



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have a wonderful week.

Here at Colmers Farm, we are always looking for ways to provide our children with new experiences and on Wednesday we welcomed into school the Birmingham Royal Ballet to work with our Year 1 children. This workshop consisted of the children trying different ballet skills including stretches, side gallops and jumping. This was all done to various Disney songs/music, played by one of the Royal Ballet's staff on his keyboard. It was lovely to see all of our Year 1 children involved in this and thoroughly enjoying the session. We were also fortunate to have some children who have been invited to join the Royal Ballet's children's programme as a result of this workshop. Hopefully, some of these children will be able to take part in this. Thank you to Jenny, Andrew and Cathryn for visiting our school.



Our Year 5 and 6 football team were in action on Thursday evening at Paganel Primary School. They played a game against Paganel losing 2-0 and a game against St James' losing 1-0. Despite the scores, our children thoroughly enjoyed these games and they played really well as a team. Thank you for representing our school so well.

Over the past 10 weeks, Year 6 have been taking part in a special project called Resilience to Resolve. We are one of the first schools in Birmingham to take part in this project and it has been very successful. To celebrate our final session on Thursday, Year 6 were invited to The Factory Young Peoples Centre in Longbridge. I had the pleasure of accompanying eighteen Year 6s on this visit. Here the children took part in a variety of team building activities, which included creating a mummy, building the tallest possible structure from spaghetti and marshmallows, parachute games and much, much more. The children really enjoyed this visit (as did I) and I would like to thank the children for being such good role models for our school and also the Youth Service staff at The Factory for doing such a fantastic job with hosting us and organising all of the activities we took part in.



Please can you remind your children that chewing gum should not be brought into school. Chewing gum can be potentially life-threatening if consumed when children are running around at play/dinnertimes or during PE lessons. If your child does accidentally bring chewing gum into school, please remind them that this should be immediately given to their class teacher for safe keeping. This will then be returned at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Next Tuesday at 3:30pm, Miss Kelly will be leading a Parent and Carers forum Meeting that will focus on the planning of our summer school fair. Children are welcome to be brought to school by interested parents/carers for this meeting. Staff from Colmers Farm will look after any children for the duration of this meeting. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this meeting.

DIARY DATES

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May
Parents and Carers Forum
Meeting

Thursday 4th May
Colmers Coronation Cake Sale

Friday 5th May
Coronation Tea Party

Monday 8th May
Coronation Bank Holiday

Week beginning 8th May
KS2 SATs week

Tuesday 9th May
Animal Man for Reception

Tuesday 16th May
Class Photography Day

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?



Governor Members and Trustee information (Governors section)
Financial Statement for 2022 (Governors section)
Royal Ballet visit to Year 1 (News section)

Please remember that school will, unfortunately, be closed on Tuesday 2nd May to children in 1K, 1W, 2B, 2P and 3F due to the strike action. However, we look forward to seeing everybody else in school on this day.

On Friday next week, we will be having our early coronation celebrations at Colmers Farm. This will include:

- Children coming to school dressed in red, white and blue;
- A lunchtime fish and chips picnic (please pay via Arbor for this if you are not entitled to free school meals) – Your child will need to bring a blanket into school on this date;
- An arts and craft afternoon (Year 5 will do theirs in the morning due to swimming);
- Designing a coronation mug, which will be available for parents to purchase if they wish in mid-late May.

On Thursday we will also be hosting the Colmers Coronation Cake bring and buy sale. You should receive more detail about this today.

I hope that you all have a lovely extended weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

e-safety – Staying safe online

<h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1>A</h1> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> 
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Pupil e-safety challenge



Computer/tablet updates can be a bit of a pain. It is however important that you run these. Which of these is not a reason to update your computer/tablet?

- Updates give you new features on your device.
- They ensure your device displays the correct date and time.
- They help to prevent your device being hacked.
- They help to fix bugs and crashes.

This week's answer = B. Updates do many important jobs and they should be run as soon as they become available. Your device will probably still have the right date and time though even if you never update your device.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Theodore	RL	5
Ruby	1K	6



Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!
@Colmers_FarmPS





If your child is unable to attend school, it is essential that you **telephone the school office before 9am**. As a school we have a safeguarding responsibility for all children, and this includes finding out where children are when they are not at school. Text messages are sent, and telephone calls are made to absent children. If we are unable to contact families, we may come and do a home visit to make sure children and families are OK.

Communication is key, and we ask parents to keep in touch, including providing us with updated telephone numbers.

