



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

Thank you to everybody who attended the parent/carer forum last week. We are really looking forward to working with you to enhance the experiences of our children whilst they are at our school.

This week myself and the leadership team have been visiting classes to see the learning taking place across our school. I have been in RL, 1W, 3F and our art studio watching lessons, looking in books and talking to our children about their learning. I have enjoyed these visits. The children in the classes that I visited demonstrated wonderful, enthusiastic learning behaviours, a good recall of learning from previous lessons and a real pride with their learning in books. Throughout my teaching career I have always loved learning new things and a big thank you to 1W for teaching me how to tell a leopard and a cheetah apart this week as part of their lesson on the 'Big Five' African animals. If you have a child in 1W, ask them for the answer.

Please note a change to our planned staff training days because of the strike action next week. The staff training day originally planned for Monday 27th February has now been cancelled. Therefore, we will now expect all our children in school on this date. We apologise for any inconvenience which may be caused by this change.

Over the last week, Miss Kelly and I have been carrying out behaviour surveys with children from each year group. Our children were very confident when talking about our school rules and how safe they feel in school. This was wonderful for us to hear.

Please can I remind everybody that our children in KS2 are only allowed a healthy snack during playtime. This must be either fruit, salad or vegetables. Cookies, crisps, chocolate and other unhealthy snacks are not allowed to be consumed at this time. We would be grateful for your support with reinforcing this message at home, we do not want to cause any upset when we challenge children about eating these unhealthy options at playtimes. Thank you for your support with this.

Pupil voice is always important to us. Piper and Mason in Year 5 have asked me if we can have book reviews sheets in the library so children can recommend books to other children. I think this idea is wonderful. From Monday, there will be book reviews for children to complete if they wish to at home. These book reviews can be returned to me and we will publish the best of them in future newsletters. Thank you again Piper and Mason for this idea.

I would like to remind parents about our expectations regarding uniform particularly regarding PE kits. Children should come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days (unless they are going swimming). At this time of the year, this should consist of plain black/navy blue tracksuit bottoms/leggings, a red t-shirt/polo shirt and a normal school jumper/cardigan to wear over the top. School uniform is important and we thank you for your support with this.

All children will be bringing home a letter regarding planned teacher strikes next Wednesday 1st February. Please read this carefully for full details.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 1st February
Strike day – see letter

Friday 3rd February
NSPCC Number Day
Y5 British Values Workshop

Monday 6th February
Y6 trip to Symphony Hall

Wednesday 8th February
Year 1 Maths Workshop

Thursday 9th February
Year 2 SATs workshop

Friday 10th February
Reception Maths workshop

Wednesday 15th and Thursday
16th February
Parents' Evening

Friday 17th February
Valentines Meal

Friday 17th February
Last Day of Term

Monday 27th February
Children return to school

**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?



Changes made to training days
(Diary and Term Dates)

Parent Coffee Mornings

We are holding parent coffee mornings on Friday 3rd, 10th and 17th March from 9am – 10am. Please sign up for these via Arbor under **Clubs**. There are 30 spaces available for each morning.



NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 3rd February, children can come to school in their own clothes or clothes with a number on. We are asking for a donation of tinned or packaged food for the local food bank. Thank you for your support with this.



Valentines Menu

On Friday 17th February the canteen will be having a special Valentine's menu for the children. All children who are entitled to free school meals will automatically receive this meal. For those children that pay, you will need to sign up through Arbor, under **trips**.



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: #FF4500;">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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Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Pupil e-safety challenge

You might see this image on the case of computer game.

What does it mean?

- You can buy this game with a credit card.
- This game contains gambling.
- This game contains in-game purchases to access additional content.
- There are puzzles in this game that you will need to solve.

This week's answer = c. Sometimes in games, you will be offered the opportunity to purchase special equipment or tokens using real money! These often help you to move through the game faster. Please ask your parent or carers' permission before making any online purchases.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Olivia	RG	5
Olivia	1K	6
Szymon	2P	7
Kayden	5T	10

Meadow	RL	5
Logan	1W	6
Sasha	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





3J

Week 15 of the Colmers Farm Attendance League means that all classes have 'played' each other. The winner of the first round of matches is 3J with an impressive 43 points! Their whole class attendance so far this year is 95.6% - really close to our whole school attendance target of 96% - well done!

The second round of matches begins next week!

