



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 12th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good Easter break and celebration with your families. It was lovely to see everybody back in school full of enthusiasm and ready to start the summer term on Monday.

Netball Game

On Sunday afternoon, Miss Rudge and I took a group of 7 pupils (who go to our netball club each week) to a professional Super League netball game at the University of Worcester, between Severn Stars and Surrey Storm. After watching the game, our pupils got to meet some of the Severn Stars players and to get their autographs. Our pupils were impeccably well behaved, and they thoroughly enjoyed this experience. Hopefully they also picked up a few tricks and skills which they can use in their future netball games. Thank you everyone for what was a lovely Sunday afternoon.



Year 6 SATs Booster club

A big thank you to Miss Brenwald and Mrs Platt for organising and running the Year 6 SATs booster club over the Easter break. With SATs fast approaching it was great to see so many children attending and further developing their skills, knowledge, and confidence in preparation for these tests. Thank you to all the children who gave up part of their holiday to attend this.

Autism Acceptance Week

This week was Autism Acceptance Week. Autism affects millions of people worldwide and we wanted, as part of our 'No Outsiders' school ethos to raise awareness of this at our school. On Monday everybody came into school wearing something bright, and there were many bright outfits on show. We also had a special assembly where our pupils found out more about autism and how autistic people may act in a different way to other

Eid

Eid Mubarak to our Muslim staff and families who celebrated Eid-Al-Fitr on Wednesday. This is an important holiday within the Islamic world, and we hope that you had a wonderful celebration.



Topic homework

Thank you for all the geography and history topic homework we have received this week. Completing this is a great way for your children to develop an early interest in their topic and to learn some facts about it. Please keep this homework coming into school. We always love to see this work.

Rags 2 Riches

Don't forget that our Rags 2 Riches collection is next Wednesday. If you could bring in any clothing donations in by Tuesday ready for collection the next morning, we would really appreciate it. The Eco committee will be helping to get the donations weighed and on the collection morning and we will reveal the amount raised in next week's newsletter. Thank you for all your support with this.



And finally...



Does your child know what the CEOP button does and where to find it on our school website?



Children being safe online is hugely important. It is therefore important that your child knows where the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Team) button is on our school website, as this is one way of helping them to stay safe. Please take some time to show them this and to remind them what it is for. This button allows your child to report any serious e-safety concerns (such as somebody asking them to do things online which are inappropriate) to the CEOP team. This button also contains helpful information for parents about a range of e-safety issues. You may also find the e-safety section of our school website useful also, please take some time to look at this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 17 th April	Rags 2 Riches bag collection	All years
Wednesday 24 th April	School councillors’ trip to Green Meadow	
Monday 22 nd April – Friday 26 th April	Bikeability	Year 3 and Year 4
Monday 29 th April	Eye test	Reception classes
Monday 29 th April – Friday 3 rd May	Bikeability	Year 3 and Year 4
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	
Monday 3 rd June	School re-opens	All years
Monday 3 rd June	Class photo day	
Thursday 13 th June	Wythall Transport Museum Trip	Reception
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day	All years
Friday 21 st June	Big Bang Trip	Year 6
Monday 24 th June	School councillor trip to Heath Mount	
Wednesday 26 th June	Visit to Kings Edward IV Northfield School for girls	Year 5
Wednesday 3 rd July	Secondary school transition day	Year 6
Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July	Book Fair	3:30pm
Monday 8 th July	Cadbury World Trip	Year 3
Tuesday 9 th July	SeaLife Centre Trip	Year 2
Tuesday 9 th July	Knife Crime workshop	Year 6
Friday 12 th July	End of year reports go home	All years
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer	All years
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	

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!

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

Abeerah	2M	7
Meleko	RJ	5
Camille	1W	6
Aria	RJ	5
Paige	4V	9
Bin	RL	5

What's New on the Website?

- EYFS Transport Museum trip letter
- Year 6 Big Bang Fair trip letter
- Year 3 Cadbury World trip letter
- Year 5 Kings Edward IV Northfield School for Girls trip letter



ORACY Questions to ask your child.

To further develop ORACY skills for children here at Colmers Farm, we would encourage all parents to ask their child their year group questions below in order to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning in school.

