



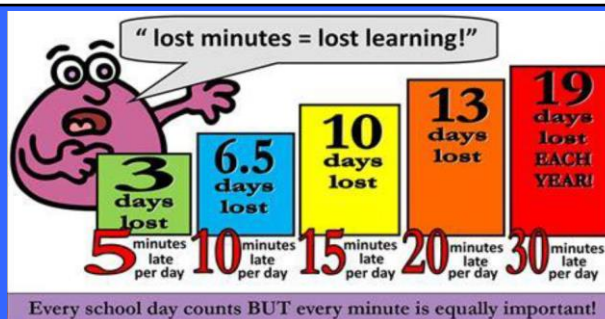
Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Being on time for school is really important!



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a good week.

At the start of a school year, schools often have a lot of new starters. We have had 11 new starters so far this year (along with our 60 reception children) and I just want to say a huge thank you to all of the children at our school who have made these children feel welcome and have helped them to settle into our school so quickly. I am so proud of you all for upholding our No Outsiders ethos.

School attendance for the year (up to Thursday this week) was 95.8%. This is big improvement on last year's attendance. Keep it up! Please send your child/children to school as often as possible, as a missed day from school is a missed day of learning. If you do have to keep your child/children off due to illness, please telephone the school office as soon as possible to let us know. Our school office opens at 7:30 each day. Please note that we carry out home visits to families of children who are absent from school, whom we have not been able to get in touch with. We carry out these visits for safeguarding reasons.

Please can I remind all of our parents, who use Morrison Car Park, to not park or wait in the disabled bays, unless you are a blue badge holder. This prevents people who genuinely need these spaces from using these. Also, can I please remind parents to be courteous towards others inside and outside of the school grounds. Unfortunately, I had a report this week about one or two of our parents, who were being verbally aggressive towards a member of the public in the Morrisons Car Park. Although this is a very small minority of our parents, this was disappointing to hear as this does not model the behaviour that we wish the children at our school to demonstrate. 'Succeeding together' is one of our MAT aims and is something all parts of our school community have worked hard on, since we joined the MAT over three years ago. Thank you everybody for your support with this.

On Friday this week, our children marked National Fitness Day by having a virtual dance session with Dame Darcey Bussell DBE. During this session our children got to experience a variety of dance styles within their classes which gives our children the confidence to explore their own creativity. This was a fun way to mark this day.

Next week, we will be starting our after-school clubs. Letters have gone home inviting parents to apply for places at these. We will soon be sending out slips to confirm who has been selected to take part in these. Please remember not to send your child to a club unless they have received a confirmation letter.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 27th September
Mini First Aiders Course
Years 3 and 5

Wednesday 28th September
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Years 3 and 5

Thursday 29th September
Reception Phonics Workshop

Thursday 6th October
"Walk to School" special
lunch menu

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?



Walk to School Lunch Letter

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Free Cycling Classes for Parents

Eco Birmingham are a charity providing free one day cycling courses for parents.

For more information visit:

www.ecobirmingham.com

Walk to School Special Lunch Menu

A letter will be coming out with the children for a special "Walk to School" lunch on the 6th October.
The cost is £2.35 and slips will need returning to the school by Friday 29th September.

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



Your friend tells you they have a new friend request online. You ask who it is and if they know them in real life. They tell you it is someone they have never heard of in real life before. What should you advise them to do?

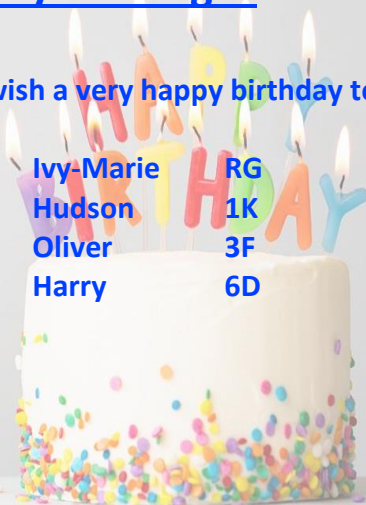
- (a) Nothing – it's great to have new friends.
- (b) Block them and tell a trusted adult.
- (c) Tell them to add more people and start adding people you do not know as well.

