



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Scooters are a great way to get around but to keep everyone safe, we ask that children and parents do not ride scooters on the school site.



Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

Cases of bullying are fortunately not common at our school and this is something we always take seriously when it does occur. To raise awareness of this, on Monday, we took part in 'Odd Socks Day' and spent some time talking about bullying and what we can do to challenge this whenever we see it.

After a series of excellent campaigns, with some fabulous election posters and videos created, on Monday we had our school wide election for our two new head pupils. This annual competition practises our British Value of democracy. This was a competitive, but very friendly and supportive process between our six candidates and any of these six pupils would have made worthy winners. However, our two winners were Oliver (163 votes) and Freya (62 votes). Congratulations not only to our two winners, but also to Miracle, Rocco, Cole and Charley for taking part and for such wonderful campaigns. Myself and Miss Kelly look forward to working with our two new head pupils.

This week, we have had two MAT reviews. During these days, leaders from other schools from within our MAT visit us and look at our provision in key areas. They also talk to pupils and parents regarding this. Our MAT reviews this week were focussed upon reading across our school and our EYFS provision. The feedback we received for both of these were very positive. Well done and thank you to all our staff for their continual hard work which enables us to continually improve as a school

Reading is an area which has a high profile at our school. Thank you to all the parents who attended our latest reading inspire, this time in Year 3. Hopefully you found this and the short e-safety workshop useful in terms of supporting your child's development within these areas.

Well done to our girls' football team who braved the Autumn chilly weather on Thursday after school to play two games against two local schools. They beat Raddlebarn 5-0 and narrowly lost to Northfield Manor 0-1. Thank you girls for representing our school so well and for modelling the great qualities which we expect from all of our children at Colmers Farm.



Today was Children in Need Day. Thank you everybody for your kind donations and generosity (even during the difficult times in which we live). This charity that helps children in need all over the world and I am sure that our contribution will be put to good use. As a school we managed to raise £300 – thank you again.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Williams

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 22nd November
Year 5 Mosque Visit

Wednesday 23rd November
Year 3 Synagogue

Thursday 24th November
Year 4 Parent Reading Workshop

Friday 25th November
Flu Immunisations
Year 2 Showcase

Tuesday 29th November
Year 6 Cathedral Trip

Thursday 1st December
Reception Eye Tests

Wednesday 14th December
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December
Last day of school term

Friday 16th December
Teacher training day

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

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?



Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Photos
(News section)

Progression Maps
(Curriculum Section)

Christmas Lunch



Our school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December. Please return the forms to school before **Monday 5th December**. The meal costs £3.50 and this will need to be paid via Arbor under ad-hoc meals – we cannot accept cash in school.

If your child receives Free School Meals, there is no charge **but you will still need to return the slip.**

Flu Immunisations



The immunisation team will be in on Friday 25th November to give the children their flu immunisations – please make sure you have returned the NHS consent forms to school.



Christmas Card Competition

A massive congratulations to Khloe in 5T who was chosen as the runner up for her entry in MP Gary Sambrook's Christmas Card Competition!

e-safety – Staying safe online

<h3>S</h3> <h4>Stay Safe</h4> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h3>M</h3> <h4>Don't Meet Up</h4> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h3>A</h3> <h4>Accepting Files</h4> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h3>R</h3> <h4>Reliable?</h4> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h3>T</h3> <h4>Tell Someone</h4> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>
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Pupil e-safety challenge



PEGI (PAN-European Game Information) use symbols on computer games to tell the buyer what features games may have. What does the symbol below represent?

- (a) Game is about superheroes.
- (b) You need a lot of stamina to play this game.
- (c) Game contains violence.
- (d) Game can be played by 5 players.

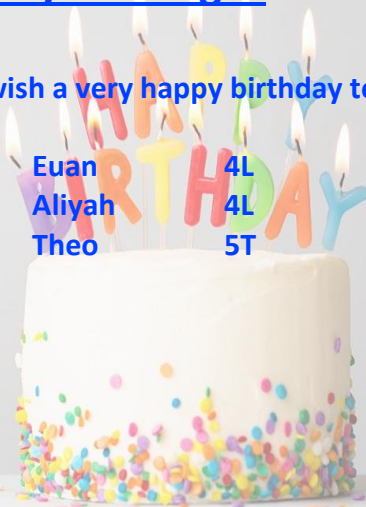


This week's answer = C. The PEGI symbols are also accompanied by recommended ages for players (3, 7, 12, 16 and 18.) It is not recommended for you to play a game above your age.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Reggie	RL	5	Euan	4L	9
Lucia	4L	9	Aliyah	4L	9
Ryan	5T	10	Theo	5T	10
Tyler	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





School attendance, advice for parents (from Birmingham City Council.)



"Parents/carers must make sure their children receive a full-time education that meets their needs. This can be at school or otherwise (Elective Home Education).

