



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Is your child wearing the correct PE kit?

At Colmers Farm all of our children should be wearing a plain red t-shirt or polo shirt for PE lessons. No other coloured tops should be worn. Please see our school uniform policy for further details.



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you've all enjoyed this week.

As Doctor Seuss said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Reading is such an important activity for children (and adults) to take part in. Tuesday this week marked the end of our reading competition, where we challenged everybody in KS2 to read as many words as they could in a week. Well done everybody who took part and particularly to our winners who were:

- * Hayden in 3H - 32629 words read
- * Hao Lin in 4J - 485853 words read
- * Darcie in 5A - 91557 words read
- * Rubenn in 6B - 460407 words read

Each of our winners will be getting £20 to spend on books on Amazon.

Whilst outside during on Wednesday, I noticed that a child had written this.



It's lovely to see that our No Outsiders ethos is now embedded at our school and that our children truly believe that "everyone is equal".

Great school attendance is so important. If children are not in school, they are not learning and are likely to fall behind. After the amount of time all children have missed from school, it has never been more important for every child to have the best attendance possible. Please read the attendance letter on pages 8 & 9 of this newsletter about our approach to attendance.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Reception Phonics inspire session on Thursday. It was great to see so many of you here.

Also on Thursday, Year 3 had an online workshop with the Houses of Parliament Education Team, where they found out about democracy in our country. The children found out lots about this.

DIARY DATES

06/10/21
Year 6 knife crime workshops

06/10/21
Year 3 Pupil First Aid Training

08/10/21
Year 3 Zoolab visit

WB 11/10/21
Year 5 Bikeability

15/10/21
Human Rights Run Day

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?



Calendar updated
(Calendar section)

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

It was lovely to see after school clubs starting this week. We were oversubscribed in all of our clubs, so unfortunately, we were unable to accept everybody who wanted a space. We will endeavour to prioritise unsuccessful children in our next round of clubs.

Families with children due to start secondary school in September 2022 are now able to apply online for their school place. Please visit https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1. Please carefully consider schools' admission criteria and name as many schools as you can in your choice's boxes, just in case you do not get your first choice. **Writing the name of one school never guarantees that you will receive an offer from that school. The deadline for applications is 31st October.** If your application is received after this, you are less likely to be given one of your preferred schools.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Mr Williams

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Nevaeh B 1F Age 6
Khloe G 4G Age 9
Ella-Mae T 2B Age 7



e-safety – Keeping your children safe online.

Does your child know these rules?

<h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</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>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>
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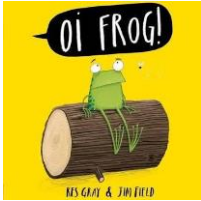
Pupil e-safety challenge

What would your child do if this happened to them?

You are setting up an account on a new site and it asks you for your name. Do you use:

1. Your full name?
2. A made up nickname?
3. Your first name only?
4. Your initials?

MR. NOISY

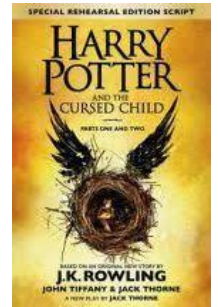
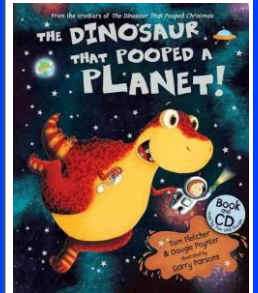
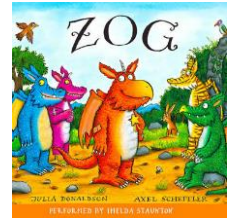


READ, READ, READ!

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.

BOOKS
aren't just made of
WORDS...
they're also filled with
PLACES
to visit and
PEOPLE
to meet.



Accelerated Reader

Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 st	6B	977007	↑
2 nd	6D	714549	↑
3 rd	3T	384692	↓
4 th	4J	293601	↓
5 th	5A	204622	↑
6 th	5T	71413	↓
7 th	4G	58603	↑
8 th	3H	6556	↓



