



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

Art Exhibition

Thank you to all the parents who were able to visit our art exhibition on Monday. We hope that you enjoyed looking at the artwork produced by your child and by children from across the school.

Junior Einstein Club

On Monday, we were very excited to launch our brand-new Junior Einstein science club. This is a chargeable weekly club (booking information on the image to the right). Our first group of children to take part in this had a thoroughly enjoyable time putting on their special lab coats and making lava lamps. I am looking forward to seeing what they will be doing next week.



MAT Parliamentarians/Councillors Visit to Colmers Farm

We played host, on Monday, to groups of children from each of the five other schools within the multi-academy trust. These children are all school parliamentarians or school councillors at their schools, and this was the first of six meetings led by the **Bright Days** Programme. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to show off our school, which they did brilliantly when they gave our visitors a full tour of the school. The children then worked collaboratively on a task which they will continue to work on during their future meetings. It was so wonderful watching these children interacting with one another in such a friendly and open way, even though most of them had never met before. I am looking forward to the next meeting.

E-Safety Workshops for Parents

E-safety is something that all of us as parents should be concerned about. Although your child can probably do much more with a computer than many adults can, what they really struggle with is the ability to recognise dangers online and to respond appropriately to these. On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we held two e-safety workshops for our parents. Andy Evans, who is our MAT IT curriculum lead, came into school with the aim of helping to support parents to keep their children safe online. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this. We hope that you found this time useful. Please visit the online safety section of our school's website for further information about how you can keep your child safe online.



Miss Cross - SENCo

Miss Cross will unfortunately be leaving Colmers Farm at the end of next week after a successful interview this week. She will be joining another school within our trust as Deputy Headteacher and we would like to congratulate her on her promotion. We will all be very sad to see Miss Cross leave us as she has worked so hard to help us develop so many aspects of our school. I know that everybody at our school is grateful for everything she has done in her time with us and we all wish her the best of luck in her new role. She will be amazing!

To ensure as much consistency as possible, until we are able to recruit a new permanent SENCO, we will be welcoming back to Colmers Farm a familiar face to many of you, Mrs Evans, who was the SENCO at our school prior to Miss Cross. Mrs Evans knows our school well having worked with many of our parents, children and staff. This will help her to make a quick start to role. I am sure that everybody will make her feel welcome on her return.

Children in Need Day and Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day on Monday helped mark the start of Anti Bullying week here at Colmers. There were some very colourful sock combinations indeed. Classes found out more about anti-bullying throughout the week.

It was great to see so many children and staff in school today wearing spots in support of Children in Need. All donations will be counted, and the total will be announced next week. If you would like to donate you can do so by visiting the Children in Need website using the link below:

[Ways to pay in your money - BBC Children in Need](#)

School Photo's

On Thursday we had Aperture in school to do our annual school photographs. For those children that had their photos taken they will have bought home a card with a QR code on which will need to be used when accessing Aperture's website to view and order. Sibling photos will be added to the eldest child's photo account.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

This week we also had the Birmingham Community Healthcare Team in to administer the nasal flu vaccines which went very well. For those children that were absent, we unfortunately will not be having a return visit from the community healthcare team and have been advised that parents will need to speak to their local GP to book an appointment to have this done.

World Children's Day

On Monday 20th we will be celebrating World Children's Day. World Children's Day was first celebrated in 1954 to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide, and for improving children's welfare. In 1989, the UN General assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child on this date.

As you know, Colmers Farm has been accredited the Rights Respecting Silver Award and we are currently working together to achieve the Gold Award. The whole school will be off timetable after lunch on Monday 20th November, and will be participating in a range of activities throughout the afternoon. Please see the letter sent out today with your child for more information about this.

