



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Being on time is so important because this gives pupils a relaxed start to the morning, they do not miss any learning, they do not feel anxious walking into a classroom late and it sets a good habit for future life and employment.



Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

During the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, visitors to the Chase Village had the opportunity to cycle in the 'Chase and Bring Power Bikeathon' event in support of local schools. Before the event, Chase Bank (part of JP Morgan) pledged to provide two books for every kilometre cycled. Visitors to the site cycled a total of 3,712.67 kilometres. This meant an incredible 7426 books being equally distributed to schools who applied to be part of this. We applied for this, and we received at the end of last week 825 free books which is amazing for our school. We are in the process of putting these into our school library and into classrooms. We would like to thank all the people who took part in this cycling event and Chase Bank for their very kind gift which will be put to great use in our school.

After our Year 3 and 5 visited places of worship last week, this week was the turn of Year 6. They went to visit Birmingham Cathedral (St Philip's) on Colmore Row in the City Centre. This is part of the children's current RE topic which is Christianity. This Cathedral was built in the 1700s and is one of the smallest cathedrals in the UK. Here our pupils were able to see many of the features of a church/cathedral and were able to find out more about the Christian faith. Our pupils enjoyed this visit and represented our school well, asking many thoughtful questions during the visit. Well done Year 6!

On Tuesday evening, Miss Jennings took a group of 11 Year 5 and 6 pupils over to Colmers Secondary School. Here they got to try a series of sporting events they probably had never encountered before. This included kurling, archery and boccia. Our pupils really enjoyed trying these and demonstrated our school games values of teamwork, self-belief, honesty, respect, passion and determination throughout this event. A big thank you to Miss Jennings for giving up her time to take our pupils on this experience.

On Wednesday we had our MAT personal development review. Personal development looks at how we teach equality/diversity (including our use of the No Outsiders materials), British Values, growing up (including dealing with feelings/emotions) and how to stay safe. This review was led by Andy Moffat MBE (the creator of the No Outsider programme). We are very proud of our work in this area and the review identified many strengths for us as a school. Thank you to Mrs Greep for leading in this area and to all the staff, pupils and parents who took part in this day.

Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to meet with Miss Kelly about forming a parental forum to help our school. We hope that you found this useful and we look forward to working with many of you to help us to provide even more for our pupils and to help us to continually improve our school. Thank you for your support with this.

Next Thursday is Christmas Jumper day in school. Please remember to bring in a food donation on this day. This will be donated to the B90 foodbank and will be used to support families struggling over the festive period. (See the letter in the letter section of the school website for more details about this.)

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th December
Y1 and Y2 Movie Night

Thursday 8th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 13th December
Reception Nativity 2:30pm
Year 6 RAF Cosford Trip

Wednesday 14th December
Christmas Lunch
Reception Nativity 9:30am
Dram club performance

Thursday 15th December
Last day of school term

Friday 16th December
Teacher training day

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Alternatively contact
Birmingham City Council
Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website?



Year 6 Cathedral Photos (News Section)

Christmas Lunch



Our school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December. Please return the forms to school before **Monday 5th December**. The meal costs £2.50 and this will need to be paid via Arbor under ad-hoc meals – unfortunately we cannot accept cash in school.

If your child receives Free School Meals, there is no charge **but you will still need to return the slip.**

Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Jumper day is on Thursday 8th December. Children can wear their own clothes and a Christmas jumper or something festive to school on this day for a food donation to our local food bank.

Thursday 16th December – Pizza Day



The canteen will be serving pizza on Thursday 16th December, if your child would like pizza on this day, please top up your child's meal account on Arbor and ask them to let their teacher know they will be having a school dinner on the day.

e-safety – Staying safe online

<h1>S</h1> <h3>Stay Safe</h3> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1>M</h1> <h3>Don't Meet Up</h3> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1>A</h1> <h3>Accepting Files</h3> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1>R</h1> <h3>Reliable?</h3> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1>T</h1> <h3>Tell Someone</h3> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p>
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Pupil e-safety challenge



32% of smart phone users do not update their OS (operating system) when a new version comes. Why should you always update your OS soon as you can?

- Your phone will not work without the latest OS
- Your phone will have the latest features and tools
- It protects your phone against hackers and viruses

This week's answer = A, B and C. (a) Some features on your phone may stop working without the latest OS. (b) Having the latest OS can give you access to new tools and features on your phone, which have just been released. (c) Updating your OS is critical as it helps to ensure that your phone has the best security possible.

Happy Birthday Messages

For next week, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Icy RG 5
Logan 1K 6
Ava-Rae 3J 8

Stephen RL 5
Maria-Mae 2P 7

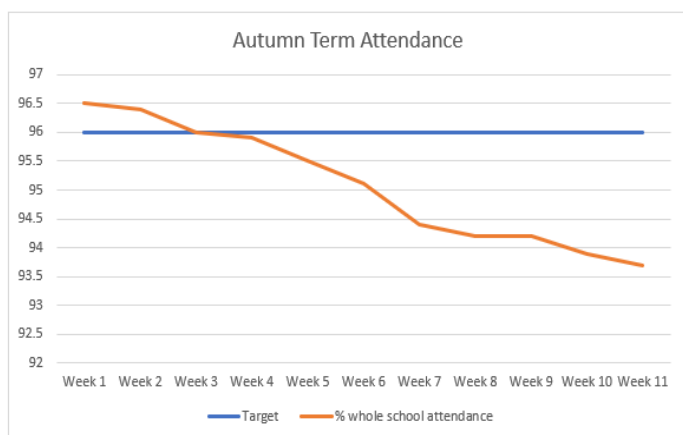


Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS





School attendance is slipping, and we need to work together to quickly improve this. This graph shows how attendance is **decreasing** week on week and it is now well-below our whole school **target** of 96%. If you require any support with getting your child into school, please reach out to a member of the pastoral team.