This week's answer = C. Cyber harassment and bullying can happen 24x7 and can happen in your home. It is important that you tell an adult about this if it ever happens to you. They will be able to help make it stop and to stop you worrying about it.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Ava	RG	5	Ivy-Marie	RG	5
Julian	1W	6	Hudson	1K	6
Myah	2P	7	Oliver	3F	8
Betty	3J	8	Harry	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



ATTENDANCE

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 95.8% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table is back!

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2B – 98.3%

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



5M – 97.5%

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

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

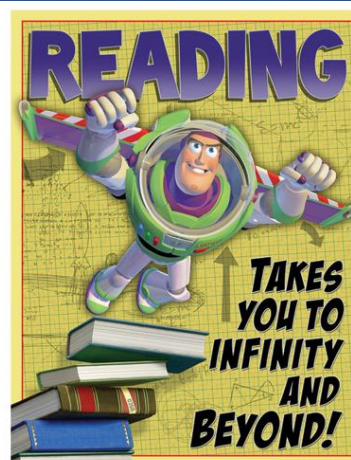
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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	6D	135,608
2 nd	5M	80,913
3 rd	6G	64,820
4 th	5T	62,268
5 th	4G	45,717
6 th	3J	8,658
7 th	4L	6,148
8 th	3F	4,849

Last week's top scorers

1 st	Hao Lin (5M) 44,834
2 nd	Naeem (6D) 34,426
3 rd	Timothy (4G) 30,774
Highest score this year	
Hao Lin (5M) 44,834	



Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	77,434,164
2 nd	6G	76,029,456
3 rd	4G	37,715,054
4 th	4L	14,326,287
5 th	6D	9,492,371
6 th	1K	7,848,450
7 th	3F	5,278,922
8 th	3J	2,311,222
9 th	2B	1,465,084
10 th	1W	1,226,026
11 th	5M	398,120
12 th	2P	0

