



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a good week.

Thank you to our Year 4 team for hosting the times table workshop for parents on Monday. This session was to give our parents more information about the Multiplication Tables Check exercise that all Year 4 pupils must complete and to provide ideas about how parents can support their children with this. The feedback from those parents who were able to attend was good. If you missed this event and would like to a copy of the content from this session, please speak to Miss Albutt or Miss Goddard.

As you know, our Key Stage 2 SAGE award is something we value highly as a school and we have lots of our children actively working to gain either a bronze, silver, gold or even the top platinum award. This award is designed to celebrate achievements and experiences that our children have both in and out of school. Please remember to send into school any photos or other evidence that your child may be able to use towards this. Use your child's class email address to do this e.g.



4G@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. This week, I would like to give a special congratulations to Iyanna and Piper C in Year 5 who have been our first two children to gain a platinum SAGE award. Well done girls! For more information about the SAGE award, please visit <https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/our-school/the-colmers-farm-sage-award/>

Next Thursday, we will be having our KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and our KS2 Egg Diorama competitions. Weather permitting, EYFS and KS1 Parents are welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade at 2:50pm. Parents are welcome to see the Egg Diorama entrants at 3:15pm in the lower hall. Winners in both competitions will be announced in Friday's assembly. We look forward to seeing your entries. Good luck!

As a school we are always eager to support parents and our children. On Friday this week, Miss Cross organised for Lisa Walmsley from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT) to attend one of her regular SEND coffee mornings. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. I hope that you found this discussion to be useful. On the 28th April, from 9:00-10:00, we will be hosting a dyslexia workshop. We hope to see lots of you here for this. Please speak to Miss Cross if you would like more information about our coffee mornings or if you would like to suggest a focus for one of these.

A few weeks ago, children from our school took part in a World Maths Day competition on Mathletics. Our winners are:

Year 2 – Sara Nazir	Year 5 – Thomas Hayward
Year 3 – Kyla-May Edwards	Year 6 – Darcie Manger
Year 4 – Hayden Barnwell	

Well done to all our winners.

Today, Year 3 had a special visit from a geologist. This supported Year 3's science topic for this term. Well done Year 3 for your great questions during this session.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams (Headteacher)

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 29th March
KS2 Governors Award
Assembly

Thursday 30th March
Easter Bonnet Parade
Eggshibition
KS1 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

Friday 28th April
Dyslexia Workshop

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?



Unfortunately, there is nothing new
on our website this week.

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

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Pupil e-safety challenge

A big flashing star appears on your screen telling you that you've won £100. All you have to do is click on the link. Do you –

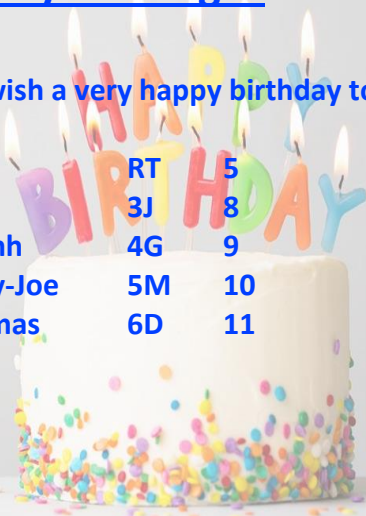
- Click on the link. I've won and I want my £100.
- Click on the link and see what information it asks for.
- Don't click on it and tell an adult.

This week's answer = C. You should never click on a link that pops up on your screen, it could be a scam. This is a very clever way for people to scam you out of your money or hack your computer. Make sure to tell an adult if something like this happens.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Hunter	RL	5	Jace	RT	5
Sarano	RT	5	Mini	3J	8
Regan	4G	9	Niamh	4G	9
Saim	5M	10	Arley-Joe	5M	10
Logan	6D	11	Thomas	6D	11
Holly	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





As we come to the end of the Spring Term, it is time to calculate which children will be receiving attendance badges.

As the national average for primary schools has fallen since COVID, children with an attendance of **95% or above for this term** will receive attendance badges.

This will be calculated from 3rd January to 27th March inclusive (a total of 55 school days) and badges will be awarded on 29th March.

Please note that school days missed due to snow, class closures due to strikes and lack of transport during bus strikes will not impact on attendance percentages. These are coded as a 'Y' on children's registration certificates.

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

Our current school attendance to date is 92.4% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 5.

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3J	5	15
2	1W	5	12
=	2B	5	12
4	RT	5	9
=	5M	5	9
=	2P	5	9
=	RL	5	9
=	6G	5	9
=	4G	5	9
10	3F	5	6
=	1K	5	6
=	5T	5	6
=	RG	5	6
14	4L	5	3
15	6D	5	0

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 97.9%

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



3J – 95.2%

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



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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.

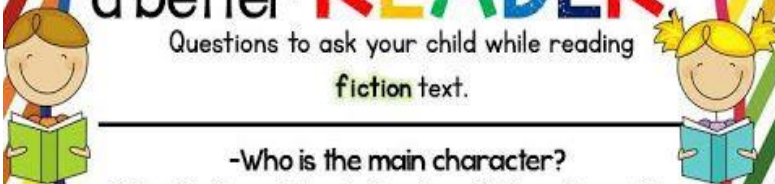
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

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.