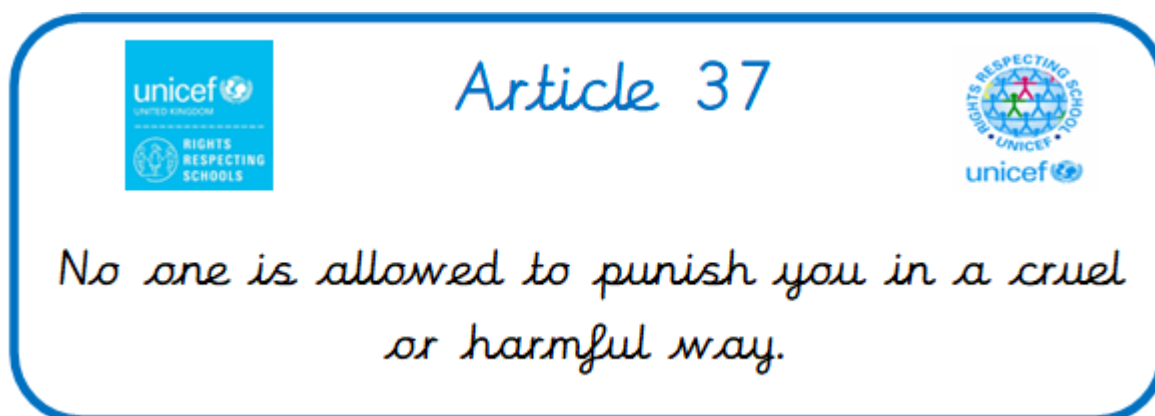
- Reception:** Tell me about the animals you met when the Animal Man came to school.
- Year 1:** What does a plant need to grow?
- Year 2:** What does it mean to be healthy?
- Year 3:** What is the different between a village, town, and city?
- Year 4:** What do you think it would be like to live in a castle?
- Year 5:** Who are Rosa Parks and Martin Luther Kind and why are they well-known?
- Year 6:** What is migration?

Rights Respecting Article

We are actively promoting children's rights and ensuring they know them. Please see an 'Article of the Week' below for you to share with your child'?

For more information, please visit the below website:

[The Right to Participation for Rights Respecting Schools - UNICEF UK](#)



If children break the law, governments should make sure that they are treated fairly, are kept safe and not put in prison with adults.

Governments should provide children with legal help and make sure they can have contact with their family.

Article 37 of the UNCRC says that children and young people:

- shouldn't be tortured.
- shouldn't be imprisoned for life with no chance of release.
- shouldn't lose their freedom for no reason or in a way that is illegal.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Natasha	RG
Alivia	1W
Avira	2M
Lilly	3F
Hope	4V
Harvey	5S
Tyler	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Celebration assembly will begin again
next week.



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	28	283	199	233

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	3397	3458	3433	3615



Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please also see the safeguarding page on our school website for further information:
<https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/our-school/safeguarding/>

If you think a child is in immediate danger, don't delay – call the police on 999

At Colmers Farm Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have four Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. They are:



If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email our school using the following email address: safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

If your concern is urgent and it is out of school hours, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust - Emergency out-of-hours number: 0121 675 4806



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.

They aim to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child, please contact them. They will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.



NSPCC

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, you can also contact the NSPCC. It doesn't have to be an emergency – you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Their team of dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise you and take any necessary action.

Call 0800 800 5000 (10am-4pm Monday to Friday) or email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.



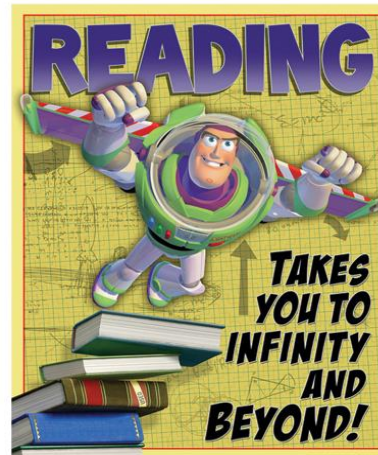
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



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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	3B	162,272
2 nd	5S	81,363
3 rd	4V	70,948
4 th	5E	46,071
5 th	4J	27,620
6 th	3F	27,305
7 th	6B	21,084
8 th	6H	996

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Skylar (3B) 79,963
2 nd	Evelyn (5S) 45,268
3 rd	Ellis (3B) 44,699
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,124,639	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	616,404,212
2 nd	5S	8,176,554
3 rd	1K	5,460,000
4 th	3F	5,313,324
5 th	5E	3,417,128
6 th	6B	1,293,864
7 th	6H	1,139,696
8 th	4V	1,120,241
9 th	2M	607,518
10 th	4J	0
11 th	1W	0
12 th	2P	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Godpower (3B) 614,469,448
2 nd	Moonshine (5S) 5,790,000
3 rd	Manuel (1K) 5,460,000



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	401,206
2 nd	5E	308,536
3 rd	2M	226,829
4 th	2P	159,594
5 th	4V	128,874
6 th	6H	100,751
7 th	3F	100,090
8 th	6B	65,959
9 th	5S	57,926
10 th	4J	49,152

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (3B) 211,404
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 190,695
3 rd	Laurie (2M) 49,891
Highest score this year	
Scarlet (3B) 211,404	