



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



# WELCOME BACK

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everybody to what will be an exciting new school year! It has been really great to see everybody back in school this week safe and well after the holidays and looking very smart in their school uniforms. We are really pleased with the way that everybody has settled quickly back into school life.

Firstly, I'd like to start this newsletter by welcoming our brand-new children in Reception and their families to our school. Choosing a school for your child to start their education at can be a tough choice and we are so happy that you have chosen our school for your child. It was wonderful to see them on their first few trial days with us in our EYFS unit with our wonderful EYFS staff. They seemed to be really enjoying themselves when I have visited. I hope that you see your child progressing well and that they enjoy every second they have with us during their Colmers Farm careers. If you do have any concerns, please speak to one of our experienced EYFS staff as soon as possible and they will happily help you.

I would also like to welcome our three new teachers who have started with us. We have Miss Kent (who many of our KS1 children will already know) who will be teaching in Year 1, Mr Hawker (in Year 3) and Mrs Oliver who will be our art and design and technology teacher in our wonderful new art and design and technology room, which we are all very excited about. I wish them the greatest of success as they start their time at our school and I am sure that you will make them all feel welcomed.



We had planned for the allotment area in the Junior Playground to be tidied up in the holidays. Unfortunately, this has been delayed by the company we

## DIARY DATES

06/10/21  
Year 6 knife crime  
workshops

22/10/21  
Final school day before  
half term holiday

01/11/21  
Staff training day

03 and 04/11/21  
Autumn Term  
Parents' Evening

15/11/21  
Anti-bullying week

## Please follow us on Twitter!

Our feed is where we  
celebrate the wonderful  
learning opportunities we  
provide for all of our  
pupils everyday!

**@Colmers\_FarmPS**



## What's new on our website this week?



- Updated Covid Risk Assessment (Coronavirus Info)
- Updated e-safety policy (policies)

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selected due to staff illness. This is now planned to be completed in October half term. My apologies for this delay.

Years 1 to 6 will have received their new topic knowledge organisers this week. Please spend some time discussing this with your children as this will help them to develop their knowledge about their topic. We always love to see any homework created by our children for their topics, so please send in what they create and we will display it in school.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams

## Happy Birthday Messages

For next week, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Chloe  
Daniel  
Effy  
Elias  
Emily  
Freddie  
Gracie-May  
Hayden  
Kamran  
Kane  
Lorelei  
Mariam  
Oliver  
Sophie-Mae  
Timothy

5T 9  
2B 7  
3H 7  
4J 9  
2H 6  
RF 5  
1K 6  
3H 8  
6B 11  
5A 10  
2B 7  
3T 8  
5A 10  
3H 7  
3T 8



## e-safety – Keeping your children safe online.

### Does your child know these rules?

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| <h1>S</h1> <p><b>Stay Safe</b></p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> | <h1>M</h1> <p><b>Don't Meet Up</b></p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> | <h1>A</h1> <p><b>Accepting Files</b></p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> | <h1>R</h1> <p><b>Reliable?</b></p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> | <h1>T</h1> <p><b>Tell Someone</b></p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> |
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### Pupil e-safety challenge

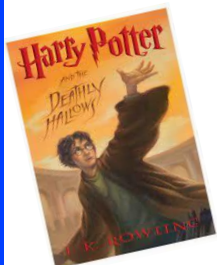
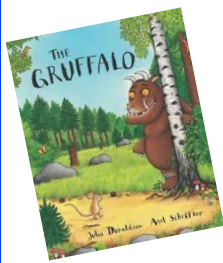
What would your child do if this happened to them?

To stay safe online, what should you not post online? Be careful, there may be more than one answer.

1. Your full name.
2. What you've had for dinner.
3. Where you live.
4. Which school you go to.
5. A cartoon image as a profile picture instead of a real photo

This week's answer = 1, 3 and 4





### READ, READ, READ!

Reading is a key skill which is so important to your child's development at all ages. 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.



Asking your children questions when they are reading is a great way of checking their understanding of the text and it really helps them to become a better reader. Try asking your children the questions below.

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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# Attendance Information 21-22

**The expectation is for all children to be in school at all times.** Children who have good school attendance make better progress socially and academically.

Birmingham Education Legal Intervention Team have reinstated the Fast Track to Attendance legal process and schools are expected to follow this without exception. The Leave in Term Time (legal) Process will also be followed for children and families who take unauthorised leave in term time. Letters explaining this process will be published next week.

