



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Good attendance is vital for your child's success!



Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 18th March is red nose day. To raise money for this popular charity we will be having a none uniform day, where we would like our children to wear something red. We would be grateful if our children could bring into school a silver-coloured coin as a donation.

On Tuesday, Miss McCarron and Mr Latham took twenty-one Year 5 and Year 6 children to an athletics competition and Colmers Secondary School. Here the children took part in a variety of races including the 4x100 relay, obstacle courses, laps, the javelin and many more. There were five other schools taking part in this event (some in the morning and some in the afternoon). Overall, we finished a very impressive second. Well done to everybody who took part. You were all fabulous!

We are very pleased and excited to announce that Miss Kelly gave birth to a lovely baby girl on Tuesday. She was 6lbs and 13 oz. Both mother and baby are doing very well and we are looking forward to meeting the latest addition to Miss Kelly's family hopefully soon.

Tuesday was a very busy day as we welcomed teachers from seven different schools to our school. They came to visit us to observe how we teach our mastering number lessons in Year 1. These lessons take place in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, four times a week. They focus on developing children's number sense, so that over time they leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. Our visitors left our school very impressed with what they saw during these lessons. They also really enjoyed their tour around Colmers Farm. They were really impressed with the quality of our displays around school which showcase our children's learning.

On Friday were visited by Gary Sambrook MP, who is becoming a frequent visitor to our school. Mr Sambrook was at school today to celebrate us achieving the Rights Respecting Silver Award. During his visit, he found out more about the award and met our Rights Respecting Change Maker children and discussed with them what they had done to achieve this award.



DIARY DATES

18/03/22
Comic Relief/Red
Nose Day

08/04/22
New topic knowledge
organisers coming home

08/04/22
Last school day before
Easter holidays

25/04/22
Children return to
school

09/05/22
Year 6 SATS Week

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

Emergency out-of-hours
number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website
this week?



Sorry there's nothing new this week. Please check our Twitter feed though to see what's been happening at our school this week.

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

We are really grateful to Mr Sambrook for taking the time to visit us.

Please remember not to send your child into school with expensive personal possessions. We would much rather that these stay safe at home.

IMPORTANT

As the Queen's Jubilee bank holiday falls within half term (similar to previous occasions such as the 2011 Royal Wedding and the 2012 Diamond Jubilee) the DfE has amended the Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations to reduce the school year for maintained schools by a day. Our school year will now conclude for all children at the end of the day on Tuesday 19th July 2022 and not on Wednesday 20th July as previously advertised.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams Headteacher

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

Riley P	6B	Age 11
Sara R	6B	Age 11
Laylah T	5T	Age 10
Salman K	5A	Age 10
Evelyn W	3H	Age 8
Alexander W	2B	Age 8
Rihanna B	1K	Age 6
Oluwashikemi A	RF	Age 5



e-safety – Keeping your children safe online. Does your child know these rules?

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!

Pupil e-safety challenge



What is the recommended maximum number of hours a child aged between 5-18 should spend on an electronic device i.e. a phone, tablet or computer?

- (a) Under an hour
- (b) 1 hour
- (c) 2 hours
- (d) 3 hours



This week's answer = c. Most guidance recommends a maximum of two hours per day. In the UK, the average child (aged 5-16) spends 2-3 hours per day watching TV, 1-3 hours on the internet, 1-2 hours playing video games and an hour on mobile phones (not talking). 6.3 hours of screen time per day (source NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde)

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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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



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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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Questions to ask your child when reading to them.



