

Friday 20th November, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, this week saw our first confirmed case of Coronavirus at Colmers Farm. This unfortunately resulted in our reception bubble having to isolate. We have been really lucky as a school that this has taken so long to occur and our stringent risk assessment and practices have enabled the effect of this to be minimised. Our reception children have been provided with learning via Tapestry and printed work as required. They have also had a daily story on Google Classroom with their teachers, which I know that they have enjoyed. We are however very much looking forward to our reception children returning to school next Thursday.

This week has been anti-bullying week and we have been celebrating this at our school. Bullying happens in almost all schools, but we are fortunate at our school to have very few cases of this and we are determined to keep incidents of this as low as possible, by empowering our children. On Monday, we had an odd socks day to highlight how children should not be bullied for being different. Our staff also took part in this. We have also had a series of assemblies and lessons about bullying and what to do if they encounter it. It is really important, as a school that we find out about bullying as soon as it starts so that we can react swiftly and help those involved in it. Please reinforce with your child one word -TELL. If all children did this, the effects of bullying nationwide could be minimised.

Our school attendance is currently 95.2%. Considering the whole Coronavirus situation this is amazing. Thank you to everybody for your support with this. Please keep it up!

Our intrepid space fairing teddy bear returned to school today, courtesy of Royal Mail and we are all really excited to have him back. I cannot help but imagine what sort of an adventure he had on his return to school in his box 😊. Please remember to check out the video on our school's Twitter feed to watch our bear's journey into space, if you have not already seen it. It was a fabulous journey – even if it was a rather bumpy landing.



This week has been our parents' evenings week at Colmers Farm. I know that these have been very different to normal, but thank you for engaging with the phone calls or Teams meetings. I really hope that you have found these useful. If you were unable to have your parents' meeting, please contact your child's class teacher, via our school office to arrange an appointment. These meetings are really important to enable us to work as a team for the benefit of your child. At Colmers Farm, we really want to speak to 100% of our families. After your parents' evenings we would be very grateful if you could return to school your slip which is attached to your child's report. Thank you.

I hope that you all have a safe and restful weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

OUR TREE OF ACHIEVEMENT

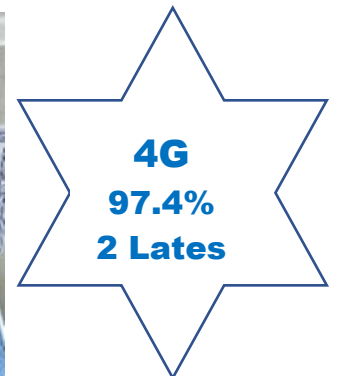
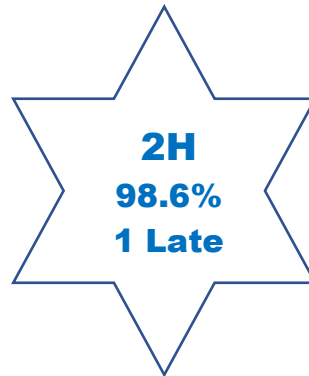


LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG ON OUR TREE THIS WEEK

Manisha and Kaelynn in Year 1
Tiegan and Lilah in Year 2
Jacob and Grace in Year 3
Luke and Zakariya in Year 4
Tyson, Loushus and William in Year 5
Madeeha and Jacob in Year 6



This week's winners of the Colmers' Cat and Colmers' Camel are:



Well Done for your great attendance and punctuality!

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Due to the Coronavirus, Our Hot Chocolate Fridays can no longer take place with Mr Williams and the children in his office. We are pleased to say that the children will be bringing a Hot Chocolate goodie bag home with them at the end of the day if they were lucky enough to be drawn out

Lorelei in 1F
Kai in 2H, Aliza in 3B,
Miracle in 4G, Loushus in 5M and
in 6D

Well Done

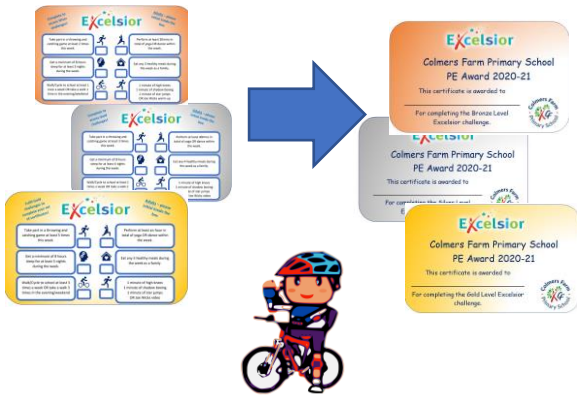


WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

The winning ticket this week was number 96 and the lucky girl to win the raffle Amy in Year 4. I wonder what prize she will choose



DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR ACTIVITY CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVE YOUR CERTIFICATE



Next week, as part of our work towards achieving the Well-Being Award for Schools, children in Years 3 to 6 will be completing a well-being questionnaire in school. Gaining the children's views is of key importance to us. Please let your child's class teacher know if you DO NOT want your child to take part.

Many Thanks,
Miss Kelly.



Week beginning Monday 23rd November

Dinnertime Lunch Rota will be



Children in Reception, Years 1,3 and 5 will have lunch in the dining hall.

Children in Reception, Years 2,4 and 6 will be having lunch in their classrooms.



Pause.

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Birmingham

Need someone to talk to?
Struggling to cope with feelings?
We're here for you.

We are operating a telephone-based service while Pause in Digbeth is closed.
Register for support via our website:
www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause

Or call **0207 841 4470** and we will arrange for one of our friendly staff to call you back.

Who can we use?

- You can use us if you have a Birmingham GP and are:
- Under 25 years old (If you are under 14 you will need to have a parent / caregiver with you when we call to give consent).
 - Or if you are a parent / caregiver looking for support for their child who is under 25 years old.

How can we help?

- We can offer:
- Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.
 - A non-judgemental listening ear.
 - Details for other organisations that might also be able to help you.
 - Each call lasts around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.

Our Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday: 10am-6pm, Saturdays: 10am-5pm.
We are closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The Children's Society

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November 2020

Birmingham City Council



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AT HOME. BEHAVIOUR

Speaker: Dr Claire Jarvis, Educational Psychologist

About this webinar: Information to help you:

- To develop an understanding of why children display challenging behaviour or struggle to manage their emotions
- To have practical strategies to take away to support your child at home

Friday 27th November at 2.00pm

To secure your place on this webinar please click on the link below to order your free ticket and on the day you will be contacted admitting you in to the webinar.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-childrens-behaviour-and-supporting-children-at-home-tickets-128862979541>

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