



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

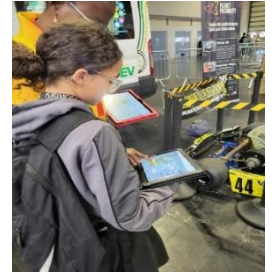
Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 30th June 2023

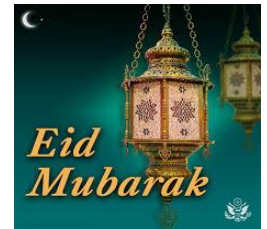
Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of last week, our Year 6s went to the Big Bang Event at the NEC. This was a great opportunity for the children to be inspired by seeing the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths) in action and also to find out how these subjects are applied in the real world, such as by seeing the robotic dog which is used to work in disaster zones or dangerous places. Our Year 6s had a fabulous day and they spoke very enthusiastically about this event when I spoke to them.



It has been test week for our Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 pupils this week. They have completed tests for reading, grammar and punctuation and maths. Well done to everybody for completing these.

Eid Mubarak to many of our Muslim families who this week celebrated the festival of Eid al-Adha. This is the second and the largest of the two main holidays celebrated within Islam and it honours the willingness of Prophet Abraham to make a great sacrifice to God. This festival is celebrated by dressing in their best clothes, attending communal prayer, through visiting loved ones and through lots of feasting. I hope that you all had a wonderful day.



This week our Year 5 pupils have been engaging in Bikeability lessons. This is a government run national cycle training programme, which we run annually at Colmers Farm (and forms part of our Colmers Farm, Primary Guarantee), which helps our pupils to learn practical skills, such as how to look after their bikes, and to understand how to cycle on roads. From the Year 5s I spoke to, they enjoyed being involved in this and learnt a lot.

We have two active school councils at our school, one in EYFS/KS1 and one in KS2. Our KS2 school council this week decided that they wanted to raise some money for some additional school playground equipment for playtimes and dinnertimes. You will have already received a letter from them telling you about a planned non-uniform day on Friday 14th July. Hopefully we can all support them to reach the target they have set for this.

Thank you to everybody for your bottle donations on Thursday for the school fair. We really appreciate these. Our school fair will take place next week on Thursday 6th July. We look forward to seeing lots of you there. Please note that we will also be having the Book Fair next week, as encouraging children to read is always a priority at our school. This will be open from Monday to Thursday for parents to purchase any books they wish in the lower hall, including on the school fair date.

This week we were again joined by our 2023/2024 EYFS children as they came for their second visit to our school. This was a lovely opportunity for them to continue to familiarise themselves with our school and to get to know their new teachers and for their new teachers to get to know them.

On Thursday, our EYFS children visited Little Owl Farm Park. They had a fabulous time holding animals, going on a tractor ride (where they were pulled around in a trailer) and watching the sheep racing. They represented our school excellently throughout the trip and they learnt so much from it. My apologies to all of our EYFS parents for the delay with the children returning to school, due to the bus breaking down. This obviously was not a planned experience, but fortunately it did not ruin the day. Thank you for your patience.

I hope that you enjoy the weekend.

Mr Williams

Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4 th July	Sports Day	All years
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day to new classes	All years
Thursday 6 th July	Summer Fayre	All years
Monday 10 th July	Sealife Centre Trip	Year 2
Tuesday 11 th July	Healthy Eating Workshop	Year 3
Friday 21 st July	Break up for Summer	
Monday 4 th September	Teacher Training Day – school closed	All years
Tuesday 5 th September	Teacher Training Day – school closed	All years
Wednesday 6 th 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?

- Sports Day letter
- Book Fair letter

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

Sports Day

Don't forget that Sports Day is on Tuesday 4th July! Please could you make sure you read the letter sent home with your child.

A copy is also saved to the school website under letters.

Travelling Book Fair

We are delighted to let you know that we will be having a travelling book fair coming into school between Monday 3rd July and Thursday 6th July.

The book fair will be available after school in the lower hall.

You will be able to pay cash or card for any books that you decide to purchase.