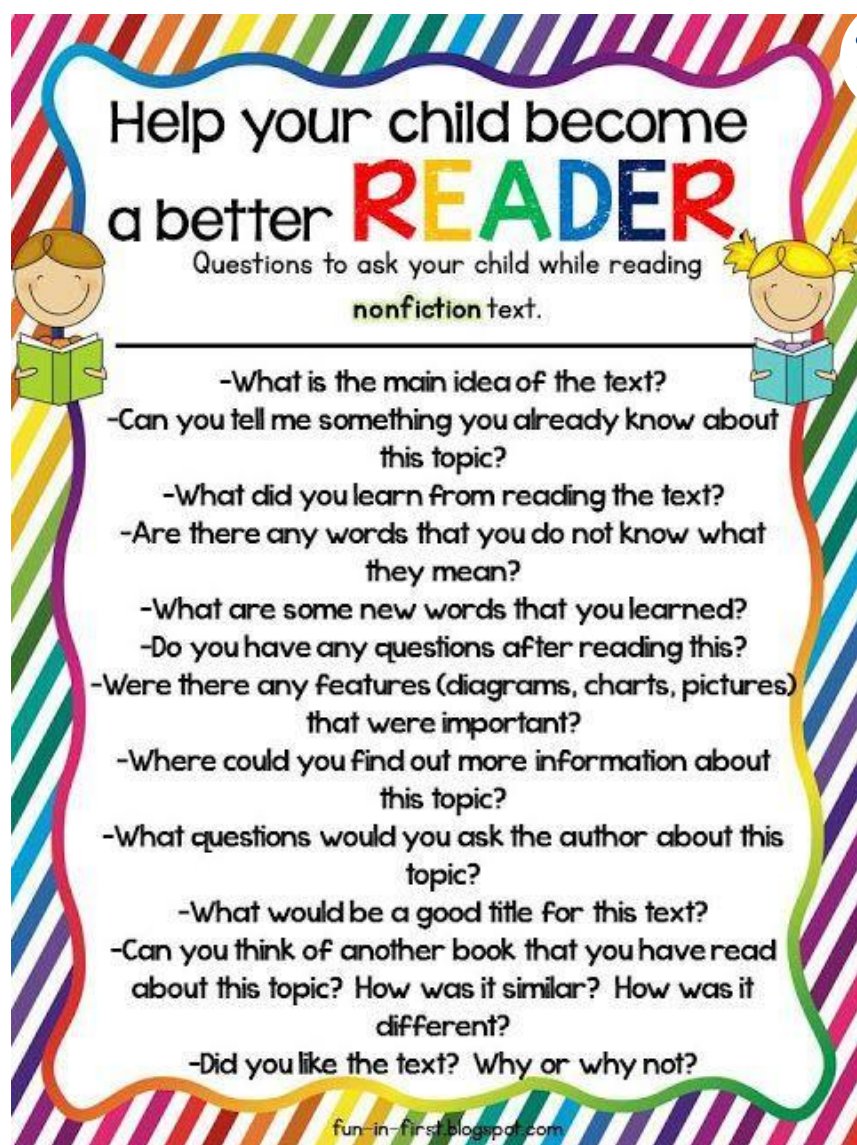
**Well done
3T!**

100% of your class completed an Accelerated Reader test this week. This was the highest percentage in our school! 6D were second with 86%.

Well done to 3T!

School record holders are 6B – 977007 words in one week (01/10/21)



