



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Being on time for school is important

Being on time is so important as 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 14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you've had a good week. This week we've welcomed a lot of parents into school.

Our Year 5 and 6 children are beginning to get very excited about their residential trip just after half term. On Monday after school, we welcomed most of the parents of these lucky children in to discuss this trip in more detail and to ask any questions they had. I would like to thank these parents again, for coming to this meeting, and for their support in agreeing for their child to go on this trip. This is the first residential at Colmers Farm in recent history and I am sure that it will be a huge success. A big thank you to Mrs Greep for organising this event.

On Wednesday this week, our Year 1 teachers hosted parents into school for a phonics workshop session. Here our parents found out more about how they can support their children at home with their reading and phonics. They also had an e-safety presentation from Mrs Rayment. Thank you everybody who attended. I hope that you found this useful.

This week myself, Miss Kelly and Miss Cross have been popping in and out of lessons in Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as into some of the art lessons in our art studio. We have been really pleased with what we have seen. The behaviour in classes has been near exemplary and the children have all been trying hard with their learning. Well done everybody!

Next week is a big arts week at Colmers Farm. Each year group will be producing artwork based on the painting 'Surprised' by Henri Rousseau. The work we produce for this will be exhibited in the Upper Hall during parents' evening week (WB 7th November). We look forward to sharing our master pieces with you then.

Today, myself and Miss Kelly completed the shortlisting for our head pupil election process. The quality of applications was high, and we are delighted to announce that the following children have been shortlisted – Charlie, Cole, Freya, Miracle, Oliver B and Rocco. Congratulations to all these children and good luck for the next round. Our elections will be taking place for this role just after half term.

Gary Sambrook MP has this week launched his annual Christmas Card competition. We have done really well as a school in the last two of these competitions getting runner up two years ago and having the winner last year. Hopefully we can do just as well this year. The theme for this year's competition is Birmingham and what we love most about it (with a Christmas theme obviously). The winning design will be Mr Sambrook's official Christmas card and it will be sent to our new Prime Minister amongst others. There will also be a personal prize for the winner. All entries must be on a single side of A4, with the child's name, class, class teacher and school written on the back. All entries must be returned to school by Monday 7th November. Good luck everybody.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams

DIARY DATES

Monday 17th October
Y1 trip to Black Country
Museum
Year 3 Zoolab
Reception 2023 Open Day
NSPCC Assembly

Thursday 20th October
Excelsior Y5 & 6 Football
Tournament

Friday 21st October
Last day of school

Monday 31st October
School closed – Staff Training

Wednesday 2nd November –
Friday 4th November
Y5 and Y6 Residential Trip

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday
9th November
Parents Evening

Wednesday 9th November
Photograph Day

**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?



Safeguarding in the curriculum
documents
Knowledge Organiser for Year 6
Sprint Topic

Please pass this date on to anyone who would like to book in for the Colmers Farm Primary School Reception 2023 Open Day:



Individual Photographs

Aperture will be in school on Wednesday 9th November to take the children's individual school photographs.


If you would like your child to have a photo taken with siblings who do not attend our school, you will need to come to the school office from 8am until 8:25am on the 9th November.

e-safety – Staying safe online

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.



Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Pupil e-safety challenge



What would your child do if this happened to them?

You are part of a WhatsApp group and your friends are writing unkind things about another child. What should you do?

- (a) Join in. There's no harm. The person they are speaking about is not in the group.
- (b) Leave the group and tell your parents.
- (c) Ignore the messages.

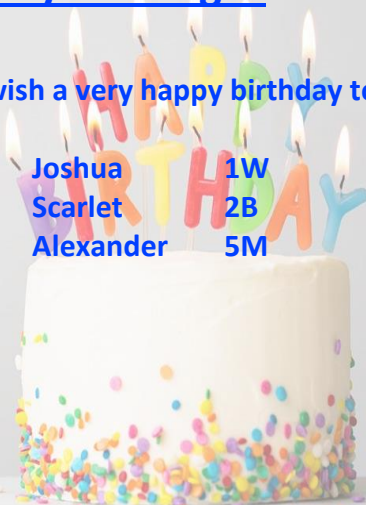
Please remember you are not allowed to be on WhatsApp until you are 16 years old.

