



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



## Good attendance is vital for your child's success!



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

Thank you to everybody who brought into school donations for Comic Relief. We raised a total of £162.93. It's wonderful that we are able as a school to contribute to this charity which does so much good, for people less fortunate than ourselves, around the world.

At Colmers Farm, we take attendance and punctuality very seriously and we aim to have an attendance figure above 97%. Regular school attendance is obviously important, and arguably even more so with the disruption caused by Covid over the last couple of years. Everyday missed is a day's worth of learning missed. Those children who are regularly absent from school and/or regularly arrive late do not achieve their full potential and will fall behind their peers. Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and on time.

Our children are very lucky to have access to a range of online homework resources including Spelling Shed (Years 1-6), Accelerated Reader (Years 3-6) and Mathletics (Years 2-6). Please encourage your children to use these during some evenings and during the school holidays. These really do impact on your child's spelling, reading and maths skills. The links for these sites are available in the useful links section of the school website. Please contact the school office if your child has lost or forgotten their login details for this.

A huge well done to Zach in 3T who produced this wonderful canopic jar at home as part of his Ancient Egypt topic. What really impressed me about this was his attention to detail – I think he is the first child I've ever seen that's thought about putting representations of the human organs in a canopic jar. A little gory, but really wonderful all at the same time. I love it!

Please can I remind you that children should not bring chewing gum onto the school site. Unfortunately, we do not permit chewing gum to be chewed at any point in the school day. Thank you for your support with this.



## DIARY DATES

27/03/22  
Mother's 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](mailto: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 out our Twitter feed though to see what's been happening at our school this week.

[www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](http://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)

**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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and not on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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:

Naomi E	6B	Age 11
Emmet D	1W	Age 6
Darcie M	5A	Age 10
Lucas B	2B	Age 7
Lily W	1K	Age 6
Regan Brooke H	3T	Age 8
Kai H	3T	Age 8
Gracie-Mae S	4J	Age 9
Eden G	2H	Age 7
Violet W	6D	Age 11



# 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



How often should you take a break when viewing a computer, tablet or phone screen?

- (a) Every 10 minutes
- (b) Every 30 minutes
- (c) Every hour
- (d) Every two hours



This week's answer = B. Most organisations recommend having a break every 30 minutes. Taking regular breaks is important when using computers. See the following link for more information:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-5-7-year-olds/>



## 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

### 10 ways to become a better reader...

1. Read
2. READ
3. Read
4. read
5. READ
6. Read
7. Read
8. read
9. Read
10. READ



## 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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**Questions to ask your child when reading to them.**



**Accelerated™**  
Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6B	1,998,202
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6D	1,292,119
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3T	210,428
4 <sup>th</sup>	5A	156,619
5 <sup>th</sup>	5T	118,589
6 <sup>th</sup>	4J	115,666
7 <sup>th</sup>	4G	50,050
8 <sup>th</sup>	3H	39,405



**Spelling Shed** 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	3T	91,359,955
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4G	43,911,712
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6B	38,386,851
4 <sup>th</sup>	6D	20,772,688
5 <sup>th</sup>	3H	11,849,290
6 <sup>th</sup>	5A	6,355,544
7 <sup>th</sup>	2B	3,171,156
8 <sup>th</sup>	1K	1,591,150
9 <sup>th</sup>	1F	1,563,879
10 <sup>th</sup>	1W	1,415,494
11 <sup>th</sup>	5T	696,140
12 <sup>th</sup>	4J	674,679
13 <sup>th</sup>	2H	277,220

**Mathletics**

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	3T	16,520
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6D	12,039
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6B	11,940
4 <sup>th</sup>	4G	10,184
5 <sup>th</sup>	2B	6,210
6 <sup>th</sup>	3H	5,010
7 <sup>th</sup>	2H	2,720
8 <sup>th</sup>	5T	2,638
9 <sup>th</sup>	4J	1,281
10 <sup>th</sup>	5A	230



Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Laila (6D) 787,079
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katieleigh (6B) 592,369
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvey (6B) 419,181
Record Score	
Laila (6D) 787,079 words	

