



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 14th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week. Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of this academic year.

Our Year 2s started the week with a trip to Birmingham Sealife Centre. This was a great way to end their topic about Under the Sea. The children represented our school very well and they enjoyed seeing and finding out more about all the different creatures they saw here.

On Tuesday, Year 3 had a special healthy eating workshop, where they were able to discuss what healthy eating looks like, look at the different food groups and try different ingredients. They then got to make a wrap or sandwich using the ingredients. It was lovely to hear that quite a few of our children tried ingredients they had not tried before...and they liked them!

On Wednesday we had our school transition day. This is always an exciting day on our calendar where our children get to find out who their new teachers are for next year. We were very excited to be joined on this date by most of our new teachers who will be joining us in September. I know that they were made to feel very welcome by their new classes.

Reading is a key skill that we always work hard to develop at our school. On transition day, we had a special assembly from Nikki who works for the Worcestershire Library Service. She came into school to talk about the Ready, Set, Read Project, which is a project, run across the country, to keep children reading over the holidays. I know that many of our children took part in this last year and it would be great if lots of our children took part in this again. This would also be great evidence for our KS2 children's SAGE Award (aiming for higher things). For more information about this project please click on the following link [Worcestershire it's nearly time to... Ready, Set, READ | Worcestershire County Council](#)

After completing their KS2 SATs tests back in May, this week Year 6 finally got their results back. We hope that every child is pleased with their results. They all worked so hard towards these tests and we are very proud of each and every one of our Year 6s. As a school we did well compared to the national averages:

Subject	Colmers Farm percentage of children at expected or above	National percentage of children at expected or above
Reading	73%	73%
Writing	77%	71%
Maths	75%	73%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	77%	72%

A special congratulations to Enah in 1K and Adriel in 1W who have been selected to attend the Dance Track Programme which is run by Birmingham Royal Ballet. This comes after we were visited by Birmingham Royal Ballet earlier in the year. Well done Enah and Adriel!

Today you should have received your child's end of year class reports. We hope that you enjoy reading these. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please speak to them on Monday to arrange a time to meet with them.

On Thursday, it was great to see our Year 1 parents proudly watching Year 1's work share assembly about famous people they have been learning about this term. Oracy skills are an important part of our curriculum and it was wonderful for our Year 1 children to use these during their assembly. I hope that the parents/carers of these children were very proud of their children. Thank you to all the Year 1 staff and children for working so hard to put this assembly together.

Also on Thursday our Y6 footballers team travelled to Rednal where they played 2 matches against Rednal Hill and St James'. They beat St James' 2 - 0 and narrowly lost to Rednal Hill 2-3 despite playing incredibly well. A special mention goes to Darcie who made a tremendous save during one of the games! Well done to all our players!

This week, some of our children have been taking part in the Excelsior MAT Olympics at King Edwards School. These children were selected due to their team house winning the sport day competition. During this competition, these pupils competed against children from the other schools in the MAT. At the time of writing this newsletter we were in second place, just 6 points behind the leading school. I will let you know our final position in next week's newsletter.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Head Teacher

Goodbye and Good Luck

Next week we will be saying goodbye to a few members of staff. Miss Tonks is off on an amazing adventure travelling around Australia, Miss Goddard will be starting at a school closer to her home and Mrs Duggal has a fantastic new role at her new school.

Mr Gray and Miss Albutt, who have been covering staff vacancies this year, will also be leaving us at the end of this term. We hope you will join us in wishing them all the very best of luck on their new journeys.

KS2 Fundraising

We would like to say a big thank you to the KS2 council for arranging today's non uniform day to raise funds for equipment for the playground at break and lunch times.

**The total amount raised was
£221.94!**

The Maths Factor Free Course this Summer

Summer adventure is a 6-week course which includes Carol Vorderman's easy-to-follow video lessons and lots of practice to help children progress.

The Maths Factor Summer adventure is a FREE online course aimed at helping children (aged 4-11) boost their maths confidence and be ready for the Autumn term.

To register please click the following link
- pearson.tfaforms.net/2049

Winners

Please see below names of the Summer Fayre and House Point Winners!

Winner of name the caterpillar	Robyn	3J
Winner of name the moose	Sophia	1K
Winner of the Cystic Fibrosis raffle	Scarlet	2B
Winner of guess the number of sweets in the jar (there were 202)	Phoebe	5T

House point winners are Ennis-Hill who will receive extra playtime on Monday!

S

Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



M

Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



A

Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



T

Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.



Pupil e-safety challenge



You receive an email promising you a BRAND NEW iPhone 14 from Apple. The email though has come from noreply@mifer.com . What should you do?

- a. Answer the survey. I want a new iPhone!
- b. Delete the email and don't respond.
- c. Share it with all your friends so they can win too!

This week's answer = B. This email has not come from Apple. You can tell this by looking closely at the email address it came from. Scammers often try to pretend they are real companies to either steal your banking details or infect your computer with a virus or malware. Don't fall for their tricks!

Happy Birthday Messages

For this week we would like to wish happy birthday to:

Jax	4G	9
Saif	1W	6
William	3J	8
Frankee	1K	6
Hannah	RT	5
Lilly	2P	7
Harrison	5T	10



Please follow us on Twitter!

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



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

What's new on our website?

