



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you enjoyed your bank holiday and the rest of this week. I also hope that you are looking forward to what will be a historic weekend (and a second bank holiday) with the first coronation most of us will ever have seen in our lifetimes on Saturday. I am sure that it will be a spectacular event that we will all remember. Hopefully this traditional and historic ceremony will not be accompanied by traditional British rain!

On Monday our Year 6s had a special comprehension lesson using a system that we have had at Colmers Farm for a couple of years now called Now Press Play. This is an immersive experience where children listen to an interactive story and then take part in activities as a class through a class set of headphones.

It was lovely to see Year 6 doing some active outdoor revising for their SATs tests this week. These tests will be taking place next week. The teachers created a series of questions for our Year 6s and these were placed in various parts of the school grounds. The children then had to find these with their partner and work out and record their answers. They really enjoyed these activities this week. This is an example of one of our MAT cornerstones – Engaging Learning. Good luck to Year 6 for next week. We are really proud of how our Year 6s have prepared for these tests this year and I am sure they will all do their best.

Regular attendance and good punctuality are something that we try to encourage for all of our children and I am sure that our Year 6s will be making an extra special effort with this next week. Our Year 2s will also be doing their SATs tests over the next month, so it is important that they try hard with this also.

Please can I remind you that children are not allowed to wear smart watches in school. Smart watches can be very expensive to replace or repair, particularly Apple watches which we have seen a few children beginning to wear in school. Smart watches also tend to distract children in lessons, as children will spend time fiddling with the various features on these rather than focusing fully on their learning. Please ensure that your children keep these devices safely at home. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Parent Carer Forum on Tuesday. Exciting plans were made for the upcoming summer fair. Miss Kelly will soon be sending out requests for volunteers to help at this event along with further details about it. We appreciate any support you may be able to provide with this.

Reading has a high profile at Colmers Farm and this year we bought some new books titled Little People, Big Dreams. These tell the stories of famous people such as Pele, Queen Elizabeth II, Nelson Mandela and David Attenborough. These books have literally been flying off the shelves in our library as our children have been eager to find out more about these people. Because of this we have decided to invest in some more titles which have arrived this week. It is wonderful to see so many children loving reading these books. Please ask your children about these.



DIARY DATES

Monday 8th May
Coronation Bank Holiday

Week beginning 8th May
KS2 SATs week

Tuesday 9th May
Animal Man for Reception

Tuesday 16th May
Class Photograph Day

Thursday 18th May
Census Day Menu

Thursday 25th May
Parents Coffee Morning

Friday 26th May
Parents Coffee Morning
Last day at school

Monday 5th June
Return to school

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 visit to The Factory (News section)

We have a number of children who regularly ride to school on a bike or scooter. This is great for encouraging children to develop sustainable and healthy lifestyles. The rule for bikes and scooters, is that children should dismount these once they are on school grounds i.e. once they enter through the school's main gates. This is to reduce the risk of possible accidents with other parents and children. We would be grateful if you could please reinforce this message with your children. Thank you.

Thank you to everybody who brought cakes into school or bought them on Thursday as part of our Colmers Farm Coronation Cake Sale. In total we managed to raise a fantastic £240 which will go towards our children's end of year celebrations. Thank you also to all of our staff who helped with setting up and running this event and to our fabulous parent helpers.



Today, we had our King Charles III Coronation celebrations in school. This included everybody coming into school in red, white and blue, our Coronation picnic and the children having a Coronation art afternoon. Part of this afternoon involved the children creating a design for their own Coronation mugs, which you will hopefully be able to purchase soon and keep as a memento of this day.



I hope that you have a wonderful, extended, weekend.

Mr Williams

e-safety – Staying safe online

<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF69B4;">S</h1> <h3>Stay Safe</h3> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #008000;">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 style="font-size: 4em; color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h3>Accepting Files</h3> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF8C00;">R</h1> <h3>Reliable?</h3> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF69B4;">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

What is Catfishing?

- It is a fishing term used to describe when somebody is fishing for catfish.
- It is a type of computer virus.
- It is somebody pretending to be somebody else online.

This week's answer = c. Unfortunately, some people pretend to be somebody else online. This is often done to trick others into revealing private information, for bullying or to get money from others. Always be careful about who you are chatting to online.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Bella-Rose	RL	5	Leighton	RG	5
Darcie-Leigh	1K	6	Dior	3F	8
Alyssia-Jade	4G	9	Eulia	4G	9
Zahara	4G	9	Poppy	4L	9
Junior	6D	11	Logan	6D	11
Charlie	6G	11			



Please follow us on Twitter!

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

@Colmers_FarmPS





Family holidays in term time are not allowed by law and are unlikely to be authorised.

Any requests for leave in term time (including family holidays) must be handed in to school in advance, on the correct form, which is available from the school office.

“Schools are responsible for monitoring their pupils’ attendance and, where appropriate, the local authority has a duty to prosecute parents in the Magistrates Court for failing to ensure their child’s regular attendance at school. A Penalty Notice is an alternative to a prosecution. It requires the parent(s) to pay a fixed amount as a fine for their child's irregular attendance to avoid a court appearance.”

Our whole school attendance target remains at 96% and this year we are determined to reach it!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 8.

Our current school attendance to date IS 92.7% - let's get this up to 96%!

