



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



## 1926-2022



### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year. This newsletter should be full of joy, however the sudden sad passing of our Queen yesterday has rather taken the shine off what has been a fantastic first week at Colmers Farm. The Queen has served this country with distinction and has been a role model to millions around the World. I am sure that all of our thoughts, along with those of the whole nation, the Commonwealth and most of the World are with her family during this time.

We have really missed seeing everybody over the summer holidays and it was wonderful to see everybody back in school on Wednesday. It is always one of my favourite times of the year. I think we are always surprised though by how much the children seem to grow over this period of time. The children have all settled back into school well and they look so smart in their school uniforms. We also have nearly every child wearing shoes this week. Thank you parents for your support with our school uniform policy.

I would like to welcome our two new teachers to Colmers Farm. We have Mrs Platt in Year 2 and Mrs Lloyd in Year 4. I hope that their time with us will be an experience that they will cherish and always look back on fondly.

This week we have welcomed our new EYFS children to our school. They have settled into school really well and they seem to be really enjoying their new environment and interacting with their new teachers and new friends. Thank you parents for being so patient at home times as we become more familiar with knowing you and your children. We really appreciate it.

Please could we request that sweets, cakes and other treats are not to be brought into school to be shared with other children. This is due to complexities with dietary and allergy needs of some of our children. We appreciate your support with this.

This year we are launching our Colmers Farm Primary School Guarantee. This is list of experiences we would like children to have at Colmers Farm. This is draft for this year, whilst we see which experiences we can and cannot deliver. This is available to view in the Our School section of the school website.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr Williams (Headteacher)

## DIARY DATES

16/09/22

Year 4 start swimming

27+28/09/22

First aid training for Years 3  
and 5

WB 17/10/22

Big Arts Week

21/10/22

Final day before half term

31/10/22

Teacher Training Day (school  
closed to children)

01/11/22

Children return to school

08+09/11/22

Parents' Evenings

14/11/22

Anti-bullying week

**Do you have a safeguarding  
concern about a child?**

Contact:

[safeguarding@colmersfarm.  
excelsiormat.org](mailto: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?**



- Newsletters (Year group sections)
- Curriculum Overviews (curriculum)

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

### The World Reimagined.

Last term some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils worked collaboratively on a project called The World Reimagined. This a UK-wide art education project featuring globally recognised artists to transform how we understand the Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved Africa and its impact on us all. It is not 'Black History', it is all of our history.

Details about the project can be found here:

[The World Reimagined](http://theworldreimagined.org)

The World Reimagined will see a trail of large globe sculptures across 7 UK cities from 13 August to 31 October 2022, created by artists. Alongside these large sculptures, there will be smaller sculptures created by primary and secondary schools in various locations.

We hope you'll have the chance to visit The World Reimagined trail in Birmingham City centre and our globe which is on display in Birmingham Library until 31<sup>st</sup> October.



Exploring the trail is completely FREE  
Download a copy of the trail map here:

[Birmingham-Online-Map.pdf](http://Birmingham-Online-Map.pdf)  
([theworldreimagined.org](http://theworldreimagined.org))

## Help with School Uniform



Rubery Community Swap 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.ruberyswapshop.co.uk](http://www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk) or [ruberyswapshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswapshop@outlook.com) for more information.

## e-safety – Staying safe online

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

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

### Happy Birthday Messages

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

Elijah	RL	5	Brogan	RL	5
Amy	1W	6	Emily	3F	8
Zoe	3J	8	Mariam	4G	9
Sophie-Mae	4L	9	Zayd	6G	11
Oliver	6G	11	Chloe	6G	11
Alfie	6D	11			



### Please follow us on Twitter!

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

@Colmers\_FarmPS





## Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading  
fiction text.

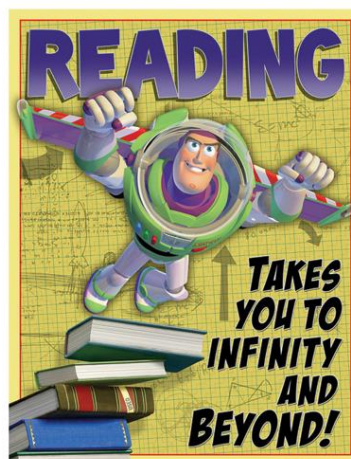
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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.**

# 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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## Edgbaston

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

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childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk  
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