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan (4G) 35,002,240
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mariam (3T) 30,017,558
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wanny (3T) 10,437,906
Record Score	
Harvey (6B) 50,053,308	

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Timothy (3T) 3,980
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jake (3T) 3,580
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zahara (3T) 2,460
Record Score	
Ryan (4G) 10,110	





# ATTENDANCE



2H



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: **91.3%**

Class	% attendance this week	Number of lates this week
RC	91.4%	3
RF	94.5%	0
1F	97.9%	1
1K	90.5%	6
1W	80%	3
2B	97%	1
2H	99.2%	4
3H	93.3%	2
3T	93.8%	3
4G	91%	0
4J	97%	2
5A	92.2%	4
5T	96.2%	3
6B	92.4%	3
6D	84.5%	3

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Enah M	RC
Theo F	1K
Lucas B	2B
Samuel M	3T
Tyler C	4G
Kiera W	5T
Roxanne	6D



## This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Lillie Mai D	RC	Bryn S	1K	Rainy W	3H	Ethan A	5T
Freddie N	RF	Hollie S	2B	Owen A	4G	Tyler D	6B
Charlotte R	1W	Eden G	2H	Demi-Lee C	4J	Kayden H	6D
Eden F	1F	Cayleigh M	3T	Phoebe S	5A		



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

## This week's house point results

713

Farah

653 

Thompson

643

Daley

596

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](http://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk) or [ruberyswopshop@outlook.com](mailto: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



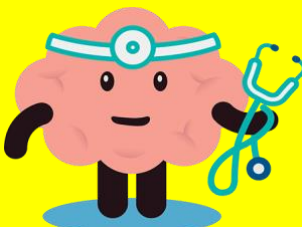
As your child grows up encourage and support autonomy

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### 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:

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

[www.ruberyn.bham.sch.uk](http://www.ruberyn.bham.sch.uk)



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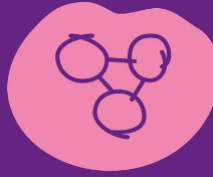
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Health



Mental  
Health



Play



# Birmingham Children's Partnership



## Edgbaston

EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org  
0121 456 7821

## Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk  
0121 748 8199

## Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk  
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

## Hodge Hill

EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk  
07976 199894

## Ladywood

childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk  
07764 977636

## Northfield

NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org  
07516 918 133

## Perry Barr

PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1900

## Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com  
0121 441 4556

## Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1860

## Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk  
0121 289 4875







# Sense: Connect and Play

**Come and find out about  
Sense's new Connect and Play  
service!**


## **What?**

Meet staff from Sense, explore our centre, and find out about support in Birmingham.

We will have music, arts and wellbeing sessions and you and your child can explore the senses through our stories, play and arts activities.

## **Book now:**

[connectandplay@sense.org.uk](mailto:connectandplay@sense.org.uk)  
0203 833 0633

 [www.sense.org.uk](http://www.sense.org.uk)

Charity number 289868

## **When?**

10:00- 12:30pm  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

## **Where?**

Sense Touchbase Pears,  
750 Bristol Road,  
Selly Oak,  
Birmingham,  
B29 6NA.

## **Who?**

Our programme is for families of children with special needs aged 0-8 years old.

 **sense**  
connecting sight, sound and life





# Connect and Play Focus Groups

## What?

We are looking for parents who are caring for children with complex needs and SEND aged 0-8 in Birmingham.

Can you tell us what's working, what's missing and help Sense to develop our new play service?

Each family will receive £40 for taking part, and support with transport costs. During the session we will be running sensory play and story sessions and refreshments will be provided.

## Info or booking:

email: [connectandplay@sense.org.uk](mailto:connectandplay@sense.org.uk)

Call: 0203 833 0633



[www.sense.org.uk](http://www.sense.org.uk)

Charity number 289868

## When?

Group 1: 10:00- 11:30am

Group 2: 12.30-2.00pm

Wednesday 30th March

## Where?

Sense Touchbase Pears,  
750 Bristol Road,  
Selly Oak,  
Birmingham,  
B29 6NA.

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