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

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 7.

Our current school attendance to date has slipped to **92.7%** - let's get this up to **96%**!

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 95.8%

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



3F – 94.8%

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	1W	7	18
=	3J	7	18
3	2B	7	15
=	2P	7	15
5	RL	7	12
=	RT	7	12
=	1K	7	12
=	3F	7	12
=	5M	7	12
=	5T	7	12
11	4G	7	9
=	6G	7	9
13	RG	7	6
14	4L	7	3
=	6D	7	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



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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.

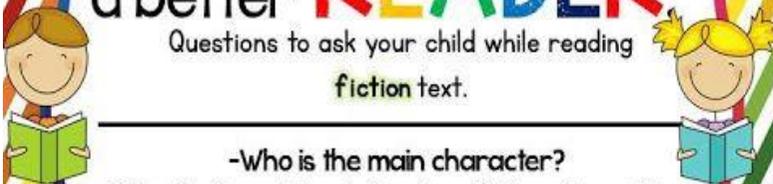
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

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.

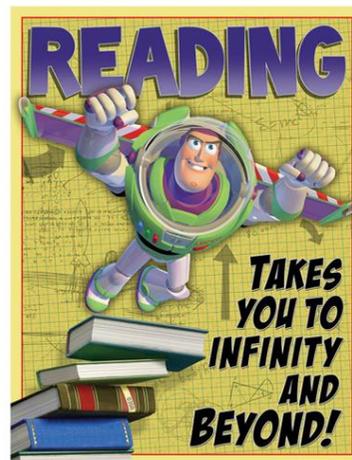


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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

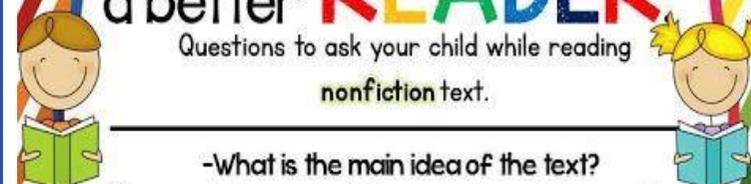
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READ, READ, READ!
Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud 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
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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	6G	274,736
2 nd	4G	249,920
3 rd	5T	130,633
4 th	3F	89,758
5 th	5M	47,643
6 th	6D	42,727
7 th	3J	34,757
8 th	4L	32,420

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 209,093
2 nd	Poppie (6G) 106,805
3 rd	Danielle (3F) 52,861
Highest score this year	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 100%	

Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	72,646,161
2 nd	4L	63,627,682
3 rd	5M	60,685,067
4 th	5T	20,503,026
5 th	3J	14,295,066
6 th	4G	10,422,074
7 th	6D	5,596,443
8 th	3F	3,640,536
9 th	1K	2,363,298
10 th	2B	1,258,250
11 th	1W	211,414
12 th	2P	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5M) 59,809,747
2 nd	Moonshine (4L) 20,752,528
3 rd	Riley (6G) 17,992,000
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	14,280
2 nd	6D	11,982
3 rd	2P	10,594
4 th	2B	8,046
5 th	3F	7,776
6 th	5M	5,889
7 th	4G	5,378
8 th	5T	4,770
9 th	4L	1,790
10 th	3J	180

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Makonnen (2P) 9,700
2 nd	Emily (2B) 3,085
3 rd	Sujaan (5M) 2,949
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.

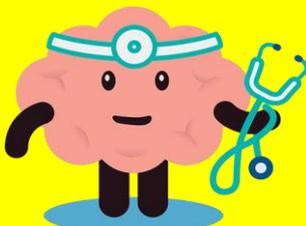
If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

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:

Alivia	RT
Nate	1K
Jenson	2P
Louie	3F
Hayden	4L
Olivia-Rose	5T
Thomas	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

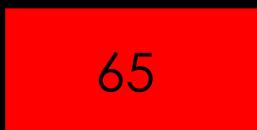
Well done to:

Abel	RG	Stephen	RL	Charlie	RT
Laurie	1W	Reggie-Jay	1K	Emily	2B
Lockie-John	2P	Robyn	3J	Sophie	3F
Tahmid	4L	Demi	4G	Demi-Lee	5M
Oliver	5T	Logan	6D	Rocco	6G



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

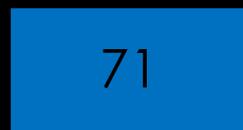
This week's house point results



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

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ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
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Hall Green
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