



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a good week.

Ramadan

Many of our Muslim families have started this week observing the holy month of Ramadan. During this month, Muslims fast during the daylight hours and try to show more kindness and generosity towards others during this period. Ramadan Mubarak to all our families who are observing Ramadan.



Red Nose Day

Red was the colour of the day today around school as we celebrated Red Nose Day by wearing something red. Please support us in raising money for this worthwhile charity by donating on our just giving page. You can do this by clicking on the link below.

[Colmers Farm is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/colmersfarm)

No Outsiders Lessons

Today, we were visited by Andrew Moffat MBE who is the creator of the No Outsiders Programme, which is the programme we use to teach equality at our school. During the day, Mr Moffat taught No Outsiders lessons in Years 1-6. Mr Moffat was very impressed with our children during the day. Well done everybody!

School Meals

As a school we have absorbed the price increases of school meals for several years. Unfortunately, City Serve (our school meals provider) have announced a price increase. Our daily school meal cost will therefore need to rise from £2.25 to £3.00. We apologise for this, but as a school we have no control over this increase. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will still continue to be entitled to universal free school meals as these are Government funded. Children who are entitled to means tested free school meals throughout school will continue to be entitled to free school meals.

Mobile Phones

Please can I remind all parents that mobile phones can only be brought into school by Year 6 children and that these must be put in their named wallet in the phone box in class upon their arrival in school. This is to prevent the misuse of phones and them being a distraction to learning. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Easter Raffle

We have managed to sell over 200 tickets so far for our Easter Raffle. Tickets are still available to purchase from the main office for £1 each. To purchase a ticket please click the link below:

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=13930>



Easter Bonnet and Egg Dioramas

Please remember that on Thursday 21st March, we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet and Egg Diorama events. Parents/carers will be able to attend the Easter bonnet parade from 2:30 in the KS2 playground on this date and can view the egg dioramas after school in the lower hall. As always, we look forward to seeing everybody's creativity with these.

Year 3 Ancient Egypt Showcase

A huge well done to Year 3 and their teachers for their Ancient Egypt showcase today. It was great to see so many children taking part in delivering this showcase for our parents and carers. Well done Year 3!

After school wraparound care club

We have had several parents calling the school office about late collections and not being aware that we now have an after school wraparound care club running from 3:30pm until 5:30pm, Monday to Friday, led by our own staff.

If you would like to use this wraparound care provision, please either book via Arbor or ring the school office who can take the payment and book this for you.

We have had great feedback from parents already using this provision with some children wanting to go everyday just to enjoy the activities Miss Storer and Miss Hughes put on.



And finally...

Morrisons have very kindly donated to our school hundreds of Hallmark cards which they are no longer able to stock. We will be selling these cards for 50p each. This sale will take place on Thursday 21st March at the end of the school day in the KS1 playground.

This is an ideal opportunity to stock up on quality cards at a bargain price, whilst also supporting our school.

All money raised will be used to equip a sensory room at our school with

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 18 th March	School councillors meeting at Highters Heath	School councillors
Monday 18 th March	Year 2 Maths workshop	2pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 4 Times Table Inspire workshop	Year 4
Wednesday 20 th MArch	Easter Raffle closes	
Thursday 21 st March	Easter bonnet parade – KS1	2:30pm
Thursday 21 st March	Card Sale	3:15pm
Thursday 21 st March	Easter diorama competition deadline – KS2	
Friday 22 nd March	Super Sewers Assembly	All years
Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays – school closed to pupils	
Monday 8 th April	Autism Acceptance Day – Dress in bright colours!	All years
Tuesday 9 th April	Animal Man visit	Reception
Monday 22 nd April – Friday 26 th April	Bikeability	Year 3 and Year 4
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	Class photo day	
Thursday 13 th June	Wythall Transport Museum Trip	Reception
Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July	Book Fair	3:30pm
Tuesday 9 th July	SeaLife Centre Trip	Year 2
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:

Kyla May	4V	9
Lucas	4J	9
Emmett	3B	8
Lily	3B	8
Eden	4V	9
Gracie-Mae	6H	11



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?

