



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a good Easter break and have had a good week. It was great to see everybody back in school and ready to learn on Monday.

Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim staff members and families who are starting their Eid celebrations either today or over the weekend. Eid al-Fitr is a religious holiday and celebration within Islam which marks the end of the month-long dawn to sunset period of fasting during Ramadan. Well done to all our children and families who took part in Ramadan.



Well done to all of our Year 6s who gave up some of their Easter break to come into school to attend the SATs revision classes. We hope that you enjoyed these and that you found them useful. Thank you also to Mrs Duggal for leading these and to Miss Taylor and Miss Cross for coming into school to support.

The Houses of Parliament Education Team have just released a new game called the Time Travel Bill Adventures. This game is aimed at 7–11 year-olds and is set in a fictional world where time travel has just been discovered. Children will need to decide which bills should be passed as laws to enable travel through time safely and fairly. This game will give children a greater understanding about how real laws are made in the UK. The Time Travel Bill Adventures game can be accessed via this link <https://learning.parliament.uk/en/resources/time-travel-bill-adventures/>. I hope that your children enjoy playing this.



On Tuesday, schools found out about how many children will be starting at their school in reception in September. A lot of schools have been worried about this number due to falling birth rates in this age band. However, we are delighted to announce that all our 60 places have been initially offered to parents. What was also pleasing to see was the number of families who put us down as their first-choice school (58). This is our highest ever and is a testament to everybody's hard work during the journey we have been on as a school since joining Excelsior. We very much look forward to meeting our new reception children and their families soon.

On Wednesday a group of our Year 4 pupils took part in our MAT dodgeball competition at King Edwards School. They competed against the 5 other schools in our trust (Heathmount, Highters Heath, Parkfield, Turves Green and Green Meadow). The children enjoyed this event and represented our school magnificently. Their behaviour and the sportsman/lady qualities they demonstrated were exemplarily, including on the minibus to and from the event which they shared with children from Turves Green (our local rivals within the MAT ☺). Well done and thank you for representing our school so well.



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 26th April
Y1 Birmingham Royal Ballet
Workshop

Thursday 27th April
Daily Mile Day

Friday 28th April
Dyslexia Workshop

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May
Coronation Tea Party

Monday 8th May
Coronation Bank Holiday

Week beginning 8th May
KS2 SATs week

**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?



Egg decorating and diorama videos
(News section)
Governors assembly video (News
section)
Complaints Procedure (Policies and
Documents section)

Thank you for working with your children on the topic homework over the holidays. We have had some fantastic pieces brought into school already. Keep these coming in! These are a great way of engaging your children in their topics early and they provide a great opportunity for you to work with your children and to discuss their learning. We love seeing all of the homework that comes into school and we celebrate all of these by displaying them in classes. Models, written work or drawings are all fine to send in. We look forward to seeing what you and your children will create.

And to finish with... A special well done to Kaicee in Year 4, who was awarded these medals and a trophy as the football team she plays for outside of school scored the most goals in the league. Make sure that this wonderful achievement goes in your SAGE book Kaicee.



I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

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: #FFA500;">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



A friend asks you for your password to an online game. What do you do?

- Not share it... I should keep passwords secret from everybody.
- Tell them, let them use it and then change it later.
- Tell them. They're my friend and I trust them to use it.

This week's answer = A. You should always keep your passwords safe even if you trust the other person, you never know what they might do with your private information.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Eliana	RT	5	Jude	1K	6
Connor	1K	6	Layton	1W	6
Emily	2B	7	Archer	2B	7
Bryn	2P	7	Phoebe	3F	8
Kaydi-Anne	3F	8	Tiegan	3F	8
Reignn	3J	8	Demi	4G	9
Kaiden	4L	9	Logan	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 an excellent 95.9%.

We have one term left this school year and with your help our whole school attendance can continue to rise. Thank you for your support.

Following feedback from parents, children who receive attendance awards will no longer come to school in their own clothes at the end of term. Badges will still be awarded and proudly worn.

Thank you, as always, for all of your feedback.

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 92.7% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 6.

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RT – 98.7%

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



3J – 99.1%

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

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.** 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.

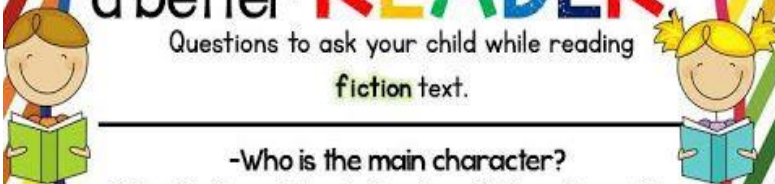
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on [0808 800 5000](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.

