training Day

Tuesday 5th January

Children back to school



OUR TREE OF ACHIEVEMENT



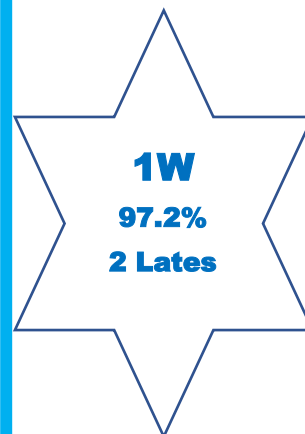
LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG

Charlotte and Myah in Reception
Drew and Daniel in Year 1
Sophie and Ryker in Year 2
Elias and Phoebe in Year 3
Oliver and Rocco in Year 4
Lucy and Max in Year 5
Willow in Year 6

WELL DONE!



This week's winners of the Colmers' Cat and Colmers' Camel are:



Well Done for your great attendance and punctuality!

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Due to the Coronavirus, our Hot Chocolate Fridays can no longer take place with Mr Williams and the children in his office. We are pleased to say that the children will be bringing a Hot Chocolate goodie bag home with them at the end of the day if they were lucky enough to be drawn out

Emily in RF, Ella-Mae in 1W
Lucia, and Ellis in 2B, Emilie in 3T,
Elissa in 4J, Josie in 5TM
and K'yara in 6D

Well Done!



WHO WON THE 100%

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

The winning ticket this week was number **110** and the lucky girl to win the raffle is Macie in RF. I wonder what prize she will choose from our prize cabinet?



Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

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

Starting Wed 6th Jan 2021, and then continues on Wed 13th Jan, Wed 20th Jan, Wed 27th Jan, Wed 3rd Feb and finishes on Wed 10th Feb 2021

We warmly invite you to join in a series of evening online 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.

If you are interested in accessing these evening workshops online, you will need to have a laptop/computer/smartphone with a camera.

Please note, due to increased demand we may not always be able to offer places automatically. If you are placed on a waiting list, you will be offered a space on a future set of workshops this academic year.

Please apply by completing and signing the attached booking form and consent to either

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