



# Colmers Farm Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



### Parking on Belton Grove

Please can we remind all parents who park on Belton Grove to park considerately. Please be aware of road marking, such as white lines by drives, and please do not park on paths as this reduces the space for pedestrians. Thank you for your support with this.



**Friday 14th May 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

Eid Mubarak to all of our families who have been celebrating Eid al-Fitr this week. I hope that your celebrations have gone well. This festival marks the end of Ramadan, a festival where Muslims do not eat or drink during the hours of daylight for a month and where participants also try to do good deeds and make themselves even better people. Well done to all of our children who have taken part in Ramadan this year... fasting for this long requires a lot of discipline and you have certainly shown plenty of that.

Last week I mentioned that we'd started our tuition programme in school with one year group. This week we are in full flow with this with 60 pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 now accessing tuition in group sizes of three children to one outside tutor. The children seem to be really enjoying these sessions and are building their confidence and skills within maths, reading or writing.

At Colmers Farm, we always try our best to solve any problems you may have. I know that most of you as parents/carers recognise this which is brilliant and we thank you for this. Please can I remind you though that if you do have any worries or concerns, that you should first speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help you before contacting a senior member of staff.

It is corridor display board change time at Colmers Farm. This is something I always look forward to as we get our school environment refreshed and we get to see our children's most recent learning. Our children have been working so hard to produce work for this and our teachers and TAs have been so creative with the way they have displayed these. (Please see the page opposite to see some examples of these). Well done everybody!

### DIARY DATES

**29/05/21**  
Half Term begins  
(school closed)

**07/06/21**  
School reopens

**05/07/21**  
First Aid training for  
Year 3 children

**06/07/21**  
First Aid training for  
Year 5 children

**07/07/21**  
New class transition  
day

### 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?



- Anti-bullying policy (policies and documents)

[www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](http://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)



Work began this week on our new art and design and technology studio. This is something that we are really excited about as it is going to give our children some wonderful opportunities within art and design and technology during their time at our school. As the photo shows though, we are very much at the start of this project and there is still lots more work to do. This should however be ready to welcome its first children in September 2021.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend with you families.

Mr Williams (Headteacher)



## e-safety – Keeping your children safe online. Does your child know these rules?

<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <p><b>Stay Safe</b></p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1 style="color: #008000;">M</h1> <p><b>Don't Meet Up</b></p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1 style="color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <p><b>Accepting Files</b></p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1 style="color: #FF0000;">R</h1> <p><b>Reliable?</b></p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1 style="color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <p><b>Tell Someone</b></p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>
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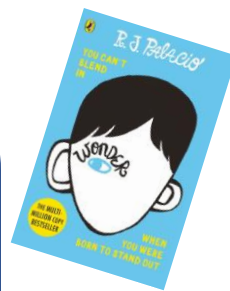
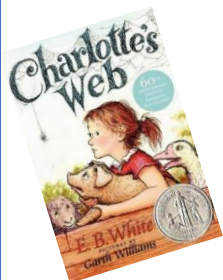


# Head Girl Book Suggestion

Book: Letters from the Lighthouse Author  
Author: Emma Carroll

Letters from the Lighthouse is a mystery and adventure book. This book is set in 1944 {during WW2}. Sukie is Olive's older sister, who goes missing one night during an air raid. Cliff {who is Olive's 7-year-old brother} and Olive are evacuated to Devon where they try to solve the mystery of their missing sister. Ephraim is the mysterious lighthouse keeper who also secretly has unshared information about the disappearance of Sukie. I loved that this book has so many unexpected turns in it that I had to be fully awake to read that book otherwise I wouldn't know what was going on.

My rating for this book is a solid 10/10.



## Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 <sup>st</sup>	6D	540,780	+109,100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5M	193,789	-715,650
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5TM	178,636	-73,078
4 <sup>th</sup>	3T	122,303	+4,051
5 <sup>th</sup>	6T	113,402	-974
6 <sup>th</sup>	3B	92,697	=
7 <sup>th</sup>	4G	49,951	-32,885
8 <sup>th</sup>	4J	36,531	-12,277



## Well done 6D!

School record – 6D – 1,526,726 words in one week (22/04/21)

**NEW!**

## Colmers Farm Attendance League Table!

Our whole school attendance this week has **dropped again**, this week to **92.1%** which is much lower than our target of 96%.

Next week, letters will be sent to parents of children whose attendance and punctuality is a cause for concern. These will include some inviting parents into school to discuss ways that we can help to improve these.

Please contact school if you need any help improving your child's attendance and punctuality as the pastoral team is always looking for ways we can support our families.

**This week's fixtures have taken place and the results are in!**

Well done to our **winning** classes!



Fixture List **Week 5**

87.6%	6T vs 4G	93.5%
90.3%	4J vs 3T	92.3%
92.9%	5M vs 3B	93.0%
87.9%	5TM vs 2H	95.3%
92.7%	6D vs 2B	94.3%
93.3%	RC vs 1W	89.6%
91.3%	RF vs 1F	95.0%

1F v 6T  
1W v RF  
2B v RC  
2H v 6D  
3B v 5TM  
3T v 5M  
4G v 4J

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

Hollie-Mai D in 6T

Lexi W in 4G

Ryker S 2H

Godpower RC

Hou Xuan in 5TM

Tiahna in 3B

Ella-Mae T 1F



## This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Tulisa P in 4J

Jake M in 2H

Darcie M in 1F

Alfie M in 6D



## School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on all of our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school, unless short term with prior agreement.



For details on our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Help with School Uniform

Rubery Community Swop Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by

providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them for free. Please visit

[www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk](http://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk) or contact

[ruberyswopshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswopshop@outlook.com) for more information.



# SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

May 2021



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

## Speech & Language Therapy

**Supporting Speech & Language Needs in the context of  
Social Communication Difficulties**

**Speaker: Javairia Mahmood – Speech & Language Therapist  
Suzi Blakemore – Speech & Language Therapist  
Catherine Price – Communication Autism Team**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May- 10.00am – 11.00am – Focus on children who have  
not yet learned to speak (pre-verbal)- Ticket Link:**

[Supporting Speech & Language Needs in the context of Social Communication  
Difficulties, pre-verbal](#)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 1.00pm – 2.00pm – Focus on children  
who have started to speak (verbal)-Ticket Link:**

[Supporting Speech & Language Needs in the context of Social Communication  
Difficulties, verbal](#)

All people who book a ticket will  
be sent a copy of the presentation  
and a copy of the recording of the  
Webinar.



# New School Management System

We are pleased to report that we have now moved to Arbor which is the school management system.

You may have received an email inviting you to activate your account by clicking onto a link. Unfortunately there have been some technical issues which are being resolved. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused. A new link will be sent at a later date.

We have been advised that to activate your account for the first time you will need to do so on a laptop, iPad or computer. The link will not work on a mobile phone device.

We will no longer be accepting payments through ParentPay after half term and any balances will be transferred by MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE. Until then please continue to use ParentPay.

We would like to encourage our parents to activate Arbor to pay for meals, including Ad-hoc lunches such as Christmas meals, trips and Breakfast Club. You can also update your personal contact details such as telephone numbers, addresses and contact details.



