



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

This week, as part of their RE curriculum about Sikhism, our Year 4s visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick. Here they had a special guided tour of this stunning place of worship and found out more about its features and how it is used as a place of worship. Our Year 4s visited the prayer room, the langer (a community kitchen) and many other parts of the Gurdwara. In the langer the children got to try a variety of food, including sweet rice, dahl and chapatis. These visits are something that we highly value at our school. They improve children's knowledge about different religions and they help to develop children's tolerance and respect of other religions and their traditions. A Year 4 child I spoke to about this trip described it in one word... "Amazing!"

As you are all aware, on Wednesday and Thursday we were visited by Ofsted. This was the first time Ofsted inspectors have visited Colmers Farm since joining the MAT. We had a helpful team of inspectors who identified things that we do well as a school along with things that we need to improve further. Unfortunately, we are unable to share the contents of this report with you until it has gone through Ofsted's moderation process. We will however do this as soon as we are able. I would like to thank all the staff at Colmers Farm for their hard work, not just over the last few days, but since joining the MAT. Thank you also to all the parents/carers who took the time to speak to the inspection team and/or completed their questionnaires. We appreciated all your comments. Finally, I would like to thank all our pupils. We were very proud of how they spoke about our school. The Ofsted team also asked me to pass along their gratitude to everybody for the way they were welcomed by the whole Colmers Farm community over the last two days.



Our Year 4s have been busy completing their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this week. The MTC is a statutory assessment which is completed by Year 4 children across the county. This check involves answering 25 times table questions online, with only 6 seconds to answer each question. This is tricky. Our Year 4s have however been practising this over the last term and they demonstrated great confidence and positivity during these checks. We are really proud of them.

Today was Cystic Fibrosis Day and it was great to see so many people wearing yellow to recognise this day. The children also had a special assembly about this condition. This is very much part of our No Outsiders ethos at Colmers Farm.

Please remember, as we are still expecting the weather to be quite sunny and warm next week, to ensure that your child comes into school with a sun hat, sun cream applied and a full plastic water bottle (preferably with a sports cap on it).

I hope that you have a good weekend.

Mr Williams (**Headteacher**)

## DIARY DATES

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Week	All years
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit to King Edward VI Girls School	Year 5 Girls
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Big Bang Fair	Year 6
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability	Year 5
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Little Owl Farm Trip	Reception
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Fair Arrives	All years
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	All years
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day to new classes	All years
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre	All years
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sealife Centre Trip	Year 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for Summer	

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

Contact:

[safeguarding@colmersfarm.](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)

[excelsiormat.org](http://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?

- Sports week letters

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

## Trust Job Vacancy – Marketing, Fundraising and Events Officer

If you are interested or know anyone that would be perfect for this role, please visit the Excelsior Mat website - [Vacancies – Excelsior MAT](#)

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact HR at [hr@excelsiormat.org](mailto:hr@excelsiormat.org).



**Fantastic Opportunity!**  
**Marketing, Fundraising and Events Officer**  
**Excelsior Multi Academy Trust**

Contract: Permanent

Pay scale: Grade 3 £23,194 pro rata (Actual starting salary £14,297) + 10% of income generated

Hours: 22.5 hours a week - All year round (flexible hours)

Closing date: 26th June 2023



# 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 are getting messages on your phone from somebody in your class calling you horrible names. They warn you not to tell anybody otherwise they will beat you up in school. What should you do?

- Send them some messages back calling them names.
- Just ignore the messages and block them on your phone.
- Show your parents/careers the messages.

This week's answer = C. If you receive messages like this, it is important that you tell an adult straight away. Only by doing this can we make sure that this doesn't happen again.

## Happy Birthday Messages

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

Oliver	5M	10	Ellis	4L	9
Sujaan	5M	10	Rowan	2B	7
Abel	RG	5			
Jamie-Lee	6D	11			
Danielle	3F	8			
Poppie	6G	11			
Ella-Mae	3F	8			



## Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!  
**@Colmers\_FarmPS**



PUT ON A HAT



USE SUNGLASSES



USE SUNSCREEN



WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING



AVOID SUN BETWEEN 11 AM AND 3 PM



AVOID DIRECT SUNLIGHT



DRINK MORE WATER



How is your child's class getting on?


