



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

This week started with some special safety lessons from Bonanza Creative for Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 about carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is an odourless and poisonous gas which can come from faulty gas appliances and unfortunately it is responsible for numerous avoidable deaths each year. Our pupils learnt about the dangers of this gas and got to bring home a variety of goodies, including carbon monoxide detectors in Year 2. If you do have any gas appliances at home, please take care to get these regularly serviced. I would also recommend a carbon monoxide alarm. These can be purchased for under £10.



Keeping hydrated in warm weather is important and the best substance to use for this is water. We encourage children to bring into school only water to drink during lesson times. We have however recently had some children bringing energy drinks, such as Prime into school. These are not appropriate and as well as being unhealthy, they can lead to young children demonstrating different behaviours from normal. Please be mindful of this.

On Tuesday evening, our two Year 5 and 6 football teams played four friendly games against Turves Green Primary School. Our teams won one game and lost three. The children demonstrated true sportsman/ladyship throughout and they were great representatives for our school. Well done to everybody who took part.

It was great on Wednesday to see Year 6 trying a new sport during their PE lesson – Archery. They loved trying this and we have certainly got a few children who could be the next Robin Hood. This was part of National School Sports Week where we promote healthy lifestyles and eating. This also involved the kitchen creating fruit kebabs for our children.



Please note that our training days for next year will be as follows:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

In reception today we welcomed some of our new 2023/2024 parents/carers and children for their first stay and play visit. It was lovely to meet them and to see them taking their first steps to being at our school.

On behalf of everybody at Colmers Farm School, we hope that you have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Williams**  
Head Teacher

## DIARY DATES

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	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Teacher Training Day – school closed	All years
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Teacher Training Day – school closed	All years
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens	All years

### **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?**

- Year 2 Free School Meal applications
- Year 1 Showcase – new date

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

### **Walking through the staff car park.**

It is very important that parents and children do not walk through the staff car park at the front of the school but instead use the fenced pedestrian walkway.

### **Prime Drinks**

We have had several reports that parents are purchasing Prime Drinks for their children. These drinks are not suitable for those under the age of 18 – this is shown on the manufacturer's website.

We recommend you do not buy these drinks for your children.

[FAQ – PRIME \(drinkprime.uk\)](http://FAQ – PRIME (drinkprime.uk))

### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club is limited to 40 spaces each morning and we are unable to accommodate any children that are not booked in via Arbor.

If you have any issues booking, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

# 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 in an online game, where you can chat with others. You are talking to someone, when they ask if you want to chat outside of the game and whether you can swap WhatsApp numbers? What should you do?

- A. Say no thank you and tell your parents or another trusted adult that somebody has asked you to do this.
- B. Do what they've asked. I've chatted to them online and they seem friendly?

This week's answer = A. Although this person may just be being friendly, you should always be careful with people you meet online as they may be pretending to be somebody who they are not. Always tell your parents/carers about any requests like this. REMEMBER – You should not use WhatsApp until you are 13 years old!

## Happy Birthday Messages

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

Jannat	6D	11	Jayden	RG	5
Kade	RG	5	Savannah	3F	8
Chase	5M	10	Paityn	2B	7
Freddie	2P	7	Braylin	2P	7
Gracie-Mae	RG	5	Kayla	3J	8
Ula	6D	11	Rory	1K	6
Cuba	2B	7	Luana	4G	9



## Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!  
[@Colmers\\_FarmPS](#)



## Tips For Anxiety



Practice breathing exercises



Find a creative activity



Take care of your sleeping routine



Focus only on the present



It's ok to ask for help



Stay active



Take a pause



Drink cold water



**Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised.**

Any requests for leave in term time (including family holidays) must be handed in to school in advance, on the correct form, which is available from the school office.

“Schools are responsible for monitoring their pupils’ attendance and, where appropriate, the local authority has a duty to prosecute parents in the Magistrates Court for failing to ensure their child’s regular attendance at school. A Penalty Notice is an alternative to a prosecution. It requires the parent(s) to pay a fixed amount as a fine for their child's irregular attendance to avoid a court appearance.”

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

**Our current school attendance to date is 92.5% - let's get this up to 96%!**

**The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 14.**

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	1W	14	36
2	RL	14	30
=	2B	14	30
4	3F	14	30
=	5M	14	30
6	2P	14	28
7	1K	14	24
=	3J	14	24
=	5T	14	21
10	RT	14	18
11	6D	14	18
=	6G	14	18
13	4G	14	12
14	RG	14	10
15	4L	14	6

**CLASS AWARDS:**

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



**1F & 1W – 98.1%**

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



**5M – 95.3%**



# 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](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org).** Our 4 DSLs are:



Miss Kelly  
DHT  
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor  
Pastoral Care  
Deputy DSL



Miss Cross  
SENGO  
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.

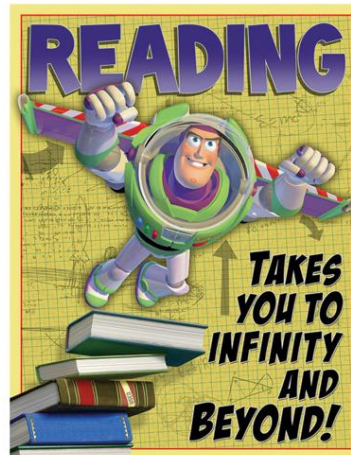
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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

**Spelling Shed** 

**Mathletics**

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	352,259
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6D	304,977
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4L	101,695
4 <sup>th</sup>	4G	90,053
5 <sup>th</sup>	5T	89,908
6 <sup>th</sup>	3F	72,218
7 <sup>th</sup>	3J	21,048
8 <sup>th</sup>	5M	19,027

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	2B	20,321
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4L	8,630
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6G	8,400
4 <sup>th</sup>	5M	6,750
5 <sup>th</sup>	3F	4,660
6 <sup>th</sup>	4G	3,510
7 <sup>th</sup>	3J	2,150
8 <sup>th</sup>	5T	1,805
9 <sup>th</sup>	6D	1,346
10 <sup>th</sup>	2P	1,274



Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Poppie (6G) 150,956
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abigail (6D) 144,071
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rocco (6G) 83,371
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 327,157	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 93%	

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Stefania (6G) 4,510
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan (5M) 3,720
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charlotte (2B) 2,382
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:

Ramaya	RT
Hudson	1K
Cash	2P
Ethan	3F
Rio	4L
Iyanna	5T
Ayan	6D



# This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Paige	RG	Jace	RT	Zacharias	RL
Luckie	1W	William	1K	Charlotte	2B
Bryn	2P	Isaiah	3F	Ellis	3J
Tiegan	4G	Amelia	4L	Reagan	5M
Piper	5T				



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this

# This week's house point results

<b>180</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>215</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



**Birmingham**  
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

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