



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

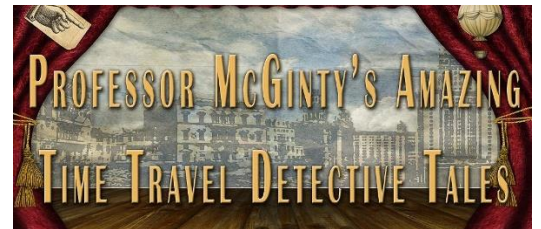
Spelling Shed

As you are aware, we have several computer programs that we encourage our children to use each week at home to develop their maths or English skills. Unfortunately, one of these programs, Spelling Shed, encountered a technical issue which resulted in our school's access having to be reset. This issue has now been resolved and all our children will be receiving new usernames and password for this program over the next week. We apologise for any inconvenience this technical issue has caused.

Professor McGinty

On Wednesday, we welcomed back to school one of our most charismatic and hilariously funny regular visitors Professor McGinty (the time travelling detective). This visit was linked to Year 4's current history topic about the Romans. In this workshop our children gained a humorous insight into life during the Roman period in Britain.

The children (and staff) loved this session and they found out lots of new facts. Professor McGinty was impressed with our Year 4s during his visit and with their questioning skills. We very much look forward to the Professor's next visit to our school.



Our School Parliamentarian's visit to London

There is now a video in the news section of our school website showing the photos of our School Parliamentarian's visit to London with children from one of the other schools in our multi-academy trust, Turves Green. Look out for the photos of us with one of Downing Street's biggest celebrities the Prime Minister's cat Larry. We hope that you enjoy watching this.

Maths Workshop at Colmers Farm

On Friday, our KS2 maths lead Miss Hill welcomed 5 teachers from primary schools across Birmingham into her classroom to observe her maths mastery lesson. Miss Hill is a maths mastery specialist teacher, who as well as supporting maths at our school with Mrs Platt, also helps to develop maths at other schools in Birmingham. Our visitors were very impressed with the lesson they saw and the children they met in this group and around school. Well done everybody!

School Attendance

Regular school attendance is very important in enabling all our children to reach their full academic potential. Children, during this time of the year, do pick up colds and other minor illnesses. If your child is suffering from a minor illness, please send them into school. If their symptoms get worse, we will always call home to enable you to make an informed decision about what to do. Also, we appreciate that getting appointments out of school time can sometimes be difficult, however please try to do this wherever possible. Thank you for your support with this.



Head Pupil Applications

Thank you to all our Year 6 pupils that have applied to be our next head pupils. Mrs Young and I are looking forward to reading the applications we have received over the weekend. We will let our applicants know early next week whether or not they have been successful in going through to the next stage of the process... the election campaigning.

Permission Forms

This week you will have received a letter with a blue form attached asking for updated permissions for your child. It is very important that we have up to date information on our system for your child and would really appreciate your support in ensuring this form is completed and returned to the school by Monday 16th October.

Open Day for New Reception Cohort 2024/2025

On Wednesday 18th October, we will be having an open day for our 2024/2025 reception parents. These will take place from 9:30-10:30 and 17:00-18:00. If you know anybody who has a child who will be starting reception next year, please encourage them to attend. We look forward to seeing everybody then.



Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you have a lovely 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
Tuesday 17 th October	Professor McGinty Workshop – WWII	Year 6
Wednesday 18 th October	EYFS Open Day – September 2024	9:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday 18 th October	EYFS Open Evening	5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents Evening	Times TBC
Wednesday 25 th October	Black Country Living Museum Trip	Year 1
Thursday 26 th October	Parents Evening	Times TBC
Tuesday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications	Year 6
Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November	Half Term Holiday – school closed to pupils	
Monday 6 th November	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 8 th November 2023 – Friday 10 th November	Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip – Boundless Outdoors	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 15 th November	Phonics Workshop	Year 1
Thursday 16 th November	Flu immunisations	All years
Thursday 16 th November	School Photo Day	All years
Wednesday 22 nd November	Synagogue Visit	Year 3
Thursday 30 th November	ZooLab visit	Year 3
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	
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:

Alexander	6H	11	Scarlet	3B	8
Marigold	RG	5	Joshua	2M	7
Amelia	5S	10	Regon	1K	6
Lilliemai	2P	7	Evelyn	3F	8
Ivy	1K	6			



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?

- Big Art Week – Show portrait letter
- Permissions form in letters
- ECO Committee letter
- ECO Club letter – Year 2



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfex>.



NATURAL COLD COUGH REMEDIES FOR YOUR KID

- Honey
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Soothing Treats
- Cool-Mist Humidifier
- Salt Water Gargle
- Propped-up Position
- Saline Solution
- Chest Rub

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Meghan RJ
 Elijah 1K
 Kian 2P
 Skye 3B
 Scarlet 3B
 Kaydi Ann 4V
 Kaiden 5E
 Alyssa 6H




This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Natasha	RG	Michael	3F
Meleko	RJ	Reignn	4J
Conor	RL	Sean	4V
Alivia	1W	Tim	5S
Ava	1K	Rio	5E
Amy	2M	Arley-Joe	6H
Rory	2P	Omnya	6B
Kayden	3B		



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	268	227	314 	270

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	1110	1051	1177 	1197

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 0800 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.



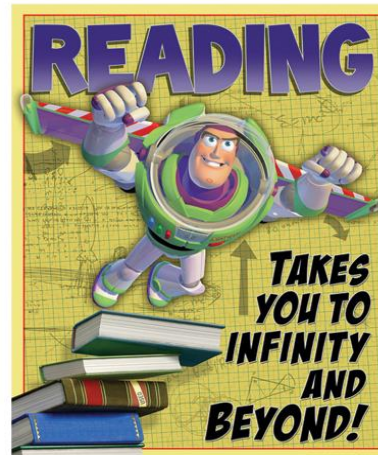
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



We are getting to the time of year where more children are coming down with coughs and colds. It is this time of the year that school attendance slips, and our whole school attendance has gone down weekly for the last 2 weeks.

In order to help children to build resilience to these childhood viruses it is essential they are in school as much as possible.

Thank you for your support.



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 **93.7%** - let's get this up to **96%**!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 4.

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	RJ	4	12
=	3B	4	12
=	5E	4	12
4	2P	4	9
=	4V	4	9
6	RG	4	6
=	1K	4	6
=	2M	4	6
=	3F	4	6
=	4J	4	6
=	6B	4	6
12	RL	4	3
=	6H	4	3
14	1W	4	0
=	5S	4	0

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RJ – 97.9%

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



6B – 96.8%



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	114,143
2 nd	5E	76,740
3 rd	3F	26,117
4 th	3B	13,553
5 th	4J	8,330
6 th	5S	7,296
7 th	6H	3,290
8 th	4V	1,595



Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Oliver (6B) 54,938
2 nd	Evelyn (6B) 41,334
3 rd	Gabriella (6B) 35,987
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 170,529	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	47,422
2 nd	5E	41,224
3 rd	2M	36,500
4 th	2P	34,107
5 th	6H	25,385
6 th	3F	19,094
7 th	4V	16,752
8 th	5S	16,392
9 th	4J	12,642
10 th	6B	12,260

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (3B) 18,851
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 13,840
3 rd	Sujaan (6H) 10,528
Highest score this year	
Scarlet (3B) 18,851	