



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Colmers Farm Girls' Football Team

On Monday after school our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team went to St Lawrence Primary School to play against several local schools. During these games, our girls claimed two victories (both 1-0) against Turves Green and St Lawrence, two draws and two defeats. Well done and thank you for representing our school so well. Next week, our girls' team will be in action again. One more victory should be enough to hopefully see us through to the finals. Good luck.



Congratulations Paige

Congratulations to Paige in Year 6 who took part in a Judo competition last week. This was her very first competition and she did exceptionally well, winning a silver and a bronze medal. In between her competitions she also helped out the officials, referees and other competitors. Well done Paige. We are very proud of you.



All stars

On Wednesday a small group of children go to "All Stars". This week they enjoyed taekwondo and they each earned silver medals. Well done to all of you.



Mock SATs Week

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their mock SATs this week. Our pupils approached these with determination to do their very best and they demonstrated good levels of resilience. If they do the same in two weeks' time for the real thing, I am sure they will do well.

Attendance

Good attendance at school is of vital importance for children to achieve their full potential both now and in their future lives. At primary school, we are putting the foundations in place for your child's education and poor attendance causes gaps, which makes it difficult for children to build on.



Our attendance is currently 92.8%. Unfortunately, some of our attendance figures this week have been below this average. Myself and all the staff at our school are determined to do our very best for your children. Please help us by making sure that they are in school as often as possible. Please see important information regarding changes to penalty notice fines that has been sent with this newsletter.

And finally...

Free school meals are provided to all our pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This is a nationally Government funded programme to ensure that all children get a nutritious meal. We do however have a significant number of pupils in these year groups who have sandwiches. To save yourself money and time in preparing these, we would recommend that you encourage your children to have school dinners, where possible, if you have children in these year groups.

Whatever you are planning to do over the extended bank holiday weekend, I hope that you have a fabulous time. We look forward to seeing everybody back on Tuesday next week.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Wednesday 8 th May	Girls Football match at BCFC	
Thursday 9 th May	SEND Sports competition	3:30pm – 5:15pm
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	SATs week	Year 6
Monday 20 th May	Anxiety and Transition Workshop Parent Workshop	9:15am – 10:30am
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Whitsun Half Term Holiday – school closed to pupils	
Monday 3 rd June	School re-opens	All years
Monday 3 rd June	Class photo day	
Friday 7 th June	Kenilworth Castle Trip	Year 4
Thursday 13 th June	Wythall Transport Museum Trip	Reception
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day	All years
Thursday 20 th June	ThinkTank Birmingham Museum Trip	Year 5
Friday 21 st June	Big Bang Trip	Year 6
Monday 24 th June	School councillor trip to Heath Mount	
Wednesday 26 th June	Visit to Kings Edward VI Northfield School for girls	Year 5
Wednesday 26 th June	Visit to Turves Green Secondary School for Boys	Year 5
Wednesday 3 rd July	Secondary school transition day	Year 6
Thursday 4 th July	Graduated approach to speech, language and communication needs parent workshop	9:15 – 10:30am
Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July	Book Fair	3:30pm
Monday 8 th July	Cadbury World Trip	Year 3
Tuesday 9 th July	SeaLife Centre Trip	Year 2
Tuesday 9 th July	Knife Crime workshop	Year 6
Friday 12 th July	End of year reports go home	All years
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer	All years
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



Cleo	RG	5
Arash	4J	9
Leighton	1K	6
Zahara	5E	10
Bella-Rose	1W	6
Dior	4V	9

What's New on the Website?

Cancellation of school trips 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 in order to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning in school.

- Reception:** What pairs of numbers make 6?
- Year 1:** How many tens and ones are in the number 32? Can you represent this number?
- Year 2:** How can we stay safe online?
- Year 3:** How have the canals in Birmingham changed over the years?
- Year 4:** What different ways could you attack and defend a castle?
- Year 5:** What can you tell me about the Jin Crow laws?
- Year 6:** What are some of the push and pull factors linked to migration?

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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

Our current school attendance to date has slipped to **92.8%** - let's get this up to **96%**!

Can you beat this % next week?

Did your class.

'BEAT LAST WEEK'?

Each week the children will receive a class star if their class's attendance beats or equals their previous week's percentage.

Which classes will earn the most stars over the next 10 weeks? Help your class by being at school every day!

Well done to **RJ, RL, 1W, 5S, 6B** and **6H** who all **BEAT LAST WEEK** with their attendance this week!

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W - 98%

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



4V - 96.7%

Class	% present	Did you BEAT LAST WEEK?
RG	84.7%	
RJ	97.3%	Yes! ★
RL	91.6%	Yes! ★
1K	85.9%	
1W	98.0%	Yes! ★
2M	87.6%	
2P	92.3%	
3B	94.3%	
3F	84.3%	
4J	91.6%	
4V	96.7%	
5E	91.1%	
5S	88.9%	Yes! ★
6B	90.7%	Yes! ★
6H	94.7%	Yes! ★

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Zac	RL
Archie	1W
Logan W	2P
Michael	3F
William	4J
Poppie-Leigh	5S
Bobby	6H



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Hannes	RG	Conor	RL	Finley	RJ
Jayden	1W	Ivy	1K	Mahz	2P
Poppy	2M	Dennis	3B	Summer	3F
Alex	4J	Drew	4V	Rainy	5E
Michael	5S	Dara	6B	Kamaal	6H



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	121	169	191	198

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	3873	4011	4005	4180



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

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



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.

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.

The logo for the National Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NSPCC), consisting of the letters 'NSPCC' in white on a green square background.

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 at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.



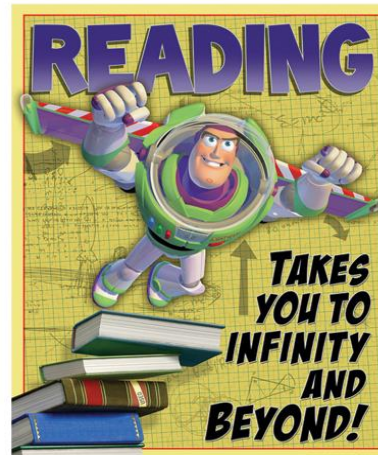
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5E	498,553
2 nd	3B	411,727
3 rd	5S	274,581
4 th	3F	143,373
5 th	4V	135,833
6 th	4J	78,473
7 th	6B	50,310
8 th	6H	12,858

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Evelyn (5E) 466,580
2 nd	Sky (3B) 288,154
3 rd	Timothy (5S) 172,059
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,335,232	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	107,482,574
2 nd	4J	40,410,132
3 rd	3F	26,981,698
4 th	5S	11,748,478
5 th	5E	3,918,886
6 th	1K	3,803,900
7 th	4V	2,409,860
8 th	6B	2,280,000
9 th	2M	1,704,000
10 th	6H	1,455,392
11 th	1W	294,574
12 th	2P	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Godpower (3B) 98,205,000
2 nd	Robyn (4J) 25,291,968
3 rd	Arash (4J) 13,392,000
Highest score this year	
Godpower 3,331,739,441	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	451,508
2 nd	5E	361,499
3 rd	2M	237,736
4 th	2P	177,841
5 th	4V	135,246
6 th	6H	120,129
7 th	3F	107,758
8 th	6B	83,310
9 th	5S	71,726
10 th	4J	52,745

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (3B) 251,254
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 229,405
3 rd	Laurie (2M) 51,643
Highest score this year	
Scarlet (3B) 251,254	