



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



## Every School Day Counts!

If your child is ill though, it is really important that you call the school office as soon as possible. The school office is open from 7:30 each morning  
(0121) 716 0444



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you've had a good week.

Our first full week back has gone really well and we have lots of smiling faces around school. After a few part time days in reception, our reception children are now in school full time. They have settled in well and it has been a real pleasure for me to go and visit them this week to see what they have been learning.

Thank you to all the parents who have been working hard with their children on their topic homework from their knowledge organisers. The quality of work produced has been stunning! See some of the wonderful examples we have had brought in already below. Please keep this work coming into school, we just love seeing them and we display each piece of work produced. Doing these activities with your children really helps to immerse children in their new topics and motivates them to find out more information.



From left to right

- Khloe (Yr5) Tudor Fact Book
- Charlie (Yr6) WW2 Anderson Shelter
- Niamh (Yr4) Roman Shield

All the children will have received their Mathletics (Years 2-6), Accelerated Reader (Years 3-6) and Spelling Shed (Years 1-6) usernames and passwords for this year. Please encourage your children to access these three online programs regularly. These are great at developing children's skills in maths and English. We will be publishing how well each class scores in these programs in next week's newsletter. I wonder who our first winners will be?

From next week, we will be starting our full celebration assemblies in the halls again for KS1 and KS2. As part of this, we are delighted to be welcoming our parents back into these assemblies. If your child is chosen as a class winner for their learning during the week, you will get an email a week in advance. This will hopefully give you time to be able to make arrangements to attend. We kindly ask if you do get an email, that you do not share this with your child as this will spoil the surprise that they have won. Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a good weekend.

Mr Williams  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
Royal Funeral Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Year 1 Local Walk

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
National Fitness Day

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
Mini First Aiders training  
Years 3 & 5

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Last day before Half Term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
Inset Day – school closed

**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?**



**Updated School Uniform Policy**

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

## Breaktime Snacks:

Please ensure your children bring in fruit or veg only for their breaktime snack.

## Earrings:

Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE. Children will need to remove them before lessons – if they are comfortable doing so, otherwise please remove them at home before sending your child in to school. This is for health and safety reasons.

## School Gates:


To exit the school gates, you will need to press the green button. If you are on foot please use the pedestrian gates and avoid cutting in through the car access gates.

## 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



Cyber harassment is the use of email, social media and websites to bully or harass an individual or a group. What should you do if it happens to you?

- Nothing/Ignore it – They will get bored eventually.
- Block them, but don't tell anybody about it.
- Block them and tell a trusted adult.

This week's answer = C. Cyber harassment and bullying can happen 24x7 and can happen in your home. It is important that you tell an adult about this if it ever happens to you. They will be able to help make it stop and to stop you worrying about it.

## Happy Birthday Messages

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

Ramaya RT 5  
Zach 4G 9  
Phoebe 6G 11

Sara 2P 7  
Alfie G 6D 11  
Alfie W 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





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

Questions to ask your child while reading  
fiction text.

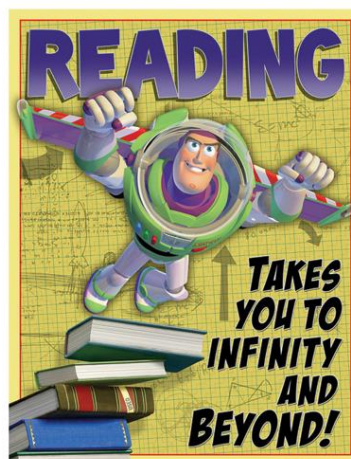
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



Today, all children have brought home a letter with regards to attendance. Colmers Farm Primary School is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance. A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly! Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised. **Please note that where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.**

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

Parents are reminded that they must phone school **by 9am** to report a child's absence, giving a clear reason. Where calls are not received, the pastoral team will attempt to contact parents and may conduct home visits if this contact is unsuccessful. If you require support with any aspect of attendance, **please contact the pastoral team.**



**The Colmers Farm attendance league table has returned** with the first 'fixtures' taking place between classes next week.

The class who has the highest attendance of the fixture will get 3 points and a draw will be 1 point for each class. If a class gets 100% attendance, they will get a bonus point!

Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day to help your child's class beat their opponents and get some points on the table!

Each week the updated table will be displayed in the main school corridor and published on the newsletter.

**Next week's fixture list:**

Week 1		
3J	v	2B
6G	v	5T
RG	v	1W
1K	v	4G
3F	v	4L
5M	v	2P
6D	v	RL
RT		



# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Kelliyah	1K
Nonso	2P
Kataleya	3F
Scarlett	4L
Holly	6D



## This week's house point results

532

Farah

499

Thompson

571

Daley



567

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

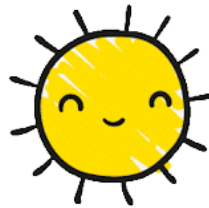


Rubery Community Swap Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them **FOR FREE**. Please visit [www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk](http://www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk) or [ruberyswapshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswapshop@outlook.com) for more information.

## Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own  
feelings to  
encourage  
self-awareness.



Set aside time for  
low-stress or  
solo activities.



Find social groups  
that help them feel  
like they belong.



Focus on  
articulating  
feelings.  
"I am angry."  
"I am sad."

Encourage  
journaling  
and diaries.

Encourage your  
child to focus  
on the moment.



Practice self-care  
for yourself to  
set the standard.

Establish a  
self-care  
routine.



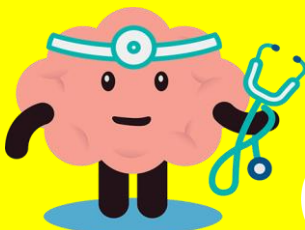
Recognize toxic  
stress events.

Blessing Manifesting

Cultivate interests  
and hobbies.

### 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).



# Help for all families in Birmingham



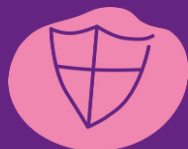
Food  
& Energy



Youth  
Support



Domestic  
Abuse



Emergency  
Funding



Money &  
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's  
Support



School Uniforms  
& Clothing



Parenting



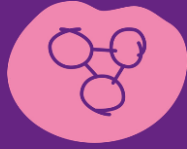
Special Needs  
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual  
Health



Mental  
Health



Play

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Children's Partnership



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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

## 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

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SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1860

## Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk  
0121 289 4875