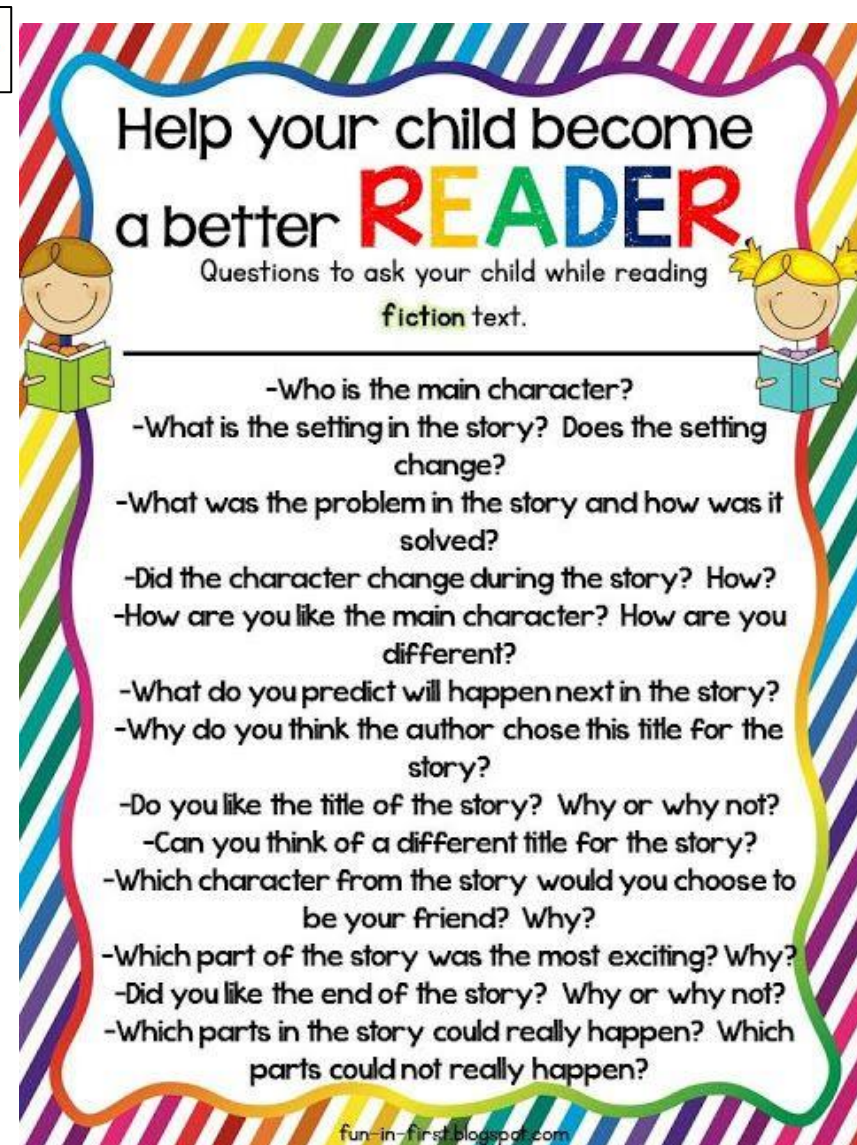


Help your child become a better **READER**

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 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

ATTENDANCE

At the end of this newsletter you will find a letter sent on behalf of Education Legal Intervention Team at Birmingham City Council and Colmers Farm Primary School. Attendance remains a high priority for our school and the city, and all attendance and punctuality concerns will be addressed promptly.

This week, 32 letters have been sent regarding attendance where children had a whole year attendance of less than 90% last year and who have also currently got an attendance of less than 90%.

Every minute of learning counts for our children. If you require any support in getting your children to school, please reach out to us and we can work together to support children and families.

Colmers Farm League Table to date. How is your class doing?

Pos	Class	Games played	Points
1	RC	2	6
=	RF	2	6
=	2B	2	6
=	3T	2	6
=	4G	2	6
6	1F	2	3
=	1K	2	3
=	1W	2	3
=	2H	2	3
=	3H	2	3
=	6D	2	3
12	4J	2	0
=	5A	2	0
=	5T	2	0
=	6B	2	0

This week's winners:

6D	vs	RC	★
★ 3H	vs	5T	
4J	vs	1W	★
5A	vs	3T	★
2H	vs	1K	★
6B	vs	RF	★
★ 4G	vs	1F	
2B	AUTOMATIC 3 POINTS		



Wow!
195 children have
had 100%
attendance this
year so far!
Well done!

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Elijah P 1F

Kayleigh B 3T

Stefania R 5T

Sophie Mae G 2H

Renzo 4J

Codie M 6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Skylar-Mae RF

Nonso A 1F

Samuel M 3T

Arley-Joe 4J

Emily C 1W

Rio C 2B

Tahmid R 3H

Harry C 5A

Theo F 1K

Kataleya J-H 2H

Iyanna M 4G

Hao Xuan 6B



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 or contact

ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.



10 WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD LOOK AFTER THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

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ROLE MODEL

Be a positive mental health role model. Demonstrate positive behaviours which your child can learn from you



TALKING

Support your child to talk about their problems and how they are feeling



COPING SKILLS

Work with your child to develop coping skills. Support your child to learn skills such as problem solving and thought challenging

SLEEP

Support your child to build positive sleep habits. Develop a good sleep environment with your child



WELLBEING

Promote healthy eating and physical activity. Exercise is a great tool to boost mood and reduce stress and anxiety

PLAY

Promote play and creativity among your child. Allow them to explore



SELF CARE

Make sure your child has time and space to look after themselves. Involve yourself in their hobbies