198 children have an attendance of **96%** or more and are in line with our school target,
 86 children have 100% attendance and
 75 children have 100% attendance with no lates! Well done!

CLASS AWARDS:

Unfortunately, no classes in EYFS or KS1 got over 90% this week. Colmers Cat will spend the week with Mr Williams and Miss Kelly!



The class with the highest attendance in KS2 and the winner of the Colmers Camel this week is:



5M – 97%

The Colmers Farm attendance league table WEEK 10

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3J	10	27
2	4L	10	24
=	5M	10	24
4	2B	10	19
5	5T	10	18
=	1W	10	18
7	RL	10	15
=	1K	10	15
=	4G	10	15
10	RT	10	12
=	6G	10	12
12	2P	10	9
=	3F	10	9
=	6D	10	9
15	RG	10	7

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

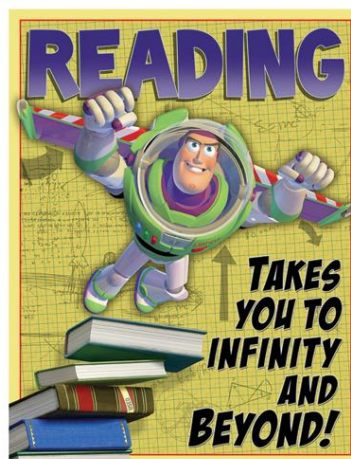
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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READ, READ, READ!

Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

As you know, our children in Years 1-6 have access to thousands of books online via myON. If you need help accessing this, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.



Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading nonfiction text.

- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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Questions to ask your child when listening to them reading.



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Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	358,879
2 nd	5M	160,419
3 rd	5T	114,370
4 th	4G	69,629
5 th	6D	48,464
6 th	3J	39,415
7 th	3F	35,503
8 th	4L	21,121

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Charlie (6G) 85,611
2 nd	Daniel (5M) 62,750
3 rd	Oliver (6G) 61,775
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 228,313	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	120,610,828
2 nd	6G	78,099,128
3 rd	5M	48,603,264
4 th	4G	38,782,108
5 th	6D	36,575,304
6 th	1K	15,633,882
7 th	3F	7,044,767
8 th	1W	5,311,782
9 th	2P	4,393,990
10 th	2B	2,785,528
11 th	4L	2,354,431
12 th	3J	1,309,081

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5T) 43,101,944
2 nd	Poppie (6G) 31,078,584
3 rd	Theo (5T) 21,076,605
Highest score this year	
Chloe S (6G) 73,208,208	



Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	23,947
2 nd	5T	18,935
3 rd	5M	11,572
4 th	2B	8,757
5 th	6D	8,560
6 th	3F	6,670
7 th	4G	4,880
8 th	4L	2,992
9 th	3J	2,310
10 th	2P	1,259

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5T) 7,190
2 nd	Stefania (6G) 6,937
3 rd	Phoebe (6G) 5,130
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi (3J) 10,100	



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HOW TO PROMOTE POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH IN YOUR CHILD



BE A ROLE MODEL

How you handle your challenges and uncomfortable feelings influences how your child learns to respond to their own.



LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Don't let electronics get in the way of developing a deep connection with your kids. Limit screen time for your kids and for yourself.



STOP HELICOPTERING

Hovering too closely limits your child's development by not letting them learn how to handle disappointments or overcome struggles.



TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS

Being able to share their feelings in a healthy, productive way is essential for kids' good mental health.



FOCUS ON THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH

Diet and sleep can contribute to children's mood, attention span, anxiety levels and general behavior.



ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

Praise your child for their efforts, not only their successes, so they develop a positive sense of self even when they're struggling.



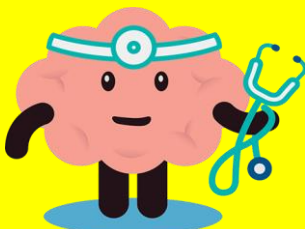
LET THEM KNOW MISTAKES ARE NORMAL

Let your kids see your own errors so they realize everyone makes mistakes sometimes and it doesn't define a person's worth.



What should I do if I have any concerns about my child's mental health?

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school's pastoral team (Mrs Taylor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer).



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Sawyer	RT
Amy	1W
Maria-Mae	2P
Oliver	3F
Lacey	4G
Bailey	5M
Miracle	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Olivia	RG	Blake	RL	Olivia	RT
Sophia	1K	Sophie	1W	Shy'loh	2B
Macie	2P	Savannah	3F	Kayla	3J
Tiegan	4G	Alfie	4L	Grace	5M
Elizabeth	5T	Holly	6D	Tilly	6G



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

This week's house point results

597

Farah

564

Thompson

657

Daley



638

Ennis-Hill

School Uniform

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

For details about 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 or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.



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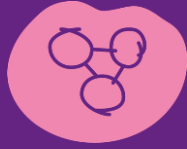
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