I hope you have a wonderful 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
Monday 20 th November	World Children's Day – wear something blue	All years
Wednesday 22 nd November	Synagogue Visit	Year 3
Wednesday 22 nd November	Central Mosque Visit	Year 5
Tuesday 28 th November	Aladdin Panto	
Thursday 30 th November	ZooLab visit	Year 3
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All years
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	All years
Tuesday 12 th – Friday 15 th	Book Fair	3:30pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Dogs Trust Visit	Year 6
Tuesday 19 th December	Nativity	9:30am
Wednesday 20 th December	Nativity	2:30pm
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Parties	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	
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:

Theo	6B	11	Tyler
Reggie	1W	6	
Lucia	5S	10	
Jaylen	2M	7	
Ryan	6B	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?

- 4J Edgbaston Cricket Ground Tour
- 4V Edgbaston Cricket Ground Tour
- Children's Day
- Art exhibition video under the news section

National Children's Day UK



Celebrating the rights & freedoms of children



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Logan RG
 Finley 1K
 Nate 2P
 Gracie-Mae 3F
 Louie 4J
 Georgie 5S
 Phoebe 6H




This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Margot	RG	Daisy	RL	Luke	RJ
Alivia	1W	Teddy	1K	Autumn	2P
Safaa	2M	Macie	3F	Aisha	3B
Phoebe	4V	William	4J	Moonshine	5S
Kaicee	5E	Jacob	6B	Elizabeth	6H



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	19	19	52 	40

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	1969	1939	2076 	2071

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.



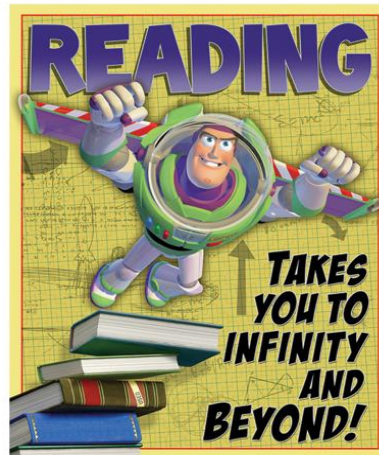
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



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



School Attendance, advice for parents from Birmingham City Council.



"Parents/carers must make sure their children receive a full-time education that meets their needs. This can be at school or otherwise (Elective Home Education).

If you're concerned about school attendance

Parents who are concerned about attendance should contact their child's school to tell them about the difficulties. Where possible and appropriate, schools will try to assist parents by offering support or referring them to additional support services. Schools may also ask for medical evidence if a child's attendance becomes of concern."

Please contact Mrs Taylor or Miss Kelly if we can offer support.

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

Our current school attendance to date is 94% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 9

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3B	9	24
2	RJ	9	21
3	2P	9	18
4	1K	9	15
=	2M	9	15
=	5E	9	15
=	6B	9	15
=	6H	9	15
9	RG	9	12
=	3F	9	12
=	4J	9	12
=	4V	9	12
13	1W	9	6
14	RL	9	3
15	5S	9	0

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2M – 99%

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



3B – 98%



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Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5S	166,764,492
2 nd	5E	42,064,582
3 rd	4V	16,849,180
4 th	3F	4,537,465
5 th	6H	2,279,642
6 th	4J	593,782
7 th	3B	234,000
8 th	6B	160,153
9 th	1K	0
10 th	1W	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Danielle (4V) 25,590
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 43,189
3 rd	Timothy (5S) 96,149
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 238,480	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	166,533,005
2 nd	1K	42,516,460
3 rd	5E	21,637,094
4 th	6B	15,218,263
5 th	6H	5,995,502
6 th	3F	4,801,724
7 th	4V	2,242,758
8 th	5S	1,955,758
9 th	2P	1,003,350
10 th	1W	595,958
11 th	4J	0
12 th	2M	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Godpower (3B) 164,971,930
2 nd	Manuel (1K) 40,776,566
3 rd	Lucas (5E) 10,515,614
Highest score this year	
Godpower (3B) 182,422,920	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	2M	130,681
2 nd	3B	116,443
3 rd	5E	98,614
4 th	2P	80,003
5 th	4V	43,563
6 th	6H	36,903
7 th	6B	27,620
8 th	4J	25,084
9 th	3F	24,714
10 th	5S	24,697

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (3B) 61,265
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 42,197
3 rd	Laurie (2M) 26,632
Highest score this year	
Scarlet (3B) 61,265	