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of words read (2 weeks)
1 st	6B	399,858
2 nd	6D	265,329
3 rd	5A	142,349
4 th	3T	117,428
5 th	4G	75,727
6 th	4J	55,340
7 th	3H	22,782
8 th	5T	5,471



Spelling Shed 

	Class name	Scores (2 weeks)
1 st	6B	58,235,905
2 nd	3T	47,858,285
3 rd	4G	44,897,270
4 th	6D	27,327,384
5 th	5A	8,229,836
6 th	3H	4,899,794
7 th	2H	3,253,313
8 th	4J	3,220,258
9 th	1W	2,224,451
10 th	5T	1,200,432
11 th	1F	461,438
12 th	1K	284,132
13 th	2B	89,154

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of points (2 weeks)
1 st	6B	11,440
2 nd	4G	9,889
3 rd	3T	9,463
4 th	2H	6,040
5 th	6D	3,780
6 th	2B	3,248
7 th	3H	2,590
8 th	5T	2,470
9 th	4J	1,549
10 th	5A	1,190

Top 3 pupils - last 2 weeks

1st	Harvey (6B) 243,159
2nd	Violet (6D) 114,733
3rd	Timothy (3T) 93,656
Record Score	
Harvey (6B) 658,841 words	

Top 3 pupils - last 2 weeks

1st	Ryan (4G) 35,075,536
2nd	Mariam (3T) 14,555,312
3rd	Hao Xuan (6B) 11,144,200
Record Score	
Harvey (6B) 50,053,308	

Top 3 pupils - last 2 weeks

1st	Hao Xuan (6B) 3,210
2nd	Ryan (4G) 3,000
3rd	Kamran (6D) 2,850
Record Score	
Ryan (4G) 10,110	



ATTENDANCE



2B



4J

This year's best attendance so far! Well done!

We are now halfway through the academic year. The table below shows the current attendance percentage to date for each class.

Remember: our school target is 96% or above!

Our whole school attendance to date is: **91.2%**

Class	% attendance to date	Number of lates to date
RC	89.1%	104
RF	90.8%	79
1F	90.4%	147
1K	93.2%	74
1W	92.9%	50
2B	94.7%	71
2H	91.8%	126
3H	91.6%	163
3T	91.3%	152
4G	92.2%	42
4J	93.1%	96
5A	89.2%	190
5T	89.7%	130
6B	92.1%	118
6D	90.7%	74

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Freddy	RF
Lali-Bella	1F
Sophie-Mae	2H
Lucia	3H
Gabriella	4J
Junior	5A
Carol	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Luckie C	RC	Gracie-May H	1K	Archie L	3H	Thomas W	5T
Louis M	RF	Ellis W	2B	Alex J	4J	Loushus L	6B
Hayden B	1W	Dior S	2H	Thomas G	4G	Florence B	6D
Troy G	1F	Tiegan K	3T	Alfie G	5A		



You have all demonstrated the key quality of reilience this week.

This week's house point results

629

Farah

779 

Thompson

716

Daley

607

Ennis-Hill

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, unless this is short term with prior agreement.

For details about 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 or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

10 WAYS PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN TO BUILD POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH HABITS



Encourage your child to openly talk about their feelings and thoughts



When your child is worrying help them to effectively problem solve



Support them to connect and build positive relationships with others



Encourage them to look after their physical health (Sleep, food, exercise)



Help them to stay focused on the present moment using mindfulness



Highlight the importance of looking after both physical and mental health



Be a mental health role model. Demonstrate positive behaviours



Praise, encourage, motivate and regular support your child to build their self esteem



Work together to learn some coping skills such as deep breathing



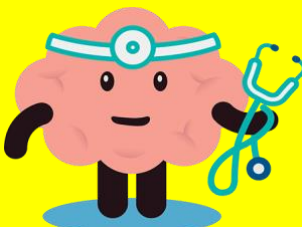
As your child grows up encourage and support autonomy

@BELIEVEPHQ



What should I do if I have any concerns about my child's mental health?

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school's pastoral team (Miss Kelly, Mrs Taylor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer).



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



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.



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

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

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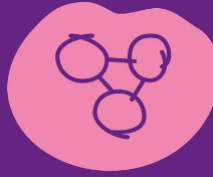
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Health



Mental
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