Class	Attendance to date
RG	88.6%
RL	92.9%
RT	91.6%
1K	93.6%
1W	92%
2B	93.1%
2W	93.1%
3F	93.6%
3J	94.4%
4G	92.7%
4L	91.5%
5M	93.9%
5T	92.1%
6D	92%
6G	91%



The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 13.


**CLASS AWARDS:**

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



1W – 98.9%

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



5M – 97.7%

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	1W	13	33
2	2B	13	30
=	3F	13	30
4	RL	13	27
=	5M	13	27
6	2P	13	25
7	1K	13	21
=	3J	13	21
=	5T	13	21
10	RT	13	18
11	6D	13	15
=	6G	13	15
13	4G	13	12
14	RG	13	10
15	4L	13	6

# 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](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiomat.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



## 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.

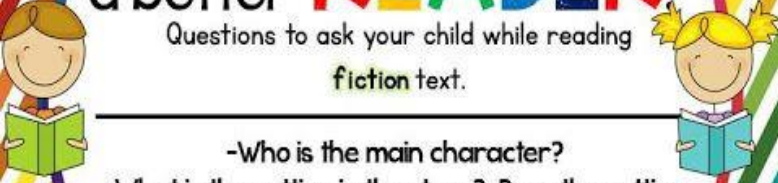
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on 0808 800 5000, email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

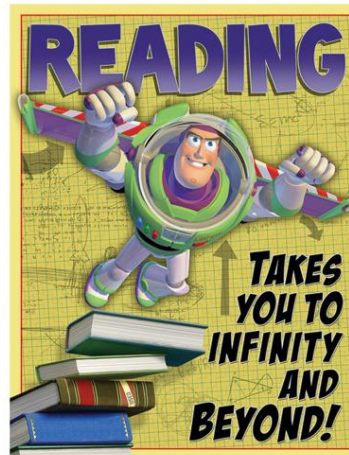


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	382,632
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5T	131,262
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6D	125,805
4 <sup>th</sup>	3F	122,375
5 <sup>th</sup>	4G	90,656
6 <sup>th</sup>	4L	24,264
7 <sup>th</sup>	3J	22,518
8 <sup>th</sup>	5M	14,761

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Poppie (6G) 138,719
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rocco (6G) 123,358
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thomas (6D) 63,266
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 327,157	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 97%	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	194,271,064
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5M	22,676,672
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6D	18,999,958
4 <sup>th</sup>	1K	6,638,292
5 <sup>th</sup>	4G	6,108,580
6 <sup>th</sup>	5T	1,356,064
7 <sup>th</sup>	3F	1,311,036
8 <sup>th</sup>	4L	526,630
9 <sup>th</sup>	2P	415,128
10 <sup>th</sup>	2B	7,230
11 <sup>th</sup>	3J	0
12 <sup>th</sup>	1W	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Arian (6G) 32,790,069
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan (5M) 24,376,544
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kayla-Marie (6G) 18,414,370
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	2B	14,441
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5M	4,260
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6G	3,470
4 <sup>th</sup>	3F	3,130
5 <sup>th</sup>	4L	2,800
6 <sup>th</sup>	3J	2,150
7 <sup>th</sup>	4G	2,050
8 <sup>th</sup>	5T	1,516
9 <sup>th</sup>	2P	1,220
10 <sup>th</sup>	6D	1,000

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Stefania (6G) 2,450
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lucas (3J) 2,060
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ryan (5M) 2,050
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:

Reggie	RL
Hazel	1W
Godpower	2B
Noah P	3J
Niamh	4G
Gabriella	5M
Tilly	6G



# This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Esshac	RG	Mohamad	RT	Meadow	RL
Chloe	1W	Reggie-Jay	1K	Archer	2B
Oliver	2P	Phoebe	3F	Demi-Lea	3J
Eulia	4G	Kaicee	4L	Chase	5M
Thomas	5T	Kiera	6G	Lexi	6D



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this

# This week's house point results

<b>474</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>490</b>
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](http://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk) or [ruberyswopshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswopshop@outlook.com) for more information.



# Help for all families in Birmingham



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Children's Partnership



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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

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

**Sutton Coldfield**  
SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1860

**Ladywood**  
childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk  
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**Yardley**  
EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk  
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