



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

PE is an important part of our school curriculum and at our school we provide our children with a wide range of sporting clubs and opportunities to take part in a variety of sporting competitions. This week, we were delighted to find out that we have now attained the gold level in the Pathway to Podium Award. This is an improvement on the silver award that we had last year. Pathway to Podium is a programme which recognises and celebrates the commitment of Birmingham schools to PE, school sport and physical activity, as part of a more enriched curriculum. Well done and thank you to Miss Jennings and Miss McCarron for all their hard work which enabled us to obtain this award.



Next week, many of our Muslim families will be taking part in the festival of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is a period where Muslims abstain from food and drink between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This act of fasting allows the individuals taking part in this to understand the pain and suffering of millions around the world who live their lives in poverty. Partaking in this festival requires a large amount of determination and resilience. Everybody at our school wishes our Muslim families well during this period. Ramadan Mubarak for next week.



As well as being St Patricks Day today, it was also Red Nose Day. It was great to see everybody dressing up in red today, as well as lots of red noses and faces. We managed to raise £179.40 today for this long running charity which helps so many people all over the world. Thank you all for your generosity.



Children knowing how to behave near roads is incredibly important. Unfortunately, this week I had a report about a couple of our children not crossing a road very safely. Fortunately, on this occasion there was no accident. Please can you remind your children about the stop, look and listen rule.



Today, we had teachers from several different schools from across Birmingham visiting us. They were visiting our school to receive training and to watch some of our teachers delivering maths lessons. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase teaching and learning at our school. Our visitors were impressed with what they observed. Well done to everybody who took part in this and to our children for representing our school so well.

I hope that you have a great weekend and I hope that all the mothers reading this enjoy their special day on Sunday.

Mr Williams

DIARY DATES

Monday 20th March
Y4 Tables Checker Workshop

Tuesday 21st March
World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 30th March
Easter Bonnet Parade
Eggshibition
Governors Award Assembly

Friday 31st March
Final day in school before
Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April
Children return to school

Thursday 27th April
Daily Mile Day

Monday 8th May
Coronation Bank Holiday

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?](#)



2023/24 Admissions Criteria
(Admissions)

World Down Syndrome Day

On 21st March, children are invited to come into school wearing something yellow and blue in support of World Down Syndrome Day.



Easter Bonnet Parade and “Eggshibition”

On Thursday 30th March we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. We are also asking our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to create some dioramas and to bring them in, in time for our “eggshibition” on 30th March. We look forward to seeing all of your amazing creations!



e-safety – Staying safe online

<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF69B4;">S</h1> <h3>Stay Safe</h3> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #008000;">M</h1> <h3>Don't Meet Up</h3> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h3>Accepting Files</h3> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF8C00;">R</h1> <h3>Reliable?</h3> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <h3>Tell Someone</h3> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p>
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Pupil e-safety challenge

You receive a nasty text message on your phone. What should you do?

- Send a nasty one back. They'll stop sending me these then.
- Ignore the message, block the number and delete it.
- Ignore the message, block the number and show it to a parent/carer.

This week's answer = C. If you ever receive nasty messages on your phone, you should always show these to a parent/carer so that they can help you. Do not send nasty messages back.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Finley	RG	5	Emmett	2B	7
Lily	2B	7	Kyla-May	3F	8
Eden	3F	8	Lucas	3J	8
Gracie-Mae	5M	10	Darcie	6D	11



Please follow us on Twitter!

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





Holidays and Absence during term time

Holiday absence will not be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. It is very important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Birmingham City Council. Term time holidays continue to cause significant concern and debate. While there are many different views, the direct correlation between attendance and attainment is undeniable.

Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning and compromises progress. Birmingham City Council therefore seeks to support Birmingham schools and academies in reducing the amount of education lost to pupil leave of absence in term time. Birmingham City Council strongly discourages pupil leave of absence during term time.

The current national primary school average attendance is 93.8%

Our current school attendance is 92.7%

Can you help us be above this?