If you're concerned about school attendance

Parents who are concerned about attendance should contact their child's school to tell them about the difficulties. Where possible and appropriate, schools will try to assist parents by offering support or referring them to additional support services. Schools may also ask for medical evidence if a child's attendance becomes of concern."

Please contact Mrs Taylor or Miss Kelly if we can offer support.

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

Our current school attendance to date is **93.9% - let's get this up to **96%**!**

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 95.9%

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



3J – 97.9%

The Colmers Farm attendance league table WEEK 8

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3J	8	21
2	2B	8	19
3	4L	8	18
=	5M	8	18
5	1W	8	15
=	5T	8	15
7	RL	8	12
=	1K	8	12
9	RT	8	9
=	2P	8	9
=	3F	8	9
=	4G	8	9
13	RG	8	7
14	6D	8	6
=	6G	8	6

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

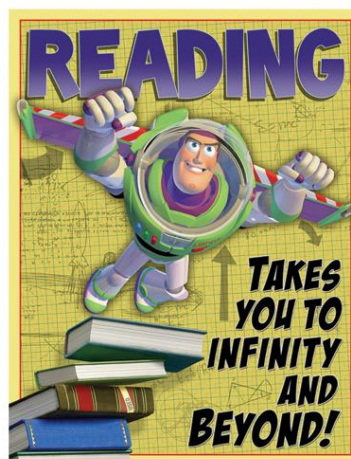
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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	1,039,581
2 nd	5M	222,269
3 rd	6G	163,900
4 th	4G	159,170
5 th	6D	67,961
6 th	3F	35,927
7 th	3J	35,722
8 th	4L	16,874

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 136,918
2 nd	Ruwan (5T) 115,896
3 rd	Kamaal (5T) 92,312
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 228,313	

Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	136,553,006
2 nd	6G	126,960,054
3 rd	4G	45,517,002
4 th	1K	40,827,258
5 th	6D	13,387,519
6 th	3F	8,281,398
7 th	3J	6,765,013
8 th	2B	5,897,843
9 th	5M	4,874,790
10 th	4L	2,975,362
11 th	2P	2,653,080
12 th	1W	1,587,742

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ruwan (5T) 50,598,418
2 nd	Ryan (5T) 34,679,704
3 rd	Iyanna (5T) 31,141,348
Highest score this year	
Oliver (6G) 72,545,608	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	17,138
2 nd	6G	14,140
3 rd	5M	11,427
4 th	6D	8,000
5 th	2B	6,598
6 th	3F	5,980
7 th	4G	5,524
8 th	4L	2,990
9 th	2P	1,904
10 th	3J	1,540

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Sujaan (5M) 5,877
2 nd	Ryan (5T) 5,250
3 rd	Danielle (3F) 4,992
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi M (3J) 10,100	



Top tips for good wellbeing

Having good wellbeing is important because it helps you cope with things that worry you. Good wellbeing helps you to be happy and confident in your life.

GET ACTIVE

Exercising makes us feel good, so getting active is really important for wellbeing. It makes your heart pump your blood faster, making sure you feel fresh and energetic!

EAT WELL

A balanced diet gives your body the energy it needs to work properly. When your body lacks certain nutrients, it can lead to feeling grumpy or unwell.

GET ENOUGH SLEEP

Sleep is so important! When you are asleep your body and brain does more than when you are awake! Getting a good night's sleep ensures your body can heal and repair.

GO OUTSIDE

Being outside in the sunlight makes your body feel good, and that makes you feel happy. So get outside, go exploring and connect with nature to make yourself feel better!

ASK FOR HELP

If you're worried or stressed, don't try and cope with things alone. Talk things through with someone you trust. It will make you feel so much better!

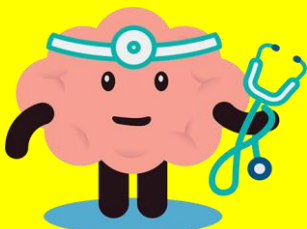


Find out how the Pupil Wellbeing Award can help bring these benefits to your school, email contact@schoolimpactawards.co.uk



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:

Zacharias	RL
Lincoln	1W
Evie	2P
Tiegan	3F
Robin	4G
Arley-Joe	5M
Chloe	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Fatima	RL	Mason	RG	Kyrie	RT
Adriel	1W	Jackson	1K		
Lali-Bella	2B	Louise	2P		
Danielle	3F	Chris	3J		
Sophie-Mae	4L	Timothy	4G		
Maria Akhtar	5M	Alfie	5T		
Ula	6D	Laylah	6G		



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

This week's house point results

304

Farah

362

Thompson

330

Daley

381

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 or ruberyswapshop@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



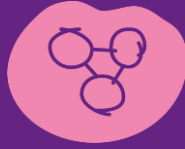
Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



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