

Friday 13th November, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe. It has been a busy week at Colmers Farm this week.

As I hinted at, in last week's newsletter, we had something very special and exciting for our children for our writing week. As I am sure your children have already shared with you, on Tuesday we sent our very courageous Colmers Farm Teddy Bear into space. Because of the Coronavirus, this launch had to take place away from our school, but we all got to watch it live via Zoom. During the preparation for our bear's flight, the children got to ask questions to the launch team about the launch and the journey that our bear would undertake. As you can imagine, this was a really exciting event for our children and inspired our children to produce some fabulous writing.



Although we got to see a photo of the bear in space on Tuesday, we had to wait until Wednesday for the video of our bear's journey. This will be appearing on our Twitter feed soon, alternatively you can use the following link to watch it on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kC78nwuo9c&feature=youtu.be>

As part of Big Arts Week, we had a competition to choose the best piece of art work produced in each year group. Miss Wood and Miss Freemantle, as the Art Curriculum leads at Colmers Farm, had the really difficult job of choosing just one winner from each year group. After much deliberation, they chose the following children:

Reception - Hayden in RC, Year 1 – Holly-Rose in 1W, Year 2 – Cayleigh in 2H,
 Year 3 – Oscar in 3B, Year 4 – Paige in 4J, Year 5 – Lily in 5TM, Year 6 – Mia in 6T

These children all received a very special certificate and a special arts box. Well done all of these children! I look forward to seeing the winning pieces displayed outside of my office soon.

Today is a very special day for Hindus and Sikhs around the world as it is Diwali. To mark this special date in the calendar, our Year 4 children and staff created a very special assembly. The assembly was fantastic and I am so proud of the children and staff who worked so hard to create this. I also really liked the jokes in this which cheered me up on a very dark and wet Friday morning when I arrived in school. You'll be able to watch this assembly soon on our website and also via our school's Twitter feed. Once again, well done and thank you everybody in Year 4!

And finally... a huge congratulations to Charlie in 3B and Isabelle in 4J, who are the first two children in the school to attain the bronze SAGE award. Well done! We have a lot of children in the school who are very close to matching Charlie and Isabelle. Keep the evidence coming in and thank you parents for all of your support with helping your children to work towards this.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams



DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

"As you know from previous newsletters Colmers Farm Primary School are currently working towards a school well-being award. An essential part of this award is getting the views of all members of the school community, including parents. There is a short questionnaire that I would ask you to complete using the following link:

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/5f75bd3e1604a>

Many Thanks,
Miss Kelly."

ODD SOCK DAY on Monday 16th November

All our children need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!



Being different is ok, Wear odd socks today.

WELL DONE COLMERS FARM FOR RAISING A WHOPPING £254.00 FOR THE CHILDREN IN NEED CHARITY

We're supporting



Children in Need

REMINDERS

Please ensure your child/children has a full PE kit in school. Weather is getting colder, so please send your child with jogger bottoms and a warmer top for outside PE.

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a clean filled water bottle. The contents of the bottles must only be water.

Please be aware that smoking or vaping is not allowed in the school playgrounds, this also includes the pathway from Morrisons car park leading to the school.

OUR TREE OF ACHIEVEMENT

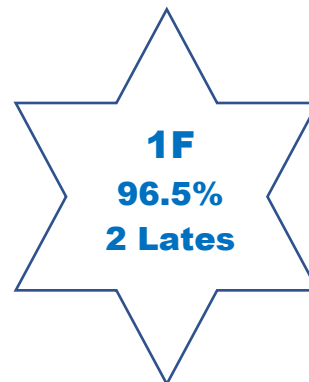


LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG ON OUR TREE THIS WEEK

Skye and Makonnen in Reception
Louie and Zoe in Year 1,
Millie and Níamh in Year 2
Piper and Evie in Year 3
Darcie and Kayla-Marie in Year 4
Codie and Zakíah in Year 5
Harry and Maisy in Year 6



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

Gracie May in RC, Noah in 1W,
Callum in 2H, Rennzo in 3T,
Isabelle in 4J, Kayden in 5TM and
Kizie-May in 6D

Well Done



WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

The winning ticket this week was number **333** and the lucky boy to win the raffle Isabella in Year 6. I wonder what prize she will choose from our prize cabinet?



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 applications is submitted.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please contact a member on Children's Services on 0121 303 188 where staff will be pleased to offer assistance.

DIARY DATES



Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day

Week Commencing 16th November

Parents' Evening

Friday 20th November

Nurses in school for Flu Nasal Spray

(please return forms back to school even if your child is not having the vaccine, forms still need to be completed and returned)

Emergency food assistance for Families

Internal comms for professionals working with families, including Schools, Further Education, Children's Centres, Nurseries, GPs and Primary Care Networks, Paediatrics, Health Visiting, Therapists, SEND, Social Workers, Adult Social Care, Family Support, Voluntary and Community Groups.

Emergency food assistance for families

This second period of lockdown is a difficult time for families. Emergency food assistance and early help is available for families you are working with.

Birmingham City Council has announced **£100k to be distributed in localities**, and **free school meals vouchers** that are being sent direct to schools by Sodexo.

Locality early help

If frontline staff are working with a vulnerable family that requires some extra help or has complex needs, then please get in touch with a [Locality Lead](#):

1. Please complete a simple online [Family Connect form](#)
2. This will enable other professionals to connect to the family too
3. The Locality Lead can provide emergency financial aid for food to the family
4. Together we will be able to provide the support needed to get the family back on track and more resilient.

Over time, we'll roll-out a new case management system that will be available for all professionals working in early help, that will make it even easier to connect professionals together around a family. This is part of the Birmingham Children's Partnership transformation for children and families.

Free school meals vouchers

Birmingham City Council has ordered one week of vouchers through Sodexo for children eligible for free school meals. These will be distributed to eligible families by schools from Monday 16th November.

From Birmingham with Love

Finally a reminder that there is a lot of other early help in the city for all young people and families. Please share the [From Birmingham with Love](#) leaflet and details with all families as everyone needs a little help right now. The pack includes a voucher worth £86 for parenting support, online mental health support and advice and guidance about food banks, money, etc.

Birmingham Children's Partners are relying on everyone working with families to support them through these difficult times, we are all part of the early help system for families.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

For Families

www.birmingham.gov.uk/CYPFCovid19

Birmingham Children's Partnership

REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR BRONZE ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

BRING BACK TO SCHOOL
INITIALISED BY
YOUR PARENTS
AND MOVE ON TO
THE SILVER
CHALLENGE



Week beginning Monday 16th November



Dinnertime Lunch Rota will be

Children in Reception, Years 2,4 and 6 will be having lunch in the dining hall.
Children in Years 1,3 and 5 will having lunch in their classrooms.