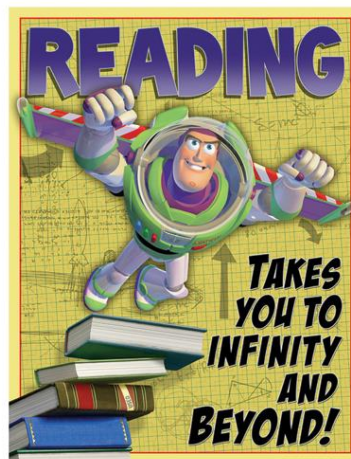


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	241,827
2 nd	4G	241,033
3 rd	6G	128,777
4 th	5M	105,951
5 th	3F	68,040
6 th	3J	38,080
7 th	4L	25,101
8 th	6D	8,996

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Paige (5T) 78,055
2 nd	Oliver (5M) 75,724
3 rd	Piper (5T) 73,735
Highest score this year	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G! - 100%	

Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	635,981,600
2 nd	6G	200,949,856
3 rd	5M	17,329,808
4 th	6D	11,500,829
5 th	3J	10,260,996
6 th	4G	7,323,696
7 th	4L	5,956,106
8 th	3F	2,962,013
9 th	2P	1,138,366
10 th	1K	845,018
11 th	2B	512,966
12 th	1W	111,866

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Kayden (5T) 232,750,032
2 nd	Thomas G (5T) 137,316,456
3 rd	Ruwan (5T) 108,647,344
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	14,800
2 nd	5M	14,388
3 rd	5T	9,210
4 th	3F	6,498
5 th	4G	2,884
6 th	2P	2,745
7 th	4L	2,490
8 th	6D	2,372
9 th	2B	1,560
10 th	3J	1,480

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Stefania (6G) 6,173
2 nd	Sujaan (5M) 3,660
3 rd	Danielle (3F) 3,501
Highest score this year	
Aliza (5T) 33,161	



Talking to your child about mental health

We understand it can seem difficult to talk to your child about their emotional health. Here are some top tips for starting the conversation.



TOP TIPS



Start small

You don't need to set hours aside to chat, just opening up conversation can make a difference

Let them know



Let your children know you are happy to talk and listen to them about any worries they may have



Keep it informal

Informal spaces like car journeys or whilst watching TV allow great opportunities to talk about serious topics in a relaxed way. TV shows and characters are a good way to bring up the topic

Use appropriate language



Talk in their language rather than using terminology they may not understand, but most children will understand the idea of feeling stressed, anxious or low. Explain this is what is meant by mental health



Use face flash cards

Younger children will probably not understand feelings as well as older children. Use pictures of different facial expressions e.g. happy, sad, angry, surprised, to help them identify and understand mental health.

Keep an open mind



Avoid being critical or dismissive of children's feelings and be accepting in order to normalise talking about it.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

Theodore	RL
Louis	1K
Makonnen	2P
Arlo-Jai	3J
Alyssia	4G
Piper V	5M
Kane	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Juno	RG	Theodore	RL	Regon	RT
Isabell	1K	Poppy	1W	Nevaeh	2B
Summer	2P	Tiegan	3F	Ava-Rae	3J
Louie	4G	Kaiden	4L	Mason	5M
Theo	5T	Soleila	6D	Miracle	6G

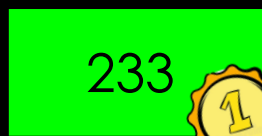


You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

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.

Rednal Hill Infant & Junior Easter Holiday Camp



FREE REDNAL HILL INFANT & JUNIOR EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

Premier Education are pleased to announce we will be running an action-packed free holiday activity Camp as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme which offers Free School Meal (FSM) children free holiday camp provision!

Venue: Rednal Hill Junior, Irwin Avenue, B45 8QY

Date: Tuesday 11th April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023

Activities: From Dodgeball, Dance and Archery to Arts and Crafts, sports and fun team games. We have plenty of activities to offer all abilities!

Key Information: Once a place has been booked, please ensure your child attends. If they are unable to attend, notification needs to be made to ensure your place is opened to the waiting list.

Age: 4 years – 12 years

Time: 9am – 1pm (FREE)

Booking Link: SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW or visit:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/820607>





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Action-packed
childcare this
**Easter
Holiday**

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Valid until 5pm on
Friday 24th March

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Alvechurch Middle School &
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Week 1 3rd - 6th April
Week 2 11th - 14th April

Open from **8am - 6pm**



For more info and to book your place visit
activecamps.co.uk or call **0121 663 1573**

Ofsted
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Action-packed childcare this Easter Holiday

Week 1 3rd - 6th April Week 2 11th - 14th April

Aspire Active Camps have a fun programme this school holiday for children aged 4-14. As we are an **Ofsted registered provider**, you can rest assured that all the child protection policies are in place and our coaches are suitably qualified to ensure your child's safety at all times.



A typical day at Aspire Active Camps

Early Drop Off 8am - 9.30am

Optional free early drop off with structured games and activities.

Academy Sessions 9.30am - 4pm

Choose from our range of sports activities.

Xtra Time 4pm - 6pm

Collecting your child after 4pm?
Xtra Time from £6.75 per day



Choose your academies



Multi Sports Academy offers a huge range of sports and alternative activities. Children aged 4 are eligible for half day Multi Sports Academy only.



Dance & Stage Beatz Academy is a fun and exciting programme of acting, singing, dancing and stage crafts.

Available in Week 1 only

Sibling Discount

Book a child at full price and each additional sibling will receive a **10% discount** off their booking.

Emergency Services Discount

Work for the Emergency Services? Receive **10% discount** off your booking. Just enter the discount code ESD when booking online. Only one discount code per booking. For validation show your ID card at camp.



For every £1 you spend, you will earn 10 points!

Every time you reach 2,000 points you can redeem £10 against your next booking.

Limited spaces available

BOOK ONLINE TODAY



Active Leaders is a series of challenges to achieve the Aspire Young Leader Award, providing the knowledge and confidence to organise and lead activities for small groups of children.

For more info visit aspire-sports.co.uk or call **0121 663 1573**

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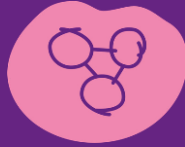
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