



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



New Contact Details?

If you have a new phone number, email address, home address or you wish you update the information belonging to any of your other contacts' please let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a good week. Pupils at Colmers Farm learn many important skills during their time with us. At Colmers Farm, we believe that all of our pupils should receive first aid training in Year 3 and again in Year 5. This is part of our Colmers Farm Primary Guarantee (see our website for more details). We believe learning these skills is invaluable and could potentially save somebody's life. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our Year 3 and 5s had their training. They all really enjoyed this session. Our pupils learned about CPR, how to deal with choking, burns and bleeding. All of our year groups in KS2 have received at least one course of first aid in their time at Colmers.

On Wednesday, our Year 6s took part in a live question and answer session with the author Patrice Lawrence MBE. During this session Patrice spoke about Black History and about how she writes her books. She then took questions from our children and others around the country. Our Year 6s really enjoyed this session.



During my walk around school on Wednesday with Miss Kelly, we came across some lovely pieces of writing in Year 1. Our Year 1 children have been writing their own "tweaked" versions of Goldilocks and we were really impressed with what we saw. We were particularly impressed with William's writing in 1K (See opposite). Well done William!

On Thursday, our children had a special safety KS1 and KS2 assembly about the PANTS rules. The purpose of these assemblies was to identify times when people are and are not allowed to have physical contact with them. This helps to keep our children safe. Please see the pants rules on the next page.

On Thursday, we welcomed many of our Reception parents into school to find out more about how we teach phonics and how they can support their children at home. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending. I hope that you all found this session to be useful. If you were unable to attend, please see Miss Galvin and she will provide you with a pack of resources and the information you missed.

Please can I remind all parents of the importance of putting your child's names on their uniform and coats. We already have a lot of lost items in school which we are unable to reunite with their owners.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams (Headteacher)

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd October
Year 2 Reading and Phonics
Workshop

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

Friday 7th October
Year 6 Police Workshop
Hall open at 3pm for Lost
Property collection

Wednesday 12th October
Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Monday 17th October
Reception 2023 Open Evening
Y1 trip to Black Country
Museum
Year 3 Zoolab

Friday 21st October
Last day of school

Monday 31st October
Inset Day

**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?



Flu Immunisation letter

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org



PRIVATES ARE PRIVATE

ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

NO MEANS NO

TALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

SPEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP



Lost Property

Since coming back to school this term we have accumulated a large amount of lost property with no names on.

We will be opening our hall to parents at **3pm on Friday 7th October**, please do come and see if any of the unnamed lost property belongs to your child.



Flu Immunisation

The children will be bringing home a letter about Flu Immunisation in school.

Please complete and return the slip as soon as possible.

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



Someone sends you a website link which opens a weird advert that makes you feel uncomfortable. What should you do?

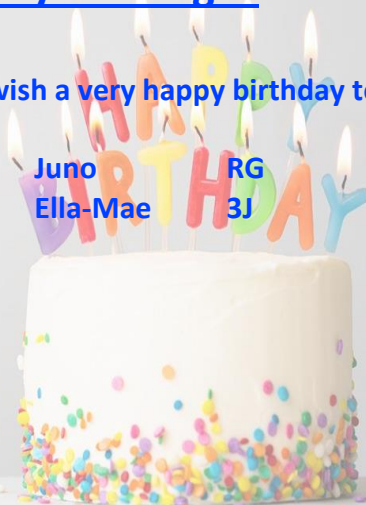
- Sit and watch the advert, even though it doesn't make you feel good.
- Share the link with your friends and get them to watch it too.
- Tell a trusted adult as soon as you can.

This week's answer = C. Always tell a trusted adult if something you see online makes you feel uncomfortable. If you ever get sent a link to a website you are not familiar with, even if it is from someone you know, you should ignore and delete the email after telling a trusted adult.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Ocean-Bleu	RG	5	Juno	RG	5
Nevaeh	2B	7	Ella-Mae	3J	8
Khloe	5T	10			



Please follow us on Twitter!

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

@Colmers_FarmPS





Why does school attendance matter?