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 92.8% - let's get this up to 96%!

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1K – 93.9%

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



3J – 95.9%

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 15.

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3J	15	42
2	5M	15	36
3	4L	15	33
4	2B	15	28
5	RL	15	27
=	1K	15	27
7	5T	15	21
=	1W	15	21
=	4G	15	21
=	3F	15	21
=	6G	15	21
12	RT	15	18
13	2P	15	15
=	6D	15	15
15	RG	15	7

Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:
[Safeguarding - Colmers Farm \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://safeguarding-colmersfarm.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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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.

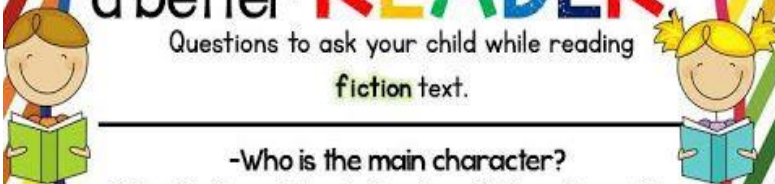
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

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.

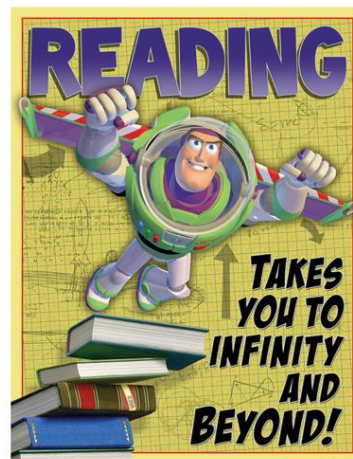


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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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	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4G	307,313
2 nd	6G	107,804
3 rd	5T	83,863
4 th	4L	81,091
5 th	6D	63,688
6 th	3F	61,607
7 th	5M	47,944
8 th	3J	44,557

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 230,226
2 nd	Thomas H (5T) 50,479
3 rd	Rocco (6G) 38,201
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 230,226	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	159,334,348
2 nd	5T	145,449,792
3 rd	4L	135,489,410
4 th	4G	29,456,612
5 th	5M	22,979,966
6 th	6D	7,811,072
7 th	3F	6,382,066
8 th	3J	4,639,314
9 th	2B	4,464,608
10 th	1K	3,579,284
11 th	1W	1,352,416
12 th	2P	444,314

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Isabella (4L) 117,347,614
2 nd	Poppie (6G) 74,978,922
3 rd	Ryan (5T) 52,745,816
Highest score this year	
Isabella (4L) 117,347,614	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	15,709
2 nd	6G	12,957
3 rd	5M	8,618
4 th	3F	8,350
5 th	4G	6,328
6 th	4L	5,860
7 th	6D	2,680
8 th	3J	2,350
9 th	2B	1,889
10 th	2P	360

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5T) 7,950
2 nd	Hayden (4L) 4,570
3 rd	Kyla-May (3F) 2,880
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi (3J) 10,100	



10 THINGS PARENTS CAN DO TO NOURISH THEIR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

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Provide them with autonomy. Allow them to make their own decisions



Emphasise the importance of good sleep, eating healthily and exercise



Talk your child. Help them to express their thoughts and feelings



Listen, listen, listen. Be patient and present when talking to your child



Support your child to develop positive relationships with family and friends



Role model positive mental health. Highlight the importance of self care and looking after yourself



Make sure your child feels loved, valued and safe



Provide your child with opportunities to play and be creative



Learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation and deep breathing. Practice them with your child



Involve yourself with your child's hobbies. Support and praise them



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:

Kade	RG
Ruby	1K
Emmett	2B
Ellis	3J
Cayleigh	4G
Alyssa	5T
Miracle	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Leighton	RG	Noah	RT	Miganne	RL
Abeerah	1W	Lilliemai	1K	Mason	2B
Jenson	2P	Paige	3F	Robyn	3J
Summer	4G	Lilah	4L	Lawson	5T
Zeyad	5M	Zakariya	6D	Afroz	6G



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

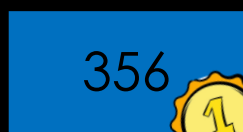
This week's house point results



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.

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



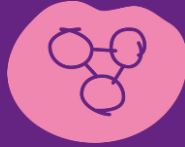
Special Needs & Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual Health



Mental Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

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ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

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