



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had an enjoyable week.

Thank you to all of you who came along to our parents' evenings this week and to those of you who had a call with their child's teacher. We hope that you found your meeting to be informative and that you enjoyed looking at your child's learning and progress within their books. If you were unable to attend your meeting for whatever reason, please contact your child's class teacher after the holidays and they will be happy to schedule a meeting with you.

Ties for our Year 5 and 6 pupils are an important part of our school uniform. Three years ago, our school council came up with the idea of our pupils in these year groups wearing ties as a sign that they were the oldest, most mature and most responsible children in our school. If you have a child in one of these year groups, can you please encourage them to wear their ties consistently. These do help our pupils to look even smarter as wearing the correct school uniform can lead to improved behaviour. If your child has lost their tie, new ties can be purchased from the school office (via Arbor, under trips) for £3.50.

Over the holidays, I am sure that many of you will be travelling, visiting interesting places with your families or carrying out craft or cooking activities with your children. Please remember that if your child is in KS2, many of these would make great evidence for your child's SAGE award book. Please send any evidence, such as a photo to [enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org) (with your child's name, class and a sentence explaining what the photo shows) or to your child's class name e.g. [5M@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:5M@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org). For more information about our SAGE award, please visit our school website.

For the year so far, our school attendance is 92.8%. This is a little below the national average of 92.9%. Regular attendance is key to your child's academic success and every day missed at school is a day of lost learning. Unless your child is ill (and as parents you know your children best), please send your child into school. Please remember that we would much rather see children for half a day than not at all. Let us see if we can get our attendance to be above national average and closer to our target of 96% by Easter. Thank you for your support with this.

## Attendance Matters



I hope that you have a wonderful half term with your families. We look forward to seeing everybody back safely in school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr Williams  
Headteacher

## WORLD BOOK DAY

A small reminder of the events we have planned for World Book Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

- Children to come to school dressed up, preferably in something that represents them.
- Children to bring in old books to swap for "new" books in school.
- World Book Day meal in the school canteen.

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Children return to school

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 6 Reading Workshop

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
World Book Day  
Book Swap  
Year 1 & Year 2 Parents  
Reading Morning  
EYFS/KS1 Parent homework  
meeting

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
Community Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 6 Maths Workshop

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 2 Maths Workshop

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
Community Coffee Morning

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Community Coffee Morning

**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 homework policy (policy  
section)

## Medical Appointments

If your child has an appointment during school time, please provide the school with evidence of this appointment. We would also ask that if your child has been in hospital during school time, you send in a copy of the discharge papers to school. These can all be emailed in to [enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org) or shown to the school receptionist. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



## Change to Calendar - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

The school is now open on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and children will be expected in school on that day. Apologies for any confusion caused.



## 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?

To stay safe online, what should you not post online? Be careful, there may be more than one answer.

- Your full name
- What you've had for dinner
- Where you live
- Which school you go to
- A cartoon image as a profile picture instead of a real photo.

This week's answer = A, C and D. You should never post personal information online. You do not know who could be looking at your profile and they might be able to see your information. You should also always make sure you only ever add people or friends that you know in real life.

## Happy Birthday Messages

For the next 2 weeks, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Jai-Jai	RL	5
Isla-Rose	1K	6
Oscar	2B	7
Sophia	3F	8
Cayleigh	4G	9
Tyler	5M	10
Sophie	6D	11
Lance	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**





This week's whole school attendance has been a pleasing 93.9%. We are now halfway through the school year and with your help our whole school attendance can continue to rise. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget! The spring term is a brand-new opportunity for your child to earn their first attendance badge. For this term, attendance is measured from January to the Easter holidays, which is not what you can see on your child's Arbor page. Arbor measures attendance from September. If you would like to know how your child's attendance is for the spring term, please contact the office and a member of the team will be able to tell you.

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 92.8% - let's get this up to 96%!**

**The Colmers Farm Attendance League Table, WEEK 2.**

**CLASS AWARDS:**

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



**RL – 96.3%**

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



**3F – 97%**

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	RT	2	6
=	3F	2	6
=	3J	2	6
=	5M	2	6
5	RL	2	3
=	1K	2	3
=	1W	2	3
=	2B	2	3
=	2P	2	3
=	4G	2	3
=	4L	2	3
=	6G	2	3
13	RG	2	0
=	5T	2	0
=	6D	2	0

# Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:  
[Safeguarding - Colmers Farm \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://Safeguarding - Colmers Farm (excelsiormat.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.excelsiormat.org](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.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



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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.

