



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

School Parliamentarian Visit

On Monday, our Year 4, 5 and 6 School Parliamentarians met up with other School Parliamentarians from across the MAT at Parkfield Community School in Alum Rock. They carried on working, with the other Parliamentarians, on a number of tasks which included recording a winter song and helping to record a second podcast. Our children also had a tour of the school and continued to develop their confidence and friendships with the children they originally met during the first meeting at Colmers Farm. Thank you for representing our school so brilliantly!

Book Fair

The ability to read well is such an important skill for children to master and children having access to a range of good quality books both inside and outside of school is vital to this. This week, we hosted a book fair at Colmers Farm and this was an ideal opportunity for you to purchase a book or two for your child to add to their home collection. We hope that you enjoy your purchases. Every book purchased helps us raise money for the school. Thank you everybody for supporting this initiative.

Meeting a Lord

It is not every day that you get to meet a real-life Lord... but that's exactly what Years 3 and 5 got to do on Friday afternoon. These year groups got to meet Lord Browne, who took time out of his busy schedule, to meet with us via Teams. Lord Browne was a solicitor before entering politics and he served in the cabinet under Tony Blair and then later Gordon Brown as secretary of Scotland and then defence and he is now a member of The House of Lords. Our children asked him questions about his roles and his life and found out more about how democracy works in this country. We would like to thank the Houses of Parliament Education Team for organising this meeting and also Lord Browne for taking time to both meet us and to answer our questions.



Year 2 Showcase

On Tuesday, Year 2 performed their 'Great Fire of London and Plague' showcase to their parents. It was a huge turnout- thank you all for coming along. The children really enjoyed sharing this with you and we hope you enjoyed seeing what hard work they have been doing at school.

Coca Cola Truck

What a surprise! On Wednesday, the Coca Cola Christmas truck appeared on the Morrisons' carpark. Lots of children (and staff and parents) went to see and enjoyed playing in the snow globe, looking at the lights and drinking a can of Coke, some children told us they even waited 2 hours!



I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 19 th December	Dogs Trust Visit	Year 6
Tuesday 19 th December	Nativity	9:30am
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 2 Festive Film Night	3:15 – 6pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Colmers Christmas Cake Sale	3:15 - 3:45
Wednesday 20 th December	Nativity	2:30pm
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumper Day	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	All years
Wednesday 17 th January 2024	Citizens Advice Drop-in session	All day
Thursday 25 th January	Birmingham Cathedral Trip	Year 6
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	
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer	
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	



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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:

George	6B	11
Thomas	6H	11
Skye	3B	8
Demi-Lea	4J	9
Ava-Leigh	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?

- Christmas Cake sale letter
- Christmas Party Day letter

Head Pupils

After a competitive and high-quality campaigning process by our 9 Head Pupil candidates, today we were delighted to announce our two winners who gained the most votes.

Our two new Head Pupils are **Mianne (6H)** and **Piper (6H)**.

Mr Williams and Mrs Young look forward to working with our two new Head Pupils over the rest of the school year to continue our journey of school improvement.

Christmas Party Day!

Friday 22nd December – Children can come to school wearing their party clothes but please do ensure these are suitable for outdoor play. No sandals or open toe shoes.

Please could you send your child into school with a small bag/box of goodies for them to enjoy themselves (not to share).

Please remember we are a nut free school.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Rian	RL
Esshac	1W
Mahz	2P
Ruby	3F
Kaylica	4V
Callum	5E
Blake	6H




This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Micaiah	RG	Brayden	RL	Cyrus	RJ
Zacharias	1W	Arlo	1K	Amelia	2P
Chae	2M	Oscar	3B	Evelyn	3F
Emma-Mae	4J	Harley	4V	Emily	5E
Isabella	5S	Evie	6B		



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	79 	18	30	26

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	2560	2368	2491	2572 

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:



Mrs Young
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Care
Deputy DSL



Mrs Evans
SENCO
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.



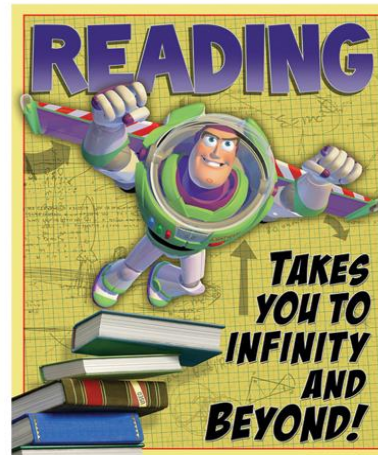
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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

Our whole school attendance target remains at **96%** and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our school attendance for the Autumn Term so far is 93.6% -

let's get this up to 96% in the Spring!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table Autumn Term:

WINNERS: 3B



Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3B	13	36
2	2P	13	30
3	RJ	13	27
4	5E	13	24
=	6H	13	24
6	2M	13	21
=	3F	13	21
=	4V	13	21
9	6B	13	18
10	RG	13	15
=	1K	13	15
=	1W	13	15
=	4J	13	15
14	RL	13	6
15	5S	13	3

CLASS AWARDS:

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS / KS1 this term is:



RJ – 97.3%

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 this term is:



3B – 97.1%

Well done to the 238 children who earned their bronze badges this term!





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Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5S	138,504
2 nd	5E	110,938
3 rd	4J	70,508
4 th	3F	57,426
5 th	4V	47,225
6 th	6B	33,220
7 th	3F	18,498
8 th	6H	19,127

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Lucas (5E) 62,561
2 nd	Lorelei (4J) 59,830
3 rd	Danielle (4V) 28,919
Highest score this year	
Lucas (5E) 74,145	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6H	169,973,630
2 nd	5S	89,700,350
3 rd	5E	30,974,472
4 th	3B	19,040,492
5 th	3F	10,716,426
6 th	4V	3,896,698
7 th	4J	1,493,724
8 th	1W	1,063,604
9 th	6B	840,476
10 th	1K	668,760
11 th	2M	578,672
12 th	2P	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Isabella (5S) 80,476,218
2 nd	Kayden (6H) 70,556,816
3 rd	Thomas (6H) 62,809,256
Highest score this year	
Godpower (3B) 959,856,390	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	157,289
2 nd	2M	153,698
3 rd	5E	141,916
4 th	2P	99,757
5 th	4V	63,590
6 th	6H	48,904
7 th	5S	35,159
8 th	6B	34,539
9 th	3F	32,033
10 th	4J	27,594

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (3B) 91,555
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 66,995
3 rd	Laurie (2M) 33,096
Highest score this year	
Scarlet (3B) 91,555	