- Year 6 Minecraft club letter
- Year 5 Coding club letter
- Year 3 Swimming letter
- Card sale letter
- Year 6 SATs Easter holiday club letter
- Year 2 Food and nutrition education letter
- Year 2 Maths workshop 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:** Can you tell me the lifecycle of a hen?
- Year 1:** Who is Nelson Mandela?
- Year 2:** Can you describe the properties of a cube?
- Year 3:** What else was happening around the world during the ancient Egyptian period?
- Year 4:** How is global warming effecting Antarctica and what can we do to prevent it?
- Year 5:** Can you explain a pulley system? Can you draw and label a diagram?
- Year 6:** Why should tourists visit China?

Rights Respecting Article

We are actively promoting children's rights and ensuring they know them, please see an 'Article of the week' 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](#)



Article 2



All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Freddie	RJ
Olivia	1W
Adriel	2M
Aylah	3B
Daniel	4J
Hayden	5E
Tyler	6H



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Peyton	RG	Finley	RJ	Roman-Lee	RL
Kade	1W	Jai-Jai	1K	Liliana	2M
Syeda	2P	Aylah	3B	Tori-Lei	3F
Hollie	4J	Spencer	4V	Sara	5E
Darcie	5S	Gabriella	6H	Alyssa	6H
Saim	6B				



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	51	63	47	68

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	3369	3175	3234	3382





As we come to the end of the Spring Term, it is time to calculate which children will be receiving attendance badges, for attendance of 96% or above.

This will be calculated from 9th January to 18th March inclusive (a total of 45 school days) and badges will be awarded on 21st March.

Please note that the attendance percentage you can see on your child's Arbor page is for the whole year to date and not an accurate indicator of the spring term attendance in isolation.

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

Our current school attendance to date is 93.1% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 7.

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	RJ	7	21
2	2P	7	18
=	5E	7	18
4	4V	7	16
5	3B	7	15
=	6H	7	15
7	2M	7	12
8	3F	7	10
9	RL	7	9
=	1K	7	9
=	1W	7	9
=	4J	7	9
13	6B	7	6
14	RG	7	3
15	5S	7	0

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RJ – 99%

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



6H – 97.3%

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 you 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.



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.



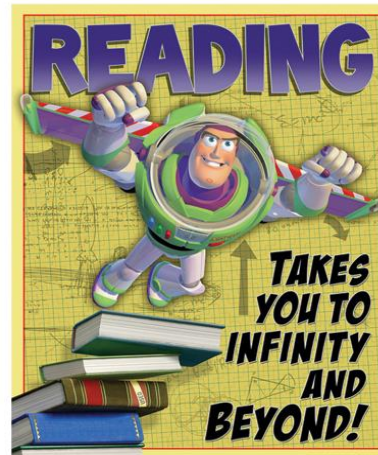
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



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	4V	159,227
2 nd	5S	83,266
3 rd	4J	51,419
4 th	3B	36,624
5 th	5E	15,373
6 th	3F	14,342
7 th	6B	9,291
8 th	6H	2,584

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Danielle (4V) 110,100
2 nd	Timothy (5S) 80,463
3 rd	Betty (4J) 30,330
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,163,173	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	34,315,874
2 nd	5E	333,898,184
3 rd	3B	30,929,228
4 th	6H	17,625,398
5 th	3F	17,528,436
6 th	4V	2,859,174
7 th	1W	776,798
8 th	5S	571,570
9 th	2P	337,880
10 th	2M	309,826
11 th	1K	45,804
12 th	4J	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (6B) 33,9433,326
2 nd	Godpower (3B) 27,926,378
3 rd	Lucas (5E) 26,272,856
Highest score this year	
Godpower (3B) 1,489,490,528	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	295,624
2 nd	5E	272,573
3 rd	2M	213,891
4 th	2P	149,801
5 th	4V	121,159
6 th	6H	88,983
7 th	3F	84,693
8 th	6B	59,348
9 th	5S	54,636
10 th	4J	47,971

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (3B) 171,038
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 161,525
3 rd	Laurie (2M) 47,365
Highest score this year	
Scarlet (3B) 171,038	