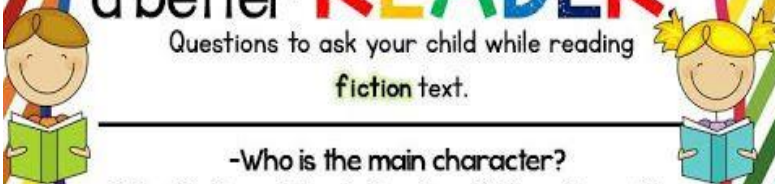
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), 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](tel:999) straight away.



Help your child become  
a better **READER**  
Questions to ask your child while reading  
fiction text.

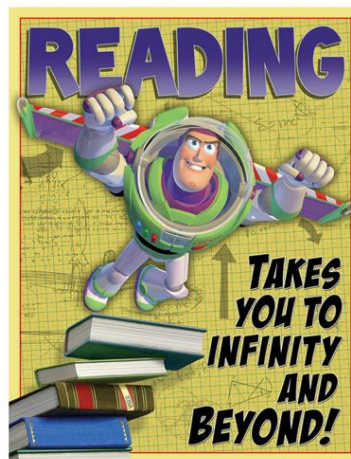


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



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Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	497,837
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5T	240,302
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5M	167,449
4 <sup>th</sup>	4G	166,145
5 <sup>th</sup>	3F	125,198
6 <sup>th</sup>	4L	62,581
7 <sup>th</sup>	6D	50,019
8 <sup>th</sup>	3J	26,815

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Timothy (4G) 136,639
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Poppie (6G) 136,026
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oliver (6G) 103,912
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 230,226	

## Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	187,875,858
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5T	102,768,730
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4L	86,814,679
4 <sup>th</sup>	6D	34,267,662
5 <sup>th</sup>	4G	13,871,658
6 <sup>th</sup>	5M	7,350,644
7 <sup>th</sup>	2P	4,516,054
8 <sup>th</sup>	3F	2,313,545
9 <sup>th</sup>	2B	1,691,514
10 <sup>th</sup>	1K	1,533,760
11 <sup>th</sup>	1W	896,858
12 <sup>th</sup>	3J	303,508

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Poppie (6G) 89,385,844
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan (5T) 60,872,501
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kaiden (4L) 51,972,848
Highest score this year	
Isabella (4L) 143,475,720	

## Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	16,018
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4L	10,666
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3F	10,542
4 <sup>th</sup>	5T	10,181
5 <sup>th</sup>	4G	8,097
6 <sup>th</sup>	2P	7,339
7 <sup>th</sup>	5M	5,553
8 <sup>th</sup>	2B	3,217
9 <sup>th</sup>	6D	2,249
10 <sup>th</sup>	3J	1,970

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan (5T) 5,450
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stefania (6G) 4,058
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Poppie (6G) 3,800
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi (3J) 10,100	



# 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.**

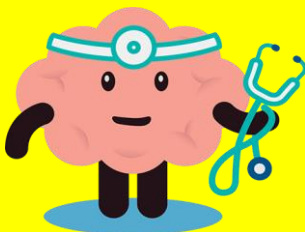
**If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.**

**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:

Manuel	RT
Jackson	1K
Kade	2B
Lorelei	3J
Euan	4L
Mianne	5T
Logan F	6D
Chad	6D



# This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Finley	RG	Aurora	RL	Esmae	RT
Hugo	1W	Syeda	1K	Skye	2B
Freddie	2P	Sean	3F	Manisha	3J
Robin	4G	Evelyn	4L	Sujaan	5M
Ellie-Mae	5T	Shajeena	6D	Amy	6G

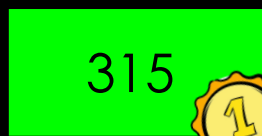


You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

# This week's house point results



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



Food & Energy



Youth Support



Domestic Abuse



Emergency Funding



Money & Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's Support



School Uniforms & Clothing



Parenting



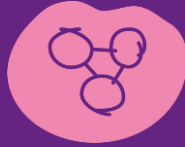
Special Needs & Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual Health



Mental Health



Play

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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org  
0121 456 7821

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

**Hall Green**  
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