



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a good week.

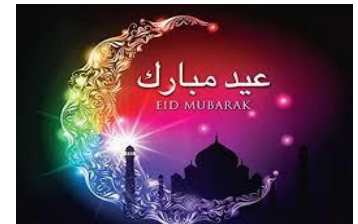
## **Charity Swim**

Congratulations to Callum (in class 5E) who completed his charity swim last week at Northfield Leisure Centre. Callum managed to swim 1675 metres (just over a mile) in 55 minutes, which is very impressive, and he raised over £160 for the RNLI charity. Well done, Callum, we are all very proud of you, both for your swimming abilities and for your selfless act of taking time to raise money for a charity!



## **Eid Mubarak**

A slightly belated Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families who celebrated Eid al-Adha on Monday. Everybody at Colmers Farm hopes that you had a wonderful celebration with your families.



## **Visiting Teachers**

On Tuesday, Mrs Haslam (Miss Hill) delivered some training to nine teachers from other schools. As part of the day, they spent some time in 4J watching a Mastering Number Lesson. Our visiting teachers left feeling very impressed with how well our pupils worked together, their enthusiasm for the lesson, with how they used multiple representations to show their learning and with how they all felt that they could contribute to the lesson. Well done Miss Jennings and 4J.

## **EYFS Trip Feedback**

Last week, our EYFS children visited The Wythall Transport Museum. We were delighted to receive an email from the museum, about our children, which I thought would be great to share with you.

*"Thank you very much for visiting our museum on Thursday. I must say what a wonderful group of children you brought, they were very well behaved and attentive, and we all enjoyed showing them round our museum. They are a credit to you and the school, and I sincerely hope that you will come again. Could you please say a big thank you to all those that came including the staff on what was a very easy day for us. I will look forward to welcoming you again to our museum next year."*

Well done EYFS! We are so proud of you.

## **EYFS New starters**

Today we met with the children and families of the EYFS children who will be joining us in September. They had a fabulous time meeting our current EYFS children and getting to know the staff here at Colmers Farm. We cannot wait to welcome them to our school in September.

## Summer Fair Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets via our **LetsLocalise** link below – we have had more prizes that have been added just this week. All money raised from the sale of raffle tickets will be used to update our sensory room and go towards our end of year celebrations. We really appreciate your support with all our fundraising efforts.

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=13960>

## Bring it on Brum

This week we have sent out communication from 'Bring it on Brum' detailing the upcoming free holiday clubs and activity packs parents can claim if they are currently in receipt of Free School Meals. Please check your emails and if you need any further information, please feel free to contact the school office.

## And finally...

We have several pupils who are entering the playground late in the morning by one, two or three minutes. If this is something which occurs regularly to you, please can you try to alter your morning routines slightly, so this happens less frequently. Being punctual is an important life skill for pupils to develop and we must try to close the playground doors on time to ensure that our school attendance systems work the way they are intended.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Williams**  
**Headteacher**



### Occupational Therapy SEND Team Newsletter

Summer Term 2

<b>PARENT/CARER OFFER</b>  <b>Family Transition Webinar; Getting School Ready:</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 10:00 – 11.00</b> Understand how to support your child with transition through education. Book via Eventbrite 	<b>Family Transition Webinar; Moving on From Secondary:</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, 10:00 – 11.00</b> Understand how to support your child with transition through education. Book via Eventbrite. 
<b>Family Transition Webinar. Preparing for Secondary School:</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> June, 13:00 – 14.00</b> Understand how to support your child with transition through education. Book via Eventbrite 	<b>Parent Q&amp;A Webinar:</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 10:00 – 11.00</b> This online meeting allows parents to submit questions and get them answered by an Occupational Therapist. Book via Eventbrite 
<b>Occupational Therapy Advice Line</b>  Parents, professionals and educational staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on a child's need. Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00. <b>0121 683 2325</b>  Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code. 	<b>Occupational Therapy Advice Packs</b>  A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website 



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**FREE FOR FAMILIES**

*Please share with parents/carers  
Copy this into your newsletter*

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School councillor trip to Heath Mount	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit to Kings Edward VI Northfield School for girls	Year 5
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit to Turves Green Secondary School for Boys	Year 5
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	In school transition day	All years
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Secondary school transition day	Year 6
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Graduated approach to speech, language and communication needs parent workshop	9:15 – 10:30am
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Book Fair	3:30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Cadbury World Trip	Year 3
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	SeaLife Centre Trip	Year 2
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers events – cinema, bowling and disco	Year 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports go home	All years
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Careers Fair	Year 6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer	All years
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens	All years
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccination	All years
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	

# 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.



Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

**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

Amelia	2P	7	Gracie-Mae	1K	6
Ellis	5S	10	Cuba	3B	8
Rowan	3B	8			
Harper	1K	6			
Archie	5E	10			
Adriel	2M	7			
Kade	1W	6			
Chase	6B	11			
Freddie	3F	8			

## What's New on the Website?

- Bring it on Brum letter
- Summer Fair Toy Donation letter
- Summer Fair Gift Donation letter



## ORACY Questions to ask your child.

To further develop our pupil ORACY skills at Colmers Farm, we would encourage all parents to ask their child their year group questions below to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning in school.

