



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It was great seeing everybody back after half term. I hope that you enjoyed the time with your family.

Parents' Evening

Please remember, that if you were unable to make parents' evening before half term, you are still able to book a parents' evening with your child's teacher. Please speak to your child's class teacher directly to do this or the school office. These meetings can be face to face or on the telephone. These meetings are very important, and we aim for 100% attendance at these by our parents. Only by closely working together are we able to ensure that your child can reach their full potential.

Panathlon School Sports Event

Congratulations to the 8 children from Years 3-6 who represented our school at the Panathlon Schools' Competition at Birmingham University. They were Rowan (3B), Scarlet (3B), William (4J), Emily (4V), Ellis (5S), Evelyn (5E), Alex (6H) and Arley-Joe (6H). The children took part in a range of activities including kurling, boccia, paddle ball, relay races and table football. Out of the 11 schools who took part, we finished fourth overall, which was fantastic. The teamwork and leadership qualities demonstrated by our children were wonderful. Well done to you all!

Lost Uniform

We have amassed quite a collection of school uniform items and coats that have been lost so far this term. Although we always try our best to reunite lost uniform and coats with their owners this, is not always possible. We kindly request that school uniform items (in particular jumpers) and coats are labelled with your child's name (and if possible current class). Thank you for your support with this.

Diwali

Happy Diwali to our families that are celebrating this festival over the weekend. We hope that you enjoy your celebrations. Diwali is the festival of lights which is celebrated by people who follow Hinduism and Sikhism. To celebrate Diwali we had a 'dress in bright colours day' at our school on Friday and our children found out more about this festival. They also spent the afternoon exploring and creating rangoli patterns.



Odd Socks Day

To start anti-bullying week on Monday next week, we will be having our annual **Odd Socks Day**. This day helps to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. Please send your child into school in odd socks on this day.

Year 5/6 residential

45 of our Year 5 and Year 6 children spent three days and two nights on their residential experience. This is now an annual event on our calendar and is part of our Colmers Farm Primary Guarantee. These children had a wonderful time developing a range of skills and taking part in lots of different activities, such as shooting, the high-bridge course, the night walk, the underground maze, rock climbing, zip wiring and many others.

They represented our school magnificently. This was a wonderful experience for our children and it is something they will remember forever. A big thank you to Mr Bowtell, Miss Cross, Miss Evans, Miss Hill and Miss Nazir for giving up their time to accompany our children on this and for making this experience such a success.

Commonwealth Games Legacy Workshops

It's been just over a year since Birmingham played host to the Commonwealth Games and if you were fortunate enough to go, I am sure that you would agree that it was spectacular I was fortunate myself to see the beach volleyball at Smithfield – An event I never thought I'd ever see in Birmingham. On Thursday, we were visited by members of the legacy team who are keeping the memory and values of the games alive. They worked with years 4, 5 and 6 in their workshops which involved finding out more about the sports and venues and taking part in activities which tested what they had remembered. The children enjoyed these sessions.

Children in Need Day

Children in Need Day is next Friday (17th November). For this day, children can come into school wearing non-uniform – preferably with some spots somewhere. We ask children to bring a silver coin in as a donation to this charity which does such wonderful work with children not just in this country, but across the world. You can also make donations via the just giving page - <https://justgiving.com/campaign/primaryschool>. Thank you for support with this charity.



Art Exhibition

Just before half term, we had big arts week. On Monday next week, we will be having our big arts week exhibition from 3:15pm in the upper hall. We are eager for as many parents as possible to view this after school. We look forward to seeing you then.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is an important annual event and this week our children have been reminded of the significance of this event through assemblies and though observing a minute's silence on Friday. Thank you to everybody who purchased a poppy or another item to support this fabulous charity.



Parent Art Workshop

It was great to see so many parents attending the Art Workshop today with their Reception children. We hope that you enjoyed this session and will continue to enjoy the sessions for the remainder of this Autumn Term. A big thank you to Mrs Oliver for organising and running this workshop.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

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 other than on their PE day, unless this is short term with prior agreement.