We are running a "3 books for the price of 2" offer for the duration of the book fair. There will be a wide variety of books on offer for all children from Reception to Year 6!



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



One of your friends shares with you an embarrassing photo of somebody in your class. They ask you to share it with all of your friends. What should you do?

1. Share the photo. It will make everybody laugh.
2. Delete the photo and ignore the message.
3. Do not share the photo and tell a trusted adult. Make sure that they tell somebody at school about this.

This week's answer = 3. Although the photo may be funny, the person on the photo will probably be embarrassed if other children in their class see it. This could be really upsetting. You must not spread images like this.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Rocco	6G	11
Moonshine	4L	9
Ethan	3F	8
Liliana	1W	6
Noah	3J	8
Lincon	4G	9
Louie	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 To Help You Sleep Better At Night

01 During the day, expose yourself to more bright light

02 Don't take long or irregular naps during the day

03 Consistently sleep and wake up

04 Make your bedroom as comfortable as possible

05 In the evening, relax and clear your mind





1W

Week 15 of the Colmers Farm Attendance League means that all classes have 'played' each other. The winner of the second round of matches is 1W with an impressive 39 points!

Our whole school attendance target remains at **95%** and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date has slipped to **92.4%** - let's keep going for the last 3 weeks of term!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 15.

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 96.8%

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



5M – 97.3%

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	1W	15	39
2	RL	15	33
=	2B	15	33
=	5M	15	33
5	2P	15	31
6	3F	15	30
7	1K	15	27
8	3J	15	24
9	RT	15	21
=	5T	15	21
11	6D	15	18
=	6G	15	18
13	4G	15	12
14	RG	15	10
15	4L	15	9

Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

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



Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

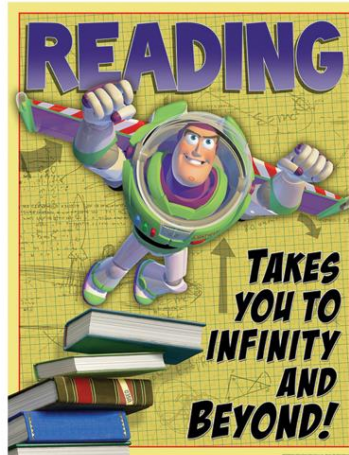
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4G	268,614
2 nd	6G	246,941
3 rd	6D	192,603
4 th	4L	87,881
5 th	3F	52,857
6 th	5M	43,894
7 th	3J	26,356
8 th	5T	5,649

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 192,696
2 nd	Poppie (6G) 144,634
3 rd	Abigail (6D) 71,987
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 327,157	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 93%	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	633,399,284
2 nd	3J	73,157,264
3 rd	5M	34,069,920
4 th	6D	31,142,577
5 th	5T	28,708,308
6 th	4G	5,859,932
7 th	4L	3,501,346
8 th	3F	2,784,352
9 th	1K	1,386,778
10 th	2B	1,296,000
11 th	2P	11,000
12 th	1W	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Oliver (6G) 163,453,406
2 nd	Arash (3J) 68,980,000
3 rd	Arian (6G) 68,036,020
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	2B	13,785
2 nd	6G	10,450
3 rd	5M	8,240
4 th	4L	6,130
5 th	3F	5,620
6 th	4G	2,920
7 th	6D	1,826
8 th	5T	1,229
9 th	3J	280
10 th	2P	54

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Stefania (6G) 4,870
2 nd	Ryan (5M) 4,060
3 rd	Sujaan (5M) 2,990
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:

Leighton	RG
Rosie	1K
Skye	2B
Noah H	3F
Mariam	4G
Arley Joe	5M
Clara	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Elsie	RG	Kyrie	RT	Mitchell	RL
Joshua	1W	Connor	1K	Rihanna	2B
Jenson	2P	Louie	3F	Noah	3J
Rainy	4G	Lincoln	4L	Omnya	5M
Harrison	5T	Chloe	6G	Shajeena	6D



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this

This week's house point results

202	219	205	171
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.

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Funding



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& Clothing



Parenting



Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

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Children's Partnership



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