### **Reception:**

**Year 1:** Who is Grace Darling?

**Year 2:** How can we help to reduce plastic pollution?

**Year 3:** Can you make equivalent fractions?

**Year 4:** What skills did you show on sports day? How did that help you & your team to earn points?

**Year 5:** Can you tell me all about the planet you designed?

**Year 6:** What is a data pocket?

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Archie	RJ
Chase	1W
Enah	2P
Bryn	3F
Kaylica	4V
Callum	5E
Egan	6B



## This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Margot	RG	Olivia	RL	Remi	RJ
Manuel	1W	Leighton	1K	Wissam	2M
Olivia	2P	Theo	3F	Esmee	3B
Haleen	4V	Nevaeh	4J	Lorelei	4J
Ma'Laysia	5S	Hayden	5E	Praise	6H
Daniel	6B				



## House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week's total	119	227	247	224

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	4902	5057	5104	5286





## 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](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)

If your concern is urgent and it is out of school hours, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust - Emergency out-of-hours number: 0121 675 4806



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### 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.



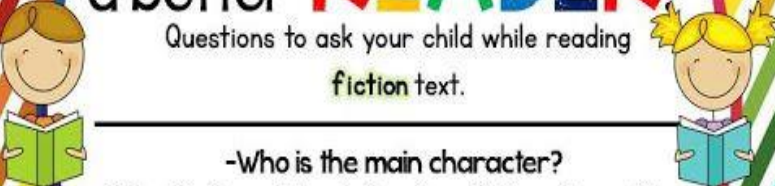
**NSPCC**

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](mailto: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.



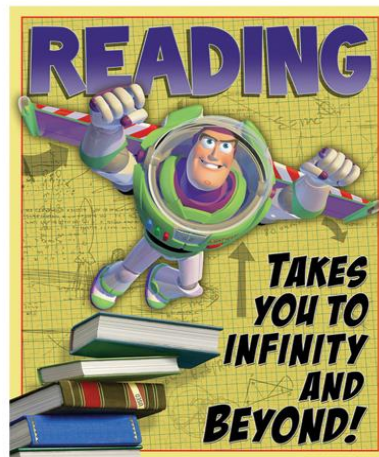
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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

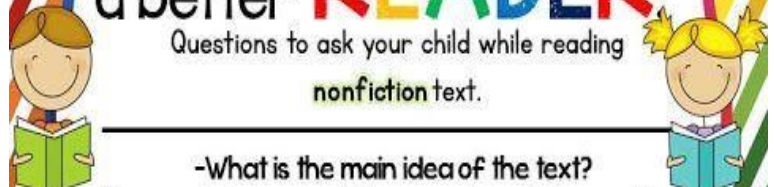
Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

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

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**Mathletics**

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	5S	206,814
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3B	81,353
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3F	62,400
4 <sup>th</sup>	4V	61,407
5 <sup>th</sup>	5E	36,053
6 <sup>th</sup>	4J	10,118
7 <sup>th</sup>	6B	1,594
8 <sup>th</sup>	6H	390

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim (5S) 144,552
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tahmid (5E) 25,590
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sean (4V) 15,248
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,566,410	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	3B	24,767,578
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3F	16,217,044
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1K	3,568,018
4 <sup>th</sup>	6H	2,632,338
5 <sup>th</sup>	1W	221,848
6 <sup>th</sup>	4J	166,356
7 <sup>th</sup>	5S	162,332
8 <sup>th</sup>	2M	125,754
9 <sup>th</sup>	4V	11,980
10 <sup>th</sup>	2P	9,982
11 <sup>th</sup>	6B	0
12 <sup>th</sup>	5E	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Godpower (3B) 23,160,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Theo (3F) 10,764,268
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Martin (3F) 3,808,708

	Class Name	Number of Points this week
1 <sup>st</sup>	5E	43,063
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3B	36,538
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6B	8,989
4 <sup>th</sup>	6H	4,824
5 <sup>th</sup>	5S	2,942
6 <sup>th</sup>	2P	2,500
7 <sup>th</sup>	4V	1,100
8 <sup>th</sup>	3F	1,067
9 <sup>th</sup>	2M	792
10 <sup>th</sup>	4J	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lucas (5E) 40,400
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scarlet (3B) 32,300
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hao Lin Chen (6B) 7,564
Pupil with the highest total 2023-2024	
Lucas (5E) 447,796	