CLASS AWARDS:

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS / KS1 and the winner of the Colmers Cat this week is:



RL – 96.7%

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



6G – 95.7%

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	1W	8	21
2	2B	8	18
=	3J	8	18
4	RL	8	15
=	1K	8	15
=	2P	8	15
=	3F	8	15
8	RT	8	12
=	4G	8	12
=	5M	8	12
=	5T	8	12
=	6G	8	12
13	RG	8	6
=	6D	8	6
15	4L	8	3

Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:
[Safeguarding - Colmers Farm \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://Safeguarding - Colmers Farm (excelsiormat.org))

At Colmers Farm Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. **If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email school using the following email address: safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org.** Our 4 DSLs are:



Miss Kelly
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Care
Deputy DSL



Miss Cross
SENCO
Deputy DSL



Mr Williams
Headteacher
Deputy DSL



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CHILDREN'S TRUST

Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm
Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm
Telephone: 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about a child.

We want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact us. We will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us



Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

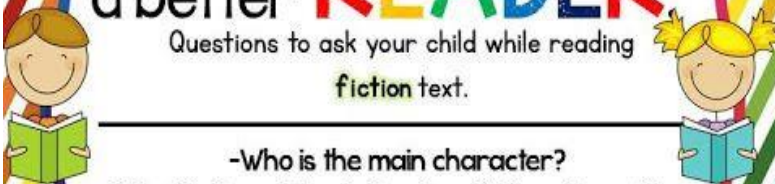
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), email help@NSPCC.org.uk, or [submit our online form](#) — we can help. We also have advice about [spotting the signs of abuse](#).

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently operating between the hours of 10am-4pm on Monday to Friday. However, you can email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on [999](tel:999) straight away.



Help your child become
a better **READER**
Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.

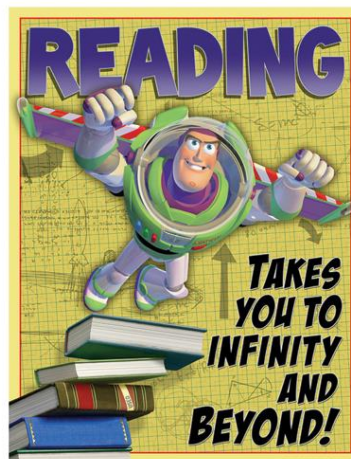


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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	322,369
2 nd	4G	190,440
3 rd	5T	174,861
4 th	3F	133,335
5 th	4L	92,990
6 th	5M	77,954
7 th	3J	70,669
8 th	6D	64,929

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 190,440
2 nd	Poppie (6G) 108,597
3 rd	Lawson (5T) 107,586
Highest score this year	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 100%	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5M	54,275,475
2 nd	6G	34,529,495
3 rd	4L	30,464,966
4 th	5T	18,492,908
5 th	6D	6,617,594
6 th	3F	6,457,776
7 th	4G	4,308,276
8 th	1K	3,481,626
9 th	3J	1,177,306
10 th	1W	1,258,250
11 th	2B	248,808
12 th	2P	101,096

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5M) 42,381,974
2 nd	Euan (4L) 13,940,136
3 rd	Sujaan (5M) 11,738,509
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6D	14,022
2 nd	6G	13,730
3 rd	5T	6,650
4 th	5M	6,563
5 th	2B	6,437
6 th	2P	5,333
7 th	4G	3,978
8 th	4L	3,200
9 th	3F	2,306
10 th	3J	190

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Makonnen (2P) 4,599
2 nd	Ryan (5M) 3,930
3 rd	Emily (2B) 3,085
Highest score this year	
Aliza (5T) 33,161	



Looking after yourself

Get your body moving!

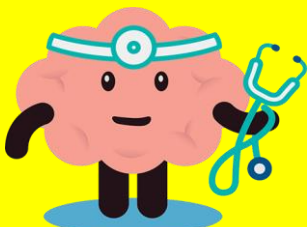
PART 3

Physical activity can help you to:

- Build a strong body and mind**
- Feel good**
- Reduce stress**
- Manage moods**
- Sleep better**
- Gain more energy**

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:

Tori	RL
RJ	1W
Freddie	2P
Hope	3F
Callum	4G
Mianne	5T
Afroz	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Ocean-Bleu	RG	Sawyer	RT	Freya	RL
Danae	1W	Frankee	1K	Elijah	2B
Josh	2P	Leila	3J	Hope	3F
Hayden	4L	Ma'Laysia	4G	Hao Lin	5M
Tiahna	5T	Paige	6G	Clara	6D



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

This week's house point results

108

Farah

133

Thompson



119

Daley

114

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.



We would like to apologies for the missed children in our last list of winners.
Please see the list below of winners of the Young Writers 100-word story competition:

Year 3:

Isaiah
Scarlett
Haleen
Daniella
Daniel
Kyla-May
Kataleya
Khaleesi
Valentina
Sean

Year 5:

Olivia-Rose
Paige
Grace
Phoebe
Mianne
Sujaan
Elizabeth

Year 6:

Miracle
Freya

Year 4:

Kaiden
Isabella
Moonshine
Lacey
Zachary
Scarlett
Isabelle

Year 5:

Piper
Lola
Aliza
Alyssa
Charlie
Henry
Iyanna
Kamaal
Kayden
Theo
Thomas
Thomas
Oliver



Help for all families in Birmingham



Food & Energy



Youth Support



Domestic Abuse



Emergency Funding



Money & Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's Support



School Uniforms & Clothing



Parenting



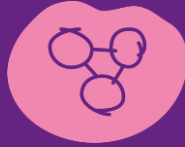
Special Needs & Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual Health



Mental Health



Play

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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington
ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

Hall Green
Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

Hodge Hill
EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk
07976 199894

Ladywood
childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk
07764 977636

Northfield
NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org
07516 918 133

Perry Barr
PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1900

Selly Oak
EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com
0121 441 4556

Sutton Coldfield
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0121 752 1860

Yardley
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