Last week's top scorers

1 st	Ryan (5T) 47,605,610
2 nd	Oliver (6G) 43,027,299
3 rd	Jake (4G) 10,038,074
Highest score this year	
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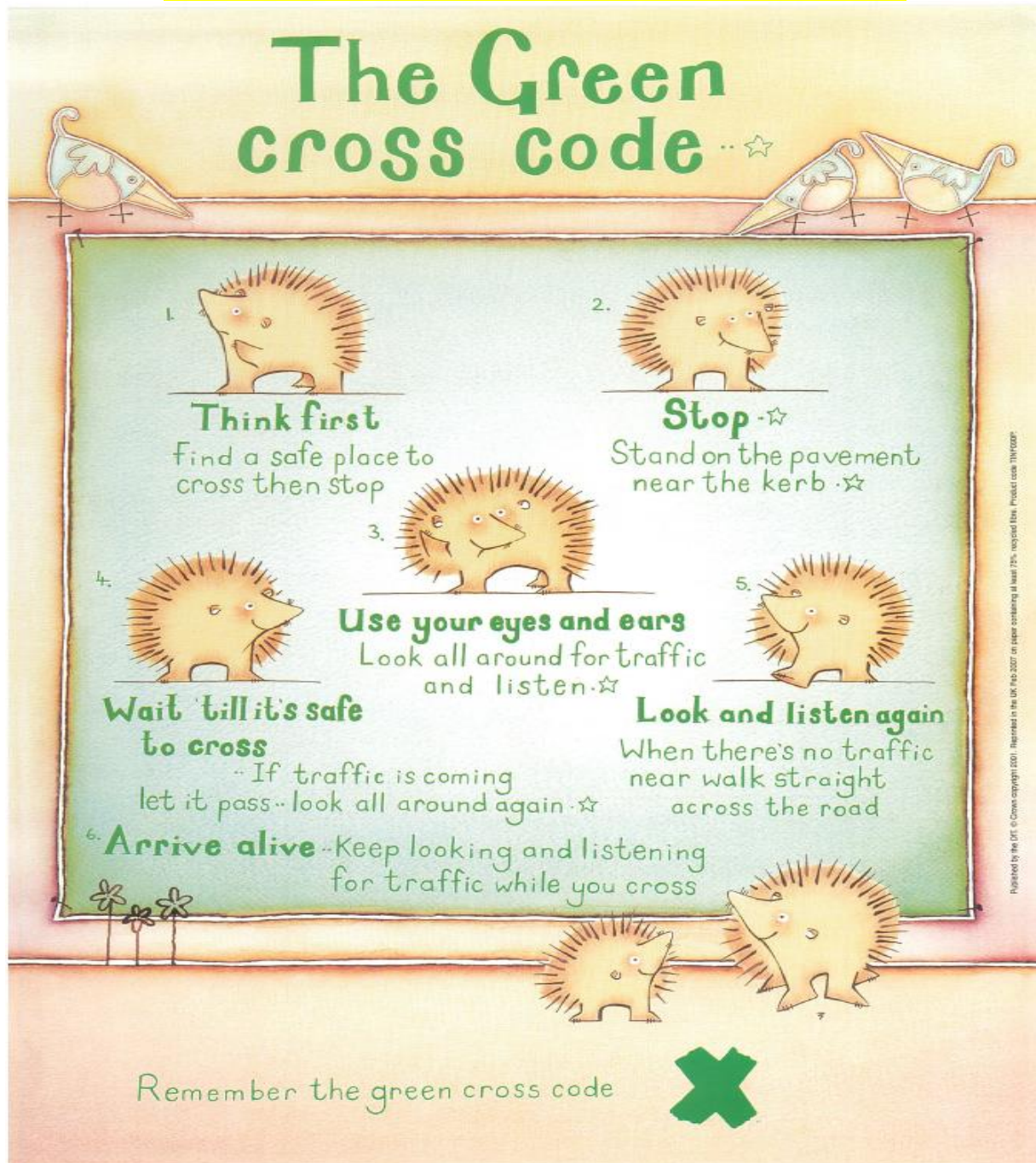
Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	12,374
2 nd	5T	9,107
3 rd	3F	8,458
4 th	2B	6,580
5 th	4G	6,568
6 th	2P	5,805
7 th	4L	5,449
8 th	6D	4,565
9 th	3J	2,320
10 th	5M	1,196

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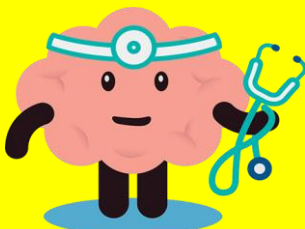
1 st	Stefania (6G) 5,294
2 nd	Danielle (3F) 3,090
3 rd	Ryan (5T) 3,040
Highest score this year	
Stefania (6G) 5,294	

Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips



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:

Jude	1K
Eden	2P
Tyler	3T
Louie	4G
Phoebe	5T
Logan W	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Elijah	1K	Hazel	1W	Scarlett	2B
Evelyn	2P	Kaydi Ann	3F	Lucas	3J
Zach	4G	Lucia	4L	Gabriella	5M
Thomas	5T	Jamie-Lee	6D	Logan F	6D
Tyler M	6G				



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

This week's house point results

554



Farah

355

Thompson

477

Daley

413

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.

Help for all families in Birmingham



Food
& Energy



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Support



Domestic
Abuse



Emergency
Funding



Money &
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's
Support



School Uniforms
& Clothing



Parenting



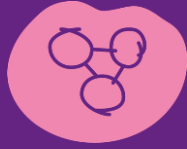
Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

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