- Year 2's Trip to Birmingham Sea Life Centre



[Colmers Farm \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://Colmers Farm (excelsiormat.org))

The five pathways to nature connection



1 Senses

Exploring and experiencing nature through all the senses



2 Beauty

Seeking and appreciating the beauty of the natural world



3 Emotion

Noticing and welcoming the feelings nature inspires



4 Meaning

Celebrating and sharing nature's events and stories



5 Compassion

Helping and caring for nature

BENEFITS OF NATURE TO MENTAL HEALTH

Discover how being with nature improves our mental health and reduces stress.



REDUCES ANXIETY
Our bodies release less cortisol and more natural endorphins, which promote happy thoughts and good feelings.



MORE FOCUSED
There is fresh air, and less noise pollution while being with nature.



IMPROVES CREATIVITY
Less stress and anxiousness makes our minds more clear, and open to creativity.



CHANGE OF MOOD
Being with nature makes us more calm and balanced. There is less mood change triggers.



ALLOW TO DISCONNECT
Distractions are reduced by forcing us to put down the phones and computers and to slow down.



REDUCES BLOOD PRESSURE
The muscles are not tensed when relaxed. Heart rate also normalises.





At the end of today, children's attendance for this term will be calculated ready for **attendance badges** to be given out next week. The dates used for attendance badges will be from Monday 17th April to Thursday 13th July inclusive.

Children who have an attendance of **95% or above for this term** will receive an attendance badge. This could be a bronze, silver or gold badge depending on their attendance over the previous term.

Please note that this is not the figure you can see on your child's Arbor page; this figure is the whole year to date.

These badges are very popular with the children and any children who have missed out this term will of course have the opportunity to earn their badges next year.

Thank you for your support with school attendance this academic year. Although our whole school attendance to date is still below our target it, is 1% higher than this time last year.

2022 – 2023 attendance: 92.4%

2021 – 2022 attendance: 91.4%

Let's keep pushing so we reach our target next year!

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2B – 97.1%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



3F – 96.2%

Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:
[Safeguarding - Colmers Farm \(excelsiomat.org\)](http://safeguarding-colmersfarm.excelsiomat.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.excelsiomat.org.** Our 4 DSLs are:



Miss Kelly
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Care
Deputy DSL



Miss Cross
SENGO
Deputy DSL



Mr Williams
Headteacher
Deputy DSL



BIRMINGHAM 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, 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 straight away.



Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

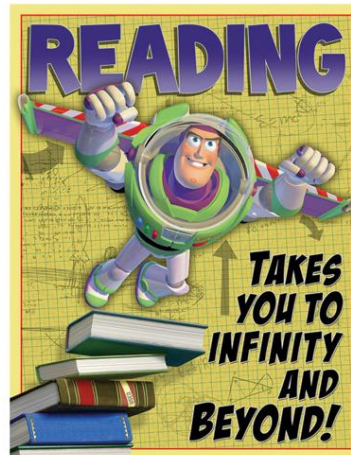
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6D	273,455
2 nd	4G	250,647
3 rd	6G	185,229
4 th	3F	168,224
5 th	5M	122,062
6 th	5T	61,830
7 th	3J	60,776
8 th	4L	56,720

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 183,024
2 nd	Sophia (6D) 98,917
3 rd	Poppie (6G) 93,484
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 327,157	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 93%	

Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	412,003,857
2 nd	6D	100,209,091
3 rd	5T	44,979,635
4 th	5M	30,411,646
5 th	3J	26,149,888
6 th	4G	5,070,074
7 th	4L	3,362,384
8 th	1K	3,242,166
9 th	3F	658,000
10 th	2B	200,455
11 th	1W	92,284
12 th	2P	46,571

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Oliver (6G) 92,554,474
2 nd	Poppie (6G) 86,639,008
3 rd	Stefania-Maria (6G) 74,030,593
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	



Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3F	6,827
2 nd	5M	6,059
3 rd	6G	4,910
4 th	2B	4,870
5 th	5T	3,518
6 th	4G	3,490
7 th	4L	2,010
8 th	6D	1,280
9 th	2P	1,110
10 th	3J	982

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5M) 2,090
2 nd	Timothy (4G) 2,080
3 rd	Stefania (6G) 1,980
Highest score this year	
Aliza (5T) 33,161	

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

EYFS	Tori	RL
Year 1	Jud	1K
Year 2	Macie	2P
Year 3	Spencer	3F
Year 4	Tilly	4G
Year 5	Bobby	5T
Year 6	Lexie	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

RG	Whole Class	RT	Whole Class	RL	Whole Class
1W	Adriel	1K	Elijah	2B	Aylah
2P	Louise	3J	Noah	3F	Arlo-Jai
4L	Jensen	4G	Jake	5M	Ryan
5T	Lawson	6D	Chad	6G	Lance



This week's house point results

165	121	117	121
Farah	Thompson	Daley	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.

School's Out

Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your **child's brain development** and their **emotional wellbeing** as you support them into their next new phase.

FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to **understand your child, read their behaviour** and **help them look after their emotional health**.



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Understanding your child online course has been paid for by **Birmingham Children's Partnership**, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **COMMUNITY**

Short courses on **Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager** also included.

Help for all families in Birmingham



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Edgbaston
EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Northfield
NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org
07516 918 133

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

Perry Barr
PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1900

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

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

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07976 199894

Sutton Coldfield
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Yardley
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