



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great first full week back, with lots of happy faces around school. It has been delightful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school and I am always impressed with the way they greet adults around school and with their manners, such as holding doors open... It is so impressive!

As a parent, whose child also started reception last week, I know exactly how many of our new reception parents have felt over the last week as their children have started school. Why we worry so much I do not know! Every time I have popped into our reception this week, the children have been having so much fun. I think that we always miss them more than they miss us. They have all settled in brilliantly and I cannot wait to watch these children developing over the coming year and beyond.

After School Care – starting on Monday 18th September

We have had a lot of parents asking about the possibility of after school care for their children at our school over the years.

Because of this we have teamed up with ClubsComplete who will provide this care at Colmers Farm Monday to Friday. This provision

is Ofsted registered and can look after children from 3:15pm until 5:15pm. This service does involve a cost to parents which varies depending on how long you wish your child to stay. If you would like to book a space, please visit <https://myclub.clubscomplete.co.uk/settings/colmers-farm-primary>. We are hoping that this will be a huge success at our school. BOOK NOW!



Rock Kidz

On Monday, we were visited by Rock Kidz, who with the help of Years 1-6 certainly rocked the neighbourhood. During these sessions, our children learnt about the importance of being kind to others and challenging bullying. Our children had a great time. These sessions involved some acting, singing, dancing and some pupil/teacher dance offs. Well done to everybody who took part in the dance offs. Mr Lynch, Miss Nazir and Mr Bowtell... Wow! There were definitely some previously hidden dancing talents on show.



Leggings

We have a number of children who are wearing leggings to school. Please note that these are not part of our school uniform and we would appreciate your support with ensuring that children do not wear these after the end of this month.

School Ties

On Friday last week, Mrs Young (AKA Miss Kelly) and I had the pleasure of presenting our Year 5 children with their new ties. These are an important part of our school uniform in Years 5 and 6 and these should now be worn to school each day. If your child has lost their tie, replacements can be purchased on Arbor and can be then collected via the school office.

Online learning

At Colmers Farm we offer a range of online learning opportunities for our children. These include Mathletics (Years 2-6), Spelling Shed (Years 1-6), MyON (e-books for Years 1-6) and Accelerated Reader (Years 3-6). Your child should have brought home their login details for each of these programmes, all of which can be accessed via the useful links section in the top right-hand corner of our school website's home page. If your child has yet to receive their login details, please speak to your child's class teacher. Please encourage your children to access these sites during each week. We will be starting our league tables for these from next week to see who our winning classes are.

Change to Parent Evening Date

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, our first parents' evenings of this academic year will now take place on Wednesday 25th October and Thursday 26th October. This may be different to the dates published in some earlier publications.

EYFS Open Day (2024/2025) Cohort

On Wednesday 18th October, we will be holding two open days for parents who will have children starting reception in September 2024. These will take place at 9:30am – 10:30am and 5pm-6pm.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you and your family have a lovely weekend.



Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 18 th September	Clubs Complete After School Club starts	3:15pm – 5:15pm, open to all year groups
Wednesday 18 th October	EYFS Open Day	9:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday 18 th October	EYFS Open Evening	5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents Evening	Times TBC
Thursday 26 th October	Parents Evening	Times TBC
Tuesday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications	Year 5
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	
Thursday 16 th November	Flu immunisations	
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	
5 th June 2024	Class photo day	

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 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.

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.



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:

Margot	RG	5
Scarlet	5S	10
Sara	3F	8
Zach	5S	10
Isabelle	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?

- Rock Kidz (News)
- Year group newsletter (Our Learning – Year group)



10 tips for improved sleep hygiene


Creating a sleep sanctuary


Relaxing before bed


Having a regular sleep schedule


Restricting alcohol and caffeine


Avoiding exercise late in the day


Carefully timing naps


Paying your sleep debt


The right lighting


Avoiding screen time before bed


Speaking to your doctor



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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


Year 1	Blake	1W
Year 2	Mahz	2P
Year 3	Jacob	3F
Year 4	Sophia	4J
Year 5	Michael	5S
Year 6	Iyanna	6H




This week's congratulations assembly recipients...

Our celebration assemblies will resume on Friday 22nd September. Parents/carers will have been sent invites today if their child has been chosen to receive a certificate during next weeks assembly.

House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	300	283	312	386 

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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
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 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.

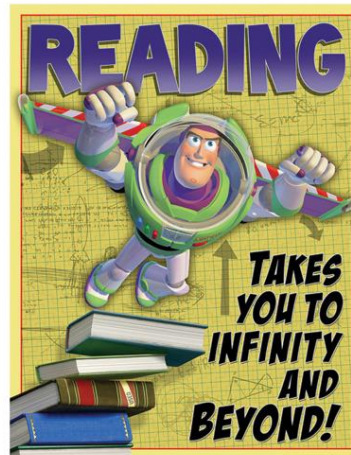
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



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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.



Absences

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence. Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



The Colmers Farm attendance league table has returned with the first 'fixtures' taking place between classes next week.

The class who has the highest attendance of the fixture will get 3 points and a draw will be 1 point for each class. If a class gets 100% attendance, they will get a bonus point!

Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day to help your child's class beat their opponents and get some points on the table!

Each week the updated table will be displayed in the main school corridor and published on the newsletter.

Next week's fixture list:

Week 1		
4J	v	6B
RG	v	3B
5S	v	RJ
1W	v	2M
4V	v	RL
6H	v	3F
2P	v	1K
5E		

Help for all families in Birmingham



Food
& Energy



Youth
Support



Domestic
Abuse



Emergency
Funding



Money &
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's
Support



School Uniforms
& Clothing



Parenting



Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

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