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem like a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up. They miss lessons which can lead to big gaps in their learning, especially in a sequence of learning and when learning something new. Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

Please help us to help your children achieve highly and make great friendships. If school can support you with this, please let us know.

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:



1K – 97.9%

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



5M – 99.7%

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

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

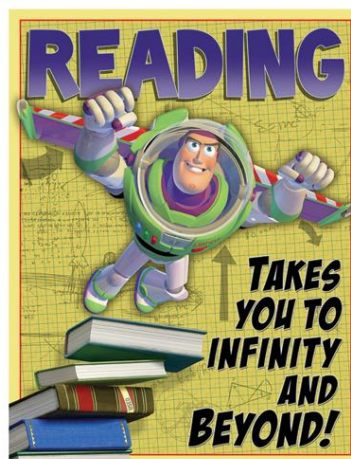
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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	4G	223,036
2 nd	6D	215,178
3 rd	6G	158,996
4 th	5T	68,328
5 th	3J	54,981
6 th	5M	35,256
7 th	3F	13,980
8 th	4L	7,072

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 223,036
2 nd	Maddie-Leigh (6G) 86,541
3 rd	Junior (6D) 86,203
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 223,036	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	139,821,170
2 nd	6G	115,243,368
3 rd	4G	64,626,906
4 th	6D	39,651,269
5 th	3J	20,906,729
6 th	3F	13,688,359
7 th	1K	3,915,106
8 th	5M	3,627,712
9 th	4L	2,859,262
10 th	2B	2,679,544
11 th	1W	2,010,634
12 th	2P	876,818

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Oliver (6G) 72,545,608
2 nd	Henry (5T) 56,384,712
3 rd	Ryan (5T) 43,182,310
Highest score this year	
Oliver (6G) 72,545,608	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3F	12,612
2 nd	3J	11,590
3 rd	4G	11,553
4 th	6G	11,310
5 th	5T	11,285
6 th	2B	11,168
7 th	2P	10,105
8 th	4L	9,980
9 th	6D	7535
10 th	5M	1,940

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Rio (4L) 4,320
2 nd	Ryan (5T) 3,728
3 rd	Kataleya (3F) 3,530
Highest score this year	
Stefania (6G) 5,294	



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HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

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LOVE
Be there for your child and show care and love



EXERCISE
Encourage play, exercise and sport



BEHAVIOUR
Keep an eye out for any changes in behaviour



SUPPORT
Regularly support, encourage and praise your child



REST TIME
Help your child to manage stress by building in some rest time



BE PROUD
Tell your child that you are proud of them



PATIENCE
Be patient. Don't pressure your child



HELP
Don't be afraid to seek help from professionals



FEELING
Get to know how your child is feeling



EDUCATE
Educate yourself about mental health problems



PROBLEM SOLVING
Help your child to effectively problem solve



LISTEN
Make sure you take time to listen to what your child has to say



COPING
Help your child to learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation



SYMPTOMS
Be aware of signs and symptoms



CONVERSATION
Encourage your child to engage in conversation

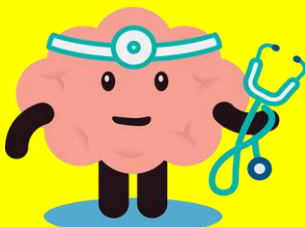


ENVIRONMENT
Provide a positive environment for your child where they can thrive



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:

William	1K
Macie	2P
Spencer	3F
Niamh	4G
Owen	5T
Maddie-Leigh	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Sawyer	RT	Ocean-Bleu	RG	Tori	RL
Kelliyah	1K	Amy	1W	Winnie-Mae	2P
Rihanna	2B	Angel	3F	Hollie	3J
Aliyah	4L	Alyssia-Jade	4G	Lonnie	5M
Owen	5T	Junior	6D	Oliver	6G



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

This week's house point results

405

Farah

350

Thompson

407

Daley



399

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 Swap 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.ruberyswapshop.co.uk or ruberyswapshop@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



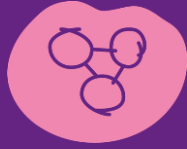
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& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

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