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 94.7%

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



3J – 94%

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 4.

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3J	4	12
2	RT	4	9
=	5M	4	9
=	1W	4	9
=	2P	4	9
=	2B	4	9
7	3F	4	6
=	1K	4	6
=	RL	4	6
=	6G	4	6
=	4G	4	6
12	4L	4	3
=	5T	4	3
=	RG	4	3
15	6D	4	0

Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

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

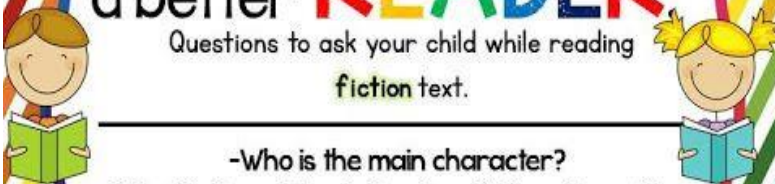
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), email help@NSPCC.org.uk, 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](tel:999) straight away.



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

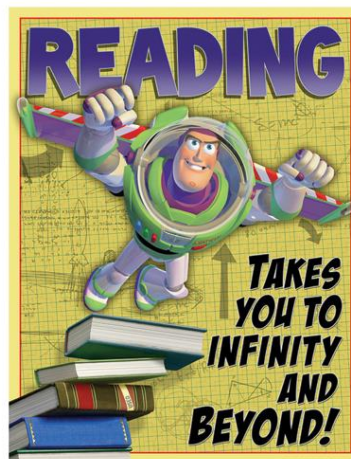


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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 st	5T	252,060
2 nd	4G	179,022
3 rd	6G	163,651
4 th	3F	113,487
5 th	3J	41,472
6 th	5M	32,476
7 th	4L	21,974
8 th	6D	20,559

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Paige (5T) 75,957
2 nd	Piper (5T) 73,053
3 rd	Isaiah (3F) 63,354
Highest score this year	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G! - 96.4%	

Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	990,109,382
2 nd	6G	63,536,220
3 rd	5M	29,590,246
4 th	4G	21,956,046
5 th	6D	16,648,017
6 th	3J	6,718,244
7 th	4L	4,934,176
8 th	3F	4,853,529
9 th	1K	4,480,786
10 th	2B	1,225,824
11 th	2P	1,047,640
12 th	1W	137,702