AUTONOMY

Allow your child to make their own decisions. This will help to build resilience

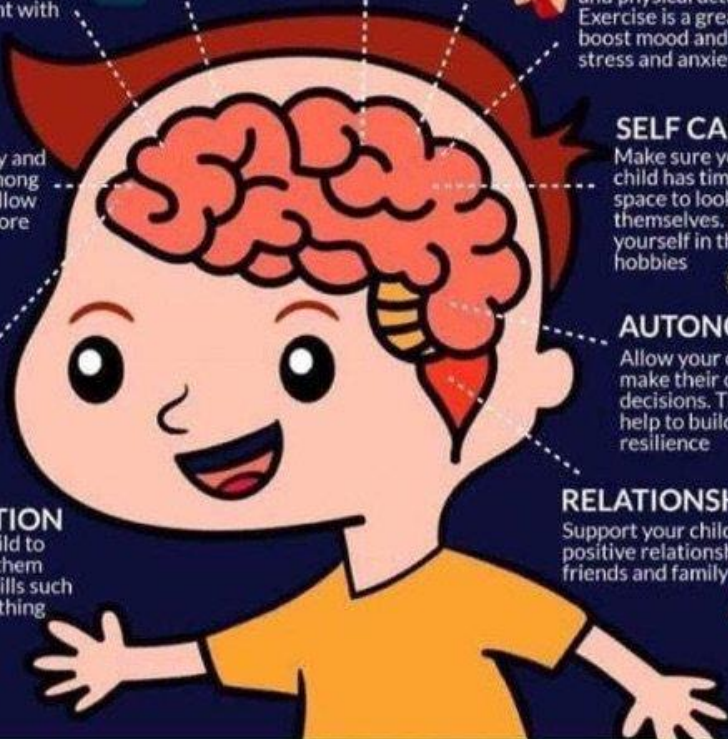
RELATIONSHIPS

Support your child to build positive relationships with friends and family



RELAXATION

Help your child to relax. Teach them relaxation skills such as deep breathing



Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips



YOU

ARE UNIQUE
ARE SMART
ARE TALENTED
ARE WORTH IT
ARE SPECIAL
ARE VALUED
ARE AMAZING
ARE LOVED

MATTER!

You are
capable of
AMAZING
things.

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School Attendance – a very important message for all parents/carers

September 2021

Please Read

30.09.21

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an important update about school attendance for the 2021/22 academic year.

Colmers Farm Primary School is working in partnership with parents and Birmingham City Council to ensure all children return to school following a difficult previous year. We would like to thank parents for the work you have done in ensuring your children received education during that time.

It is now vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. We also know that when not in school, children missed being with their friends and the wider social aspects of school.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school.

Therefore, the government has confirmed that school attendance continues to be compulsory.

This means that (unless parents are formally notified of new lockdown arrangements where schools are closed or a child is required to self-isolate), the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to send their child/children to school regularly where they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence



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- the option for local authorities to again consider the use of legal sanctions, including penalty notices and prosecution in court.

If you are worried about your child/children attending school the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the school directly. The school has specialist staff who may be able to help, and all schools work closely with health and council teams who may also be able to help if needed.

Please note that, given the disruption to children's education caused by the pandemic, requests for leave during term time are unlikely to be authorised by the Head Teacher.

Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members.

No school or local authority wants to take legal action. Every attempt to resolve parents' concerns and improve a child's attendance will be made before any formal legal action, which may include a penalty notice or court action, is instigated.

However, where all efforts fail and parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action may be considered.

After so much disruption to children's education over the past year, the most important thing is that the school and parents work together to get children back into school. The school is ready to listen so please contact them if you have any worries and they will try to help you. There is also information for parents and carers on attending school during the pandemic here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Additionally, Birmingham City Council provides online information and guidance to parents on school attendance which you can access here:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/1502/school_attendance_advice_for_parents

We wish you and your child/children all the best for the new academic year.

Kind regards

Education Legal Intervention Team
Birmingham City Council

Mr D Williams
Head teacher

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

www.ruberyn.bham.sch.uk



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SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

October 2021



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.

Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness

Speaker:

Amina Mushtaq - From Barnardo's

Join the session to learn what Early Help Offer is and how it can help children and families in Birmingham. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available for parents and children and quick self-referral process.

Friday 8th October 10:00 - 11:00am

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-8th-october-1000am/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.



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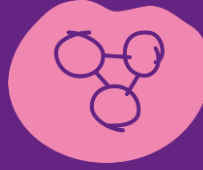
Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



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Birmingham Children's Partnership



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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington

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

Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
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Hodge Hill

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07976 199894

Ladywood

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07516 918 133

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The Welfare Benefits System SEND Welfare Benefits Update

Speaker: Alison Taylor

- ☐ To provide a brief overview of the welfare benefits system
- ☐ To help identify benefits applicable to your clients
- ☐ An overview of Universal Credit and issues you may face
- ☐ The Appeal Process
- ☐ Case Studies

Monday 18th October 10:30 - 11:30am

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/send-welfare-benefits-update-18th-october-1030am/>

Monday 18th October 2 - 3pm

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/send-welfare-benefits-update-18th-october-2pm/>

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