

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

So ends what has been a truly unique half term, with most of the country engaging in online learning. Parents/carers you have been amazing... Keeping your children engaged in their learning, whether it's been onscreen or on paper each day, in a home environment, is a fantastic achievement. I know that some of you have only been able to get your children to do some of the learning set each day, that is still fine... as something is always better than nothing. Well done parents of Colmers Farm!

To give both you and your children a well-deserved break over the holidays, we have set no work for this period. Mathletics, myON, Accelerated Reading and Spelling Shed are all still available to use though.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week we had to regrettably close our Year 1 and 2 bubble and our Reception bubble due to two separate cases of coronavirus. Because of our systems, the rest of the school was able to attend as normal. We have been very lucky as a school and this is only the second and third time that we have had to do this.

Over the last week, we have been having a Spelling Shed Competition as a school. Spelling shed is an online program which develops and tests children's spelling in a fun way. Our children have been trying really hard with this. Well done to all of them. In any competition though there are winners and our competition winners in each year group were:

Year 3: Aliza (3B) - 62,343,608 points

Year 4: Darcie (4J) – 114,422,478 points (the highest score I've even seen on Spelling Shed – wow!)

Year 5: Codie (5M) – 35,703,440 points Year 6: Saba (6D) – 61,402,948 points

A special well done to all of these children for their impressive scores. Your prizes will be heading your way shortly. Very impressively, one class managed to get on the world leader board in 14th place. Well done to everybody in 3B! Thank you for making us 'world famous'. This is a truly fantastic achievement.

World Groups League		
Pos	Group	Group Score
1. 🥇	4H, Paget Primary School, England	2,147,483,647
2. 🏅	Raccoon, PILGRIMS' WAY PRIMARY SCHOOL, England	1,363,070,630
3. 🍝	Year 2, Gainsborough Primary School, England	1,050,163,007
4.	5H 2020-21, St Helen's Catholic Primary School, England	878,282,814
5.	Year 1, Stenson Fields Primary Community School, England	802,582,882
6.	Y3/4 Keller Class, Haslam Park Primary School, England	748,039,586
7.	Year 5 A, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, England	646,590,444
8.	Curie Class, Haslam Park Primary School, England	629,845,587
9.	Kestrels 20/21, Bamford Academy, England	625,555,146
10.	2V, Sacred Heart RC Primary Battersea, England	602,460,466
11.	6R, Christchurch Primary School, England	598,355,610
12.	Year 4 Mrs Dady, All Saints CEVA Primary School & Nursery Unit, England	582,901,598
13.	4AP, Godolphin Junior Academy, England	580,417,566
14.	3B, Colmers Farm Primary School, England	557,708,914

DIARY DATES

12/02/21 Half Term holidays begin

22/02/21
Staff Training day
No online lessons or
keyworker provisions
on this date.

23/02/21
School opens for vulnerable and keyworker children.
Online lessons resume.

08/03/21 School re-opening fully-We hope!

Please follow us on Twitter!

Our feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning opportunities we provide for our pupils everyday!

@Colmers FarmPS

What's new on our website this week?



* New maths - learning times tables video (linking times tables and division).

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org



Even though the competition has finished, please keep encouraging your children to use Spelling Shed and our other online programs such as Mathletics, Accelerated Reader and myON. Regular practise with these, really does help your children to make progress.

Due to some technical issues for Year 2, they will be having their Spelling Shed Competition after the holidays. If you have a child in Year 2, we would be grateful if you could do all you can to support and encourage them to take part in this.

To look after our children's well-being, this week we launched Well-being Wednesday. This was a series of tasks for children to complete away from a computer screen, feedback from the children was positive about this. Look out for our future Well-being Wednesday events. A huge well done to Niamh in 2H who managed to spell out her name as part of this week's event. It was a long time ago when I was last able to do this \odot .



This week our children practised their British Value of democracy by voting online for their favourite head girl and boy candidates. After counting the votes carefully... I am delighted to announce that our winners are:

- For head girl Naturia and Caitlyn (who both got exactly the same amount of votes so we have two head girls this year);
- For head boy Oliver

Well done to our three winners. I'd also like to thank our other candidates – Miyah, Kayde and Charlie for their hard work and bravery with putting themselves forward for this role. The campaign videos and posters created by all of the candidates this year were of the highest quality and any of the children in this election would have made superb head girls or head boys. You are all brilliant!

I hope that you have a wonderful half term break with your families. We look forward to seeing all of our children either in our online lessons or back in school (for our key worker and vulnerable children) on Tuesday 23rd February.

Mr Williams Headteacher

Hot Chocolate Winners