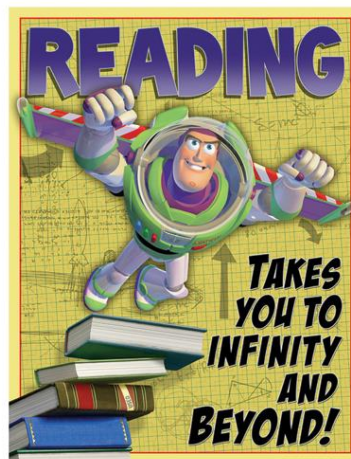


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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	4G	156,857
2 nd	6G	101,142
3 rd	5T	80,374
4 th	3F	35,245
5 th	6D	34,568
6 th	4L	30,240
7 th	3J	23,989
8 th	5M	23,239

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 147,583
2 nd	Rocco (6G) 43,123
3 rd	Lola (5T) 29,817
Highest score this year	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 100%	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	77,701,987
2 nd	5M	66,361,934
3 rd	5T	13,226,026
4 th	3J	13,110,010
5 th	4G	4,997,992
6 th	3F	3,657,858
7 th	4L	2,754,292
8 th	6D	2,205,813
9 th	1K	1,191,584
10 th	2B	0
11 th	1W	0
12 th	2P	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5M) 65,502,739
2 nd	Phoebe (6G) 24,358,492
3 rd	Arian (6G) 14,883,731
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3F	14,696
2 nd	6G	10,580
3 rd	5M	10,230
4 th	4G	7,570
5 th	2P	7,171
6 th	2B	6,464
7 th	4L	4,860
8 th	5T	3,570
9 th	6D	1,080
10 th	3J	140

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Drew-Ryan (3F) 8,060
2 nd	Makonnen (2P) 5,695
3 rd	Danielle (3F) 3,282
Highest score this year	
Aliza (5T) 33,161	



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.

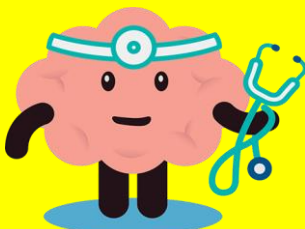
If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

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:

Tori	RL
Adriel	1W
Godpower	2B
Isaiah	3F
Poppie-Leigh	4G
Alex	5M
Tulissa	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Elsie	RG	Reggie	RL	Hannah	RT
Is-Haq	1K	Hazel	1W	Charlotte	2B
Myah	2P	Emily	3F	Valenina	3J
Michael	4G	Moonshine	4L	Nazila	5M
Olivia-Rose	5T	Hamza	6D	Salman	6G

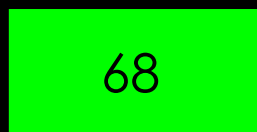


You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

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 or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.



Children's Book Swap!



At Colmers Farm we love reading!

This basket is full of books for you to borrow, all we ask in return is that you replace it with a book for someone else to love.

TAKE a book
READ a book
LOVE a book
LEAVE a book

If you have a book at home that you no longer need or want, pop it in the basket and take one to read at home.

Children's books only please.

Thank you



Book Swap

Please encourage your children to swap books from the basket in the main school office reception area.

School reading books and reading for pleasure books should not be placed in the basket.



Congratulations to the winners of our Young Writers 100-word story competition:

Year 2:

Nate

Year 3:

Daniella

Daniel

Kyla-May

Kataleya

Khaleesi

Valentina

Haleen

Year 4:

Kaiden

Isabella

Moonshine

Sean

Scarlett

Year 4:

Lacey

Zachary

Year 5:

Piper

Lola

Aliza

Alyssa

Charlie

Henry

Iyanna

Kamaal

Kayden

Theo

Thomas

Thomas

Elizabeth

Year 5:

Oliver

Olivia-Rose

Paige

Grace

Phoebe

Mianne

Sujaan

Year 6:

Miracle

Emergency Alerts Test

Dear Parents,

On **Sunday 23 April at 3pm** the government will be sending a UK-wide Emergency Alerts **test message** to all compatible devices.

What is the Emergency Alerts service?

Emergency Alerts is a new government service that will warn you if there is a danger to life nearby (e.g. flooding, fire). In an emergency, mobile phone masts will broadcast an alert in the affected area. The alert will automatically be received by compatible mobile phones and tablets in the area and will give advice about how to stay safe.

What's happening on Sunday 23 at 3pm?

On Sunday 23rd April at 3pm the government will be sending a UK-wide Emergency Alerts **test message to all compatible devices**. The message will make clear that no action is required, that the message is simply a test and will provide a link where you can find further information on the Emergency Alerts service.

When you receive the message, your phone or tablet may vibrate and make a loud siren-like sound for about ten seconds, even if it is set on 'silent'. The message will appear on your screen.

Can I opt out of receiving Emergency Alerts?

You can opt out of receiving Emergency Alerts by adjusting your device settings, though the government advice is to keep them switched on for your own safety.

If you are a survivor of domestic abuse with a **secret or secondary phone or tablet**, please be aware **the Emergency Alert will play a sound even if your device is on silent**.

To turn Emergency Alerts off, charity Refuge have created this short video to show you how. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

Who can send and receive Emergency Alerts?

Emergency Alerts work on all 4G and 5G mobile networks in the UK. Emergency Alerts can **only be sent by the emergency services and by government departments that deal with emergencies**.

They do not need your phone number to send you an alert - if your device is compatible, it will automatically receive the message. Data about you, your device or location will not be collected or shared.

You will not receive Emergency Alerts if your device is switched off, on aeroplane mode or connected to a 2G or 3G network. More information on Emergency Alerts can be found at [gov.uk/alerts](https://www.gov.uk/alerts) or on our help article [here](#).

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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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

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childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk
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