## Colmers Farm's expectations:

### ➤ PUNCTUALITY.

- All children arrive at school between **8:35am and 8:45am through the playground doors**. Children can enter school through any door.
- The playground doors will **close promptly at 8:45 am**. Registers are then taken in classrooms.
- Any children that arrive after 8:45 will need to be taken into school **by an adult and signed in** using the school's electronic signing in system. This is the responsibility of the adult bringing the child into school.
- Children who arrive at school between 8:45am and 9:30am will be coded on the register as 'L'.
- Children who arrive after 9:30am will be coded on the register as 'U'. The 'U' code detracts from the overall percentage attendance of a child in school and 'U' codes will be used in the Fast Track to Attendance legal procedures.
- Once a child has 5 'L' or 'U' marks, parents / carers will be asked to come into school to meet with the attendance team about their child's punctuality.

### ➤ ATTENDANCE.

- Colmers Farm Primary School has an attendance target for each child of 96%.
- Children whose attendance falls below 90% are classed by the Department for Education as persistent absentees (PAs) and the school is judged on the number of PA children in school.
- Colmers Farm Primary School will not wait until a child's attendance drops to 90% before interventions begin. When a child's attendance begins to cause concern to the attendance team, parents / carers will be invited into school to discuss how the school can help to address this before their child(ren) becomes a PA.
- Should attendance levels continue to be a concern, parents / carers will be invited to attend a School Attendance Review Meeting (SARM) which forms part of the legal process.
- The aim of the SARM is to improve school attendance. Should this not occur the full legal process will be followed.

## This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

All of our pupils returning to school,  
looking smart in their uniform and ready to start  
learning.



## School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on all of our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school, unless short term with prior agreement.



For details on our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

## 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

contact

[ruberyswopshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswopshop@outlook.com) for more information.



# Amazing Ways to Nurture Your Child's Mental Health



- Have Patience Most Times
- I Love you No Matter What
- Give Many Hug & Cuddles
- Happy & Positive Home
- Fulfil Basic Necessities
- Establish A Routine
- Happy Parents, Happy Kids

• Deep Conversations With Child

• Quality Time Every Day

• Healthy Food & Choices

• Model Healthy Lifestyle

• Always Be There

• Help Child Set Boundaries

• Praise Positive Choices

• Model Self Care



• Let them make decisions

• Deal Tantrums With Firmness

• Cause & Consequence

• Let Them Say "NO"

• Teach Body Safety & Limits

• Limit Screen Time

• Nurture Child's Independence

• Name Their Emotions

• Play Pretend Play

• Share Your Experiences

• Say True To Your Word

• Believe In You Child

**& MANY MORE TIPS**

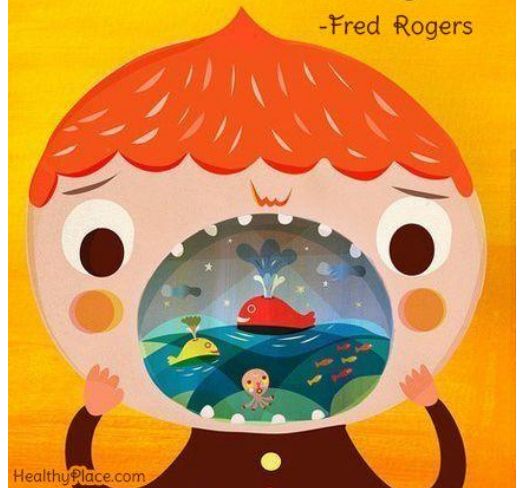


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## Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips

When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary.

-Fred Rogers



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# Out of School Club Provision

for children from Rubery Nursery  
School and Colmers Primary School\*

\*up to the age of 8 years old



**Rubery**  
nursery school



Breakfast Club is open from **7.30am - 9.am**  
and After School **3.00pm - 5.30pm**

Our Out of School Club offers children from 2 – 8 years old a safe and friendly environment with qualified and experienced members from our staff team. Children can choose from a range of activities relevant to their age and ability.

We offer snack to the children during the session. They can choose between cereal or toast for breakfast if they arrive before 8.30am and will receive a biscuit and a drink before 4.15pm. A light tea is offered for children staying after 4.15pm. For more information, please request a prospectus or phone us on the number below.

For more information and prices please contact our Reception on  
**0121 464 2158** or visit us at:

**Leybrook Road, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9PB**

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