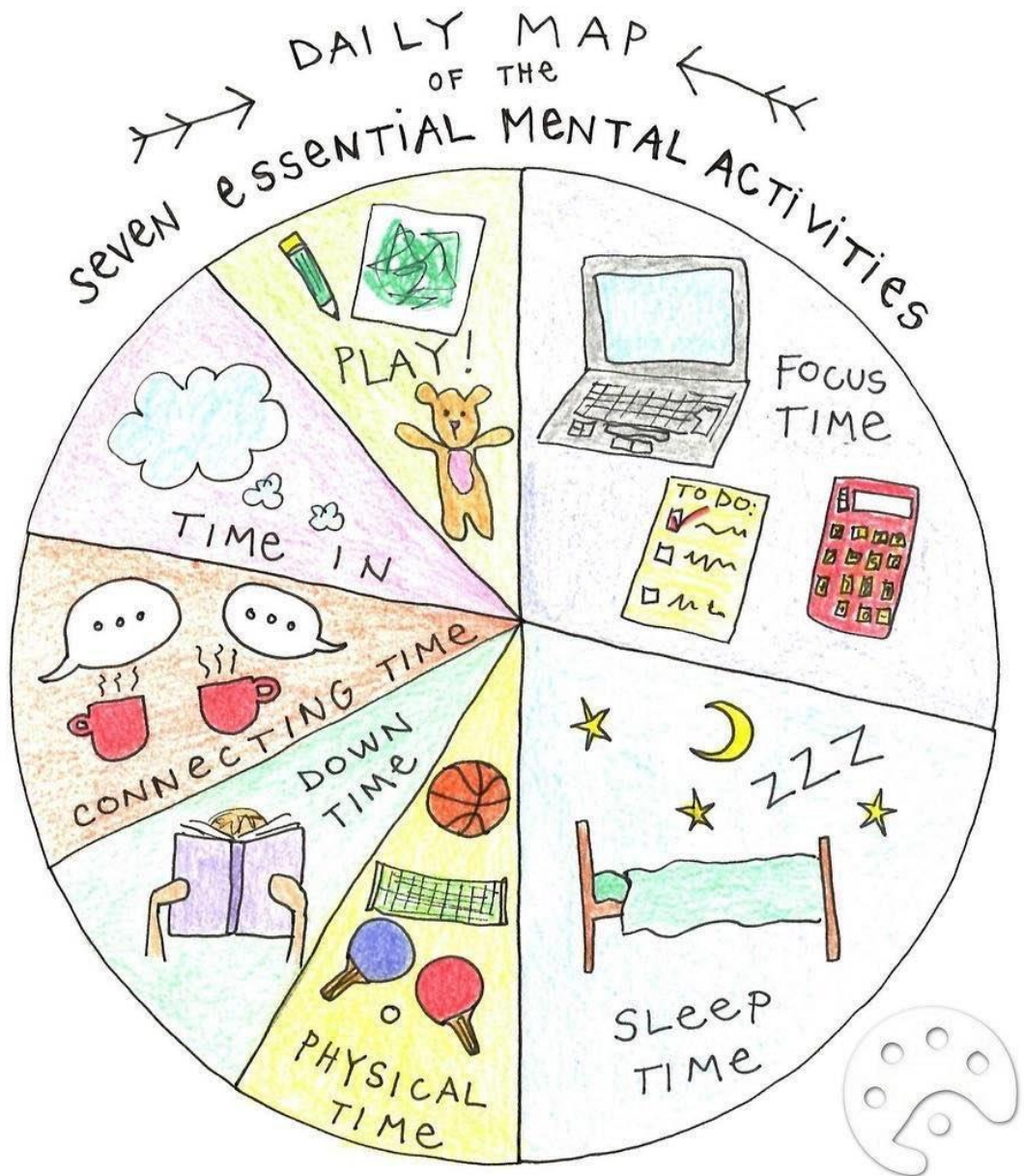
Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Kayden (5T) 343,980,000
2 nd	Ruwan (5T) 254,100,336
3 rd	Thomas G (5T) 200,885,752
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	54,857
2 nd	6G	26,259
3 rd	6D	23,829
4 th	3F	21,992
5 th	2B	20,631
6 th	5M	20,065
7 th	3J	13,355
8 th	4L	8,931
9 th	4G	7,106
10 th	2P	5,268

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Aliza (5T) 32,005
2 nd	Darcie (6D) 13,205
3 rd	Stefania (6G) 9,267
Highest score this year	
Aliza (5T) 33,161	





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:

Mason	RG
Jackson	1K
Scarlet	2B
Tiegan	3F
Kaiden	4L
Henry	5T
Darcie	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Chase	RG	Tori	RL	Manuel	RT
Rory	1K	Adriel	1W	Duaa	2B
Nate	2P	William	3F	Mini	3J
Lacey	4G	Isabella	4L	Saim	5M
Aliza	5T	Alfie	6G		



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

This week's house point results

185

Farah

203

Thompson

206

Daley



165

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.



Cotton Village Hall B45 8PD

The
Redditch
Orchestra



Mother's Day Concert

Sunday 19th March

4pm - 5pm

Popular Orchestral
Classics

*Mozart, Beethoven, Luigini
Gilbert & Sullivan, Holst, Strauss*

Tickets £5 - under 18s free
Complimentary tea and home-made cakes



Reservations please to
07941 692879 or
redditchorch@gmail.com



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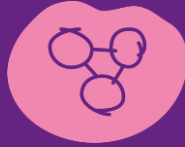
Special Needs & Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual Health



Mental Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



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0121 456 7821

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

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