For details about our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

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.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 13 th November	Odd Sock Day	All years
Wednesday 15 th November	e-Safety Workshop for KS1 Parents	2pm
Thursday 16 th November	e-Safety Workshop for KS2 Parents	2pm
Thursday 16 th November	Flu immunisations	All years
Thursday 16 th November	School Photo Day	All years
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day – wear something spotty	All years
Wednesday 22 nd November	Synagogue Visit	Year 3
Wednesday 22 nd November	Central Mosque Visit	Year 5
Tuesday 28 th November	Aladdin Panto	
Thursday 30 th November	ZooLab visit	Year 3
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All years
Tuesday 19 th December	Dogs Trust Visit	Year 6
Tuesday 19 th December	Nativity	9:30am
Wednesday 20 th December	Nativity	2:30pm
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Parties	All years
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas	
Monday 8 th January 2024	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Pupils Return to School	
Tuesday 6 th February	Symphony Hall Trip	Year 6
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2024	Half Term Holiday - school closed to pupils	
Monday 19 th February 2024	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays – school closed to pupils	
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	SATs week	Year 6
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Whitsun Half Term Holiday – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 5 th June 2024	Class photo day	

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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.



Please follow us on Twitter!

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

@Colmers_FarmPS



Happy Birthday Messages

For this week we would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

Thomas	6H	11	Ellis	3B	8
Reagan	6B	11	Eden	3F	8
Georgie	5S	10	Louis	2P	7
Olivia	1K	6	Sophie-Mae	4V	9
Peyton	RG	5	Euan	5S	10



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

What's New on the Website?

- Children in Need letter
- Odd Socks Day letter
- Poppy Appeal letter
- e-Safety workshop letter – KS1 and KS2
- Mosque Visit Letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Cleo	RG
Noah	1W
Enah	2P
Aisha	3B
Zoe	4J
Rykey	5E
Ruwan	6H




This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Due to half term we did not have a celebration assembly today.



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	203 	195	139	174

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	1950	1920	2024	2031 

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



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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, 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.



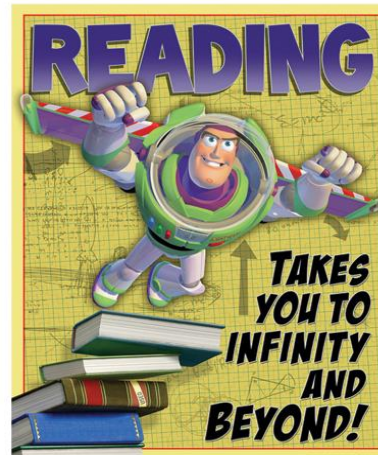
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



To send or not to send?

From time to time your child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather' for example with a runny nose, headache, tummy ache.

The school will always contact you if your child becomes too unwell.

Lots of people think that missing the odd day at school here and there can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work and not be able to catch up, leaving gaps in their knowledge. There could be other problems too; children who miss school are missing out on the social side of things which affects their ability to make and keep friends and it can dent their confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

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 93.9% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 8.

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	RJ	8	21
=	3B	8	21
3	2P	8	15
=	5E	8	15
5	RG	8	12
=	1K	8	12
=	2M	8	12
=	3F	8	12
=	4V	8	12
=	6B	8	12
=	6H	8	12
12	4J	8	9
13	RL	8	3
=	1W	8	3
15	5S	8	0

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2M – 96.7%

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



6H – 99.1%



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	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	166,764,492
2 nd	1K	42,064,582
3 rd	5E	16,849,180
4 th	4V	4,537,465
5 th	3F	2,279,642
6 th	2P	593,782
7 th	4J	234,000
8 th	1W	160,153
9 th	6H	82,478
10 th	6B	28,130

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (5S) 45,170
2 nd	Sujaan (6H) 6,164
3 rd	Evelyn (3F) 3,885
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 238,480	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	183,347,036
2 nd	1K	54,752,328
3 rd	5E	16,599,148
4 th	4V	4,438,026
5 th	3F	2,279,642
6 th	2P	702,984
7 th	1W	326,062
8 th	4J	234,000
9 th	6H	82,478
10 th	6B	28,130
11 th	5S	10,123
12 th	2M	9,130

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Godpower (3B) 182,422,920
2 nd	Manuel (1K) 52,858,000
3 rd	Kaiden (5E) 12,809,368
Highest score this year	
Godpower L. (3B) 182,422,920	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	2M	118,560
2 nd	3B	102,021
3 rd	5E	88,068
4 th	2P	74,427
5 th	4V	38,023
6 th	6H	35,562
7 th	6B	24,600
8 th	3F	24,310
9 th	4J	24,154
10 th	5S	21,987

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (3B) 51,568
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 35,757
3 rd	Laurie (2M) 21,974
Highest score this year	
Scarlet (3B) 51,568	