



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

### **Speak out Stay safe Assemblies**

Safeguarding is something which we take incredibly seriously at Colmers Farm Primary School. It is important that all our children know about what dangers may look like, both online and in the real world, and what to do if they ever find themselves in a potentially unsafe situation. This is often taught through our Personal Development curriculum. This week, our children have watched the NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe assembly, which explored different ways children can be upset, abused or hurt. This was delivered in an age-appropriate way.

### **School Parliament - London Visit**

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of spending the day with Colmers Farm's newly elected School Parliament as we travelled to London. The aim of this visit is to prepare them for their duties as School Parliamentarians by learning about how democracy works. After a very early start, we met up with the school parliament from Turves Green Primary School and we travelled by train to London. We then travelled on the London Underground before seeing many of London's famous landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, the Millennium Wheel, St James Park, Downing Street, Horse Guards Parade, the Cenotaph and Trafalgar Square. We also had a special guided tour of Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, before having a lesson from the education team.



One of the highlights of the visit though was meeting and making friends with one of Downing Street's most famous residents, Larry the Cat (who is the Prime Minister's cat). We were all very excited to meet him.

It was a delight to spend time with our School Parliamentarians yesterday, who represented our school magnificently throughout the trip. We even received a well-done message via email yesterday from a member of the public who was sharing the train with us on the return journey last night. I very much look forward to seeing what our school parliamentarians will achieve at our school in the year ahead.

### **Leggings**

Please remember that leggings are not part of our school uniform and that they should not be worn to school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Harvest Festival Food Bank Donation**

Thank you to everybody who donated items for our harvest festival. We were delighted with how much we were able to collect. All items will be donated to the B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank and our donation will be put to good use to support families in need of help. Thank you for your generosity with this collection. A special thank you to Chase, Chelsea, Gabriella, Ryan, Lola and Beth for helping Mrs Young display it.



## Prefects

At our school, each year we advertise the prefect positions. This is a position of responsibility for Year 6 pupils. It involves being a role model for others, carrying out specific jobs within school and supporting and working with younger children. We received lots of applications this year and today we announced who our prefects will be for this academic year. Congratulations to the children below:

Ellie-Mae, Piper C, Elizabeth, Arley-Joe, Paige, Gabrilla, Blake, Theo, Khloe, Thomas H, Phoebe, Omnya, Alexander J, Aliza, Alyssa, Olivia-Rose, Iyanna, Mianne, Gracie-Mae, Tyler, Emilie, Bailey and Piper V.

## Breaktime Snacks

Please can I remind you that KS2 snacks should consist of either fruit or vegetables. Breakfast bars/biscuits are not permitted as these can often contain high amounts of sugar which can adversely affect the concentration and behaviour of children.

## **Cereal bars seen as healthy alternatives for children at breakfast can contain more than 40% sugar**

- Which? analysed amount of sugar in leading bars and breakfast biscuits
- Research found some cereal bars are not as healthy as most would think
- Kellogg's Coco Pops Snack Bar was the worst offender with 42% sugar
- Kellogg's Strawberry Nutri-Grain Fruit Breakfast Bars made of 33% sugar

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope that you have found this useful. On behalf of the staff at Colmers Farm, I hope that you have a good weekend.

Mr Williams  
Headteacher

## 5K relay event for Great Ormond Street Hospital

Next week, on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October, all pupils will be taking part in a 5K relay event for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We will be aiming to reach our target of £450 to help towards the hospital's new Cancer Ward. We would be extremely grateful for any donations towards our target to help the children at the hospital.

You can either bring in cash donations, or we do have an online fundraising page, which can also be shared online should you wish to. Children in Years 3-6 can also use this event towards completing challenges in their SAGE book. Thanks in advance for your support.

<https://fundraise.gosh.org/fundraisers/ColmersFarm/rbc-race-for-the-kids>



## Lost Property

We are only a few weeks into the new academic year and we already have a substantial amount of items in our lost property boxes that unfortunately do not have names on.

Can we remind parents to please label all items of uniform, coats, bags etc so that if children do misplace these items we can easily identify them and get these returned to pupils.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Open Day	9:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Open Evening	5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening	Times TBC
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Black Country Living Museum Trip	Year 1
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening	Times TBC
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline for Secondary School applications	Year 6
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Half Term Holiday – school closed to pupils	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip – Boundless Outdoors	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisations	All years
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photo Day	All years
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Pupils Return to School	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half Term Holiday - school closed to pupils	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays – school closed to pupils	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week	Year 6
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Whitsun Half Term Holiday – school closed to pupils	
5 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk) or [ruberyswopshop@outlook.com](mailto: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:

Freddie	RJ	5
Khloe	6B	11
Juno	1K	6
Nevaeh	3B	8
Ocean-Bleu	1K	6

Ella-Mae 4J 9



## Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

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

Alternatively contact Birmingham City Council

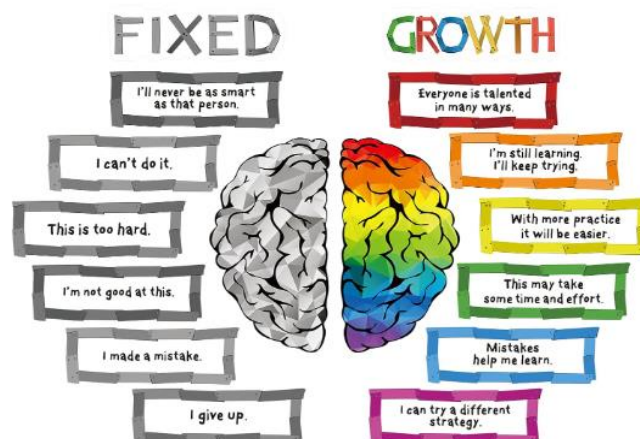
Children's Trust on

0121 303 1888

## What's New on the Website?

- NSPCC – Speak out, Stay Safe letter
- Year 6 Professor McGinty World War II workshop letter
- Year 2 Reading and Phonics Workshop letter
- GOSH Launch Letter

## CHANGE YOUR WORDS; CHANGE YOUR MINDSET.



# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Freya 1W  
 Amy 2M  
 Bryn 3F  
 William 4J  
 Rio 5E  
 Chase 6B




# This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Cleopatra	RG	Ellis	3B
Jack	RJ	Szymon	3F
Willow	RL	Sophia	4V
Archie	1W	Chris	4J
Icy	1K	Logan	5S
Hazel	2M	Wanny	5E
Abeerah	2M	Piper	6H
Rosie	2P	Tiahna	6B



## House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	167	119	151	170 

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	607	573	615	692 

# 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](mailto: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 0808 800 5000, email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.



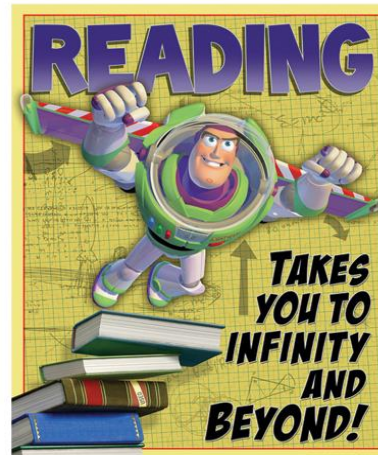
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



## Why does school attendance matter?

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up. They miss lessons which can lead to big gaps in their learning, especially in a sequence of learning and when learning something new.

Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.

Poor attendance also reflects badly on your child's school. Ofsted expect all schools to have good attendance rates, and they are marked down in inspections if their absence figures are too high.

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

**Our current school attendance has slipped to 94.5% - let's get this up to 96%!**

**The Colmers Farm attendance league table is back!**

### CLASS AWARDS:

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



**RJ – 97.9%**

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



**3F, 4J, 5E  
all with 95.4%**

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	RJ	2	6
=	2M	2	6
=	2P	2	6
=	3B	2	6
=	4V	2	6
=	5E	2	6
7	4J	2	3
=	6H	2	3
=	RL	2	3
=	6B	2	3
11	RG	2	0
=	1K	2	0
=	1W	2	0
=	3F	2	0
=	5S	2	0



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	5E	72,052
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6B	66,985
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5S	49,764
4 <sup>th</sup>	6B	27,354
5 <sup>th</sup>	3B	26,391
6 <sup>th</sup>	3F	18,561
7 <sup>th</sup>	4V	747
8 <sup>th</sup>	4J	301

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lucas M (5E) 66,631
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oliver A (6B) 58,082
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Timothy H (5S) 47,510
Highest score this year	
Timothy H (5S) 170,529	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	3B	137,182,154
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2P	10,276,970
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6B	8,417,244
4 <sup>th</sup>	4V	5,037,117
5 <sup>th</sup>	5E	3,671,870
6 <sup>th</sup>	6H	939,684
7 <sup>th</sup>	3F	830,426
8 <sup>th</sup>	1W	206,334
9 <sup>th</sup>	1K	206,334
10 <sup>th</sup>	4J	165,704
11 <sup>th</sup>	2M	0
12 <sup>th</sup>	5S	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Godpower (3B) 110,225,846
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kaiden (5E) 32,780,349
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Owen (3B) 19,560,858
Highest score this year	
Kaiden (5E) 373,770,749	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	5E	25,689
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3B	23,212
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6H	22,671
4 <sup>th</sup>	2P	20,164
5 <sup>th</sup>	2M	13,278
6 <sup>th</sup>	5S	10,052
7 <sup>th</sup>	4V	9,128
8 <sup>th</sup>	3F	8,973
9 <sup>th</sup>	6B	8,660
10 <sup>th</sup>	4J	2,896

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sujaan (6H) 8,503
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kayleigh (5E) 4,690
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Haleen (4V) 3,400
Highest score this year	
Sujaan (6H) 8,503	