



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

Dyslexia Award

Over the past year, the staff at Colmers Farm have been working hard to further develop our provision for pupils with Dyslexia. Just before the summer holidays we were assessed on our provision and this week we found out that we had gained the Dyslexia Friendly Classroom Award.

Well done to everybody and especially to our wonderful SENCO (Miss Cross) who led on this award.



First Aid Training

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we believe that learning first aid skills is vital. As part of the Colmers Farm Primary Guarantee, we ensure that all of our children in Year 3 receive this training and that this is repeated in Year 5. On Monday, we were visited by two trainers from Mini First Aid who delivered this. Our trainers were very complimentary about how engaged and motivated to learn our children were. They were also impressed with how much our Year 5 children had remembered from Year 3. Well done everybody! Every one of our KS2 children (who were with us in Years 3 or 5) has received first aid training at least once. Hopefully they'll never need to use it, but if they do this may help them to save a life.

Zumba Classes

On Tuesday, we started a new club which we have never had at Colmers Farm before... a Year 1 and 2 Zumba club! We had a large group of children taking part in this and they loved it! I visited, purely as an observer, and I was very impressed with just how energetic and co-ordinated the children were. I'm very much looking forward to seeing more of this over the next term.

Nuts

Please can I remind all parents that we are a nut free school. This is due to us having some children in school who could have a severe reaction if they accidentally eat, touch or are even in the same room as any nut products. We appreciate your support with this.

Fire Service in School

The fire service was in school on Wednesday to visit our Year 2s as part of their Great Fire of London history topic. Here our children had the opportunity to quiz the firefighters about their jobs. They also were able to explore the fire engine and to use the fire engine's hose. I did not think that the playground could get any wetter on Wednesday, but it did. The children enjoyed this visit and on behalf of them and the staff in Year 2, I would like to thank the fire fighters from Northfield Fire Station for taking the time to visit us.



Harvest Festival – Food Bank Collection

Next Thursday, to celebrate Harvest Festival, we will be collecting for B30 & South Birmingham Foodbank. You should have received a letter from Mrs Young regarding the items the B30 & South Birmingham Foodbank are currently in need of. I would like to thank those who are able to donate in advance for your kind generosity.

Attendance

Attendance in school has been ok since we returned, but it could be much better. Being in school as often as possible is always important. If children miss a day of school they miss a day of learning. It is however especially so at the start of the year as the children are beginning their foundational learning, learning routines, forming friendships and getting to know their teachers. Please ensure that your child/children are in school as often as possible, particularly if they have something like a cough or a sniffle. If children are too unwell to be in school, we will naturally call parents.

Good (or even outstanding) attendance in every year group is vital for your child to reach their full potential. There is no unimportant year group, from Reception to Year 6, and there is no good time for children to miss school.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to read this newsletter. On behalf of the staff at Colmers Farm Primary School, we hope that you have a wonderful weekend.



Mr Williams
Headteacher

Year 7 - Secondary School Admissions

We emailed Year 6 parents earlier this week to advise of an internal system error with Birmingham City Council's Year 7 Secondary School application portal.

This issue is now resolved. We would encourage all Year 6 parents/carers to attend the various open evenings that local secondary schools are currently holding, before completing your child's secondary school application. The deadline for applications is the **31st October 2023.**

[Application Form \(birmingham.gov.uk\)](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk)



Medical, dietary and Allergy Google Forms

Thank you to all those parents that have completed the Google Form that was sent out earlier this week. For those that have not yet had time, please could you click the link in the email/text that was sent to you and complete this form over the weekend to ensure our medical, dietary and allergy information is up to date for your child.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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
Wednesday 25 th October	Black Country Living Museum Trip	Year 1
Thursday 26 th October	Parents Evening	Times TBC
Tuesday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications	Year 6
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	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 16 th November	Flu immunisations	All years
Thursday 16 th November	School Photo 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	
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 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.

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

For this week we would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

Ramaya	1W	6	Hudson	2P	7
Luka	RJ	5	Betty	4J	9
Oliver	4V	9	Myah	3F	8
Julian	2M	7	Ava	1K	6
Aliyah	RL	5			



Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

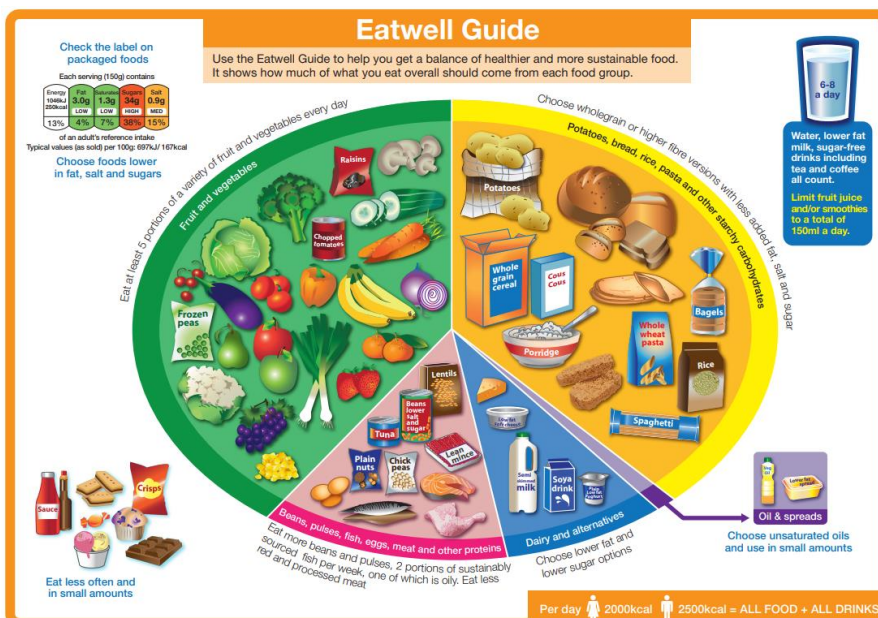
Alternatively contact Birmingham City Council

Children's Trust on

0121 303 1888

What's New on the Website?

- Wanted – Wet play board games and puzzles
- BCLM Trip Letter – Year 1
- Digital Champions applications
- Food Bank Collection



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Year 1	Teddy	1K
Year 2	Hazel	2M
Year 3	Scarlet	3B
Year 4	Lorelei	4J
Year 5	Ellis	5S
Year 6	Tyler	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Miganne	1W	Kataleya	4V
Kayla-Rose	1K	Havana	4J
Nate	2P	Mariam	5S
Callum	2M	Callum	5E
Charlotte	3B	Iyanna	6H
Nonso	3F	Maria	6B



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	140	171 	152	136

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	440	454	464	522 

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
SENGO
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.



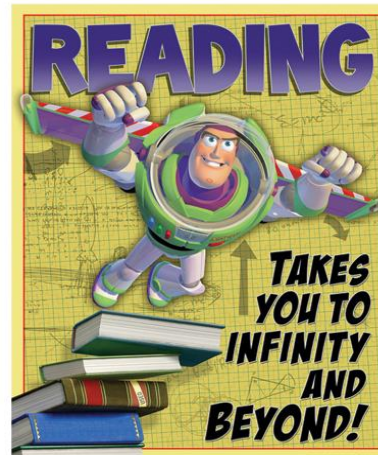
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised.

Any requests for leave in term time (including family holidays) must be handed in to school in advance, on the correct form, which is available from the school office.

“Schools are responsible for monitoring their pupils’ attendance and, where appropriate, the local authority has a duty to prosecute parents in the Magistrates Court for failing to ensure their child’s regular attendance at school. A Penalty Notice is an alternative to a prosecution. It requires the parent(s) to pay a fixed amount as a fine for their child's irregular attendance to avoid a court appearance.”

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

Our current school attendance to date is 95% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table is back!

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

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RJ – 98.4%

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



3B – 96.8%



AcceleratedTM
Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5S	170,876
2 nd	5E	41,149
3 rd	6H	31,522
4 th	3B	6,002
5 th	4V	5,637
6 th	3F	4,963
7 th	6B	1,220
8 th	4J	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (5S) 170,529
2 nd	Sujaan (6H) 31,522
3 rd	Lucas (5E) 35,987
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 170,529	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	83,616,046
2 nd	6H	26,280,162
3 rd	6B	19,064,790
4 th	3F	14,954,956
5 th	4V	9,059,311
6 th	5E	6,274,750
7 th	2P	1,372,674
8 th	4J	523,648
9 th	2M	232,470
10 th	1K	15,568
11 th	1W	0
12 th	5S	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Godpower (3B) 66,217,672
2 nd	Thomas (6H) 22,500,000
3 rd	Owen (3B) 13,574,064
Highest score this year	
Godpower (3B) 66,217,672	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6H	18,756
2 nd	5E	14,780
3 rd	5S	8,502
4 th	3B	8,097
5 th	4V	7,493
6 th	6B	6,312
7 th	2P	6,245
8 th	2M	5,662
9 th	3F	5,402
10 th	4J	2,256

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Sujaan (6H) 7,863
2 nd	Kayleigh (5E) 3,990
3 rd	Haleen (4V) 3,400
Highest score this year	
Sujaan (6H) 7,863	