This week's answer = B. You should never be a bystander when someone is being bullied whether that is online or in real life. Remember by being a bystander you are just as much at fault as the bully themselves.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Regon	RT	5	Joshua	1W	6
Lilliemai	1K	6	Scarlet	2B	7
Amelia	4L	9	Alexander	5M	10



Please follow us on Twitter!

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

@Colmers_FarmPS





We are getting to the time of year where more children are coming down with coughs and colds. It is this time of the year that school attendance slips, and our whole school attendance has gone down weekly for the last 2 weeks. In order to help children to build resilience to these childhood viruses it is essential they are in school as much as possible.

Thank you for your support.

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

Our current school attendance to date has slipped to 95.3% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table Week 4

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	2B	4	10
2	RT	4	9
=	1K	4	9
=	4L	4	9
=	3J	4	9
=	5T	4	9
=	5M	4	9
8	1W	4	6
=	2P	4	6
=	6G	4	6
11	RG	4	4
12	RL	4	3
=	6D	4	3
14	3F	4	0
=	4G	4	0

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2B – 96%

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



5T – 97.9%

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

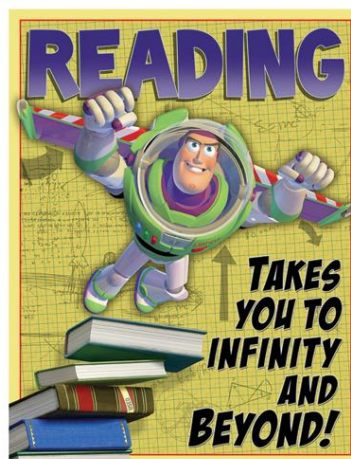
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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	4G	285,907
2 nd	5M	233,999
3 rd	6D	151,120
4 th	5T	149,650
5 th	6G	128,600
6 th	3J	36,608
7 th	4L	15,608
8 th	3F	7,390

Last week's top scorers

1 st	Timothy (4G) 228,313
2 nd	Hao Lin (5M) 106,416
3 rd	Tilly (6G) 87,563
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 228,313	



Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	91,787,402
2 nd	4L	64,518,238
3 rd	4G	63,506,360
4 th	5M	31,476,984
5 th	6D	27,693,896
6 th	6G	11,926,211
7 th	1K	5,941,288
8 th	3J	4,350,989
9 th	2B	3,928,208
10 th	3F	3,870,212
11 th	1W	3,186,250
12 th	2P	498,792

Last week's top scorers

1 st	Ryan (5T) 54,425,566
2 nd	Kaiden (4L) 36,677,880
3 rd	Timothy (4G) 19,849,602
Highest score this year	
Oliver (6G) 72,545,608	



Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5M	25,352
2 nd	5T	22,957
3 rd	3F	13,997
4 th	3J	13,094
5 th	2B	11,156
6 th	2P	10,245
7 th	4G	9,540
8 th	4L	8,556
9 th	6G	9,461
10 th	6D	4,447

Last week's top scorers

1 st	Ryan (5T) 6,492
2 nd	Arash (3J) 3,978
3 rd	Sujaan (5M) 3,240
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi M (3J) 10,100	

Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips

TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

Spend quality time with kids.
When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.

Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.

When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.

Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.

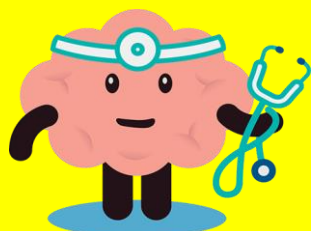
If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.



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:

Autumn	1K
Jacob	2P
Harley	3F
Max	4G
Marta	5M
Abigail	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Sarano	RT
Cuba	2B
Tiegan	3J
Harley	5M
Thomas	6D

Laurie	1W
Sara	2P
Zahara	4G
Iyanna	5T

Autumn	1K
Ellis	3F
Logan	4L
Cole	6G



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

This week's house point results

333

Farah

387

Thompson

291

Daley



339

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.

Help for all families in Birmingham



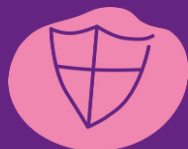
Food
& Energy



Youth
Support



Domestic
Abuse



Emergency
Funding



Money &
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's
Support



School Uniforms
& Clothing



Parenting



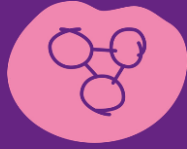
Special Needs
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Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

Birmingham
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