



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Mathletics



Having a good understanding of maths is so important as it opens so many future career prospects for our children. Mathletics is an online program where children in Years 2-6 can improve their skills in a fun and safe online environment. Try to ensure that your child spends some time on this each week.

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week. Some great news to start this week's newsletter with. On Thursday, we had our Rights Respecting Silver Award assessment day. I am delighted to announce that we gained this prestigious award. A huge thank you to Miss Boyle who has done a fantastic job with leading on this award for the last two years, to all of the staff for their efforts with this and to all of our children (including our fantastic Rights Respecting Change Makers). This is a huge achievement for our school. I am one very proud headteacher!

Punctuality is really important. At Colmers Farm we always start our lessons promptly as soon as registers are completed. If children are late, they miss the start of the first lesson. This makes it difficult for them to make a smooth start to the day and this can also result in lost learning. Although we appreciate that unforeseen circumstances may occasionally cause our families to be late in arriving at school, we kindly request that you aim to be as punctual as possible each day. Breakfast club does run from 7:35 each morning. Although spaces are limited, please enquire at the office if you feel this would help to improve the punctuality of your child. There is a cost of £1 per day for this service.

SILVER – RIGHTS AWARE

Since the Christmas holidays, I have been visited by lots of KS2 children who have gained the next level of their SAGE awards. These awards are a fantastic way of developing your child's experiences along with their personal qualities. Please remember to send into school any evidence you may have for your child in any of the four area of this award:

- Serving the community
- Aiming for higher things
- Getting active
- Exploring the arts

Any evidence you have for this award can be emailed to your child's class email account e.g. 4G@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

DIARY DATES

08/02/22
Safer Internet Day

14/02/22
Big Arts Week

18/02/22
Final Day before
half term

28/02/21
Staff Training Day

01/03/22
Children return to
school

**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 have been no updates
this week

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

If you have a Covid case in your household, but your child is testing negative using LFD tests and demonstrates no symptoms, they are allowed to be in school. We do however recommend that they are tested before they come to school each day (for 7 days) to minimise the risk of transmission.

As outlined in the letter we sent out this week, we would now like our reception parents/carers to collect their children from the bottom of the steps by the reception door at the end of the day. This we feel will prevent our youngest children becoming disorientated on the playground during this busy time as they make their way to parents. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope that you all 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:

Lily T 6B Age 11	Katieleigh H 6B Age 11	Cameron C 6D Age 11
Kiera W 5T Age 10	Ruwan F 4G Age 9	Kamaal A 4G Age 9
Oliver C 4G Age 9	Isaiah H 2H Age 7	Leila J 2B Age 7
Rosie L RF Age 5		



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

<h1>S</h1> <h3>Stay Safe</h3> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1>M</h1> <h3>Don't Meet Up</h3> <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> <h3>Accepting Files</h3> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1>R</h1> <h3>Reliable?</h3> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1>T</h1> <h3>Tell Someone</h3> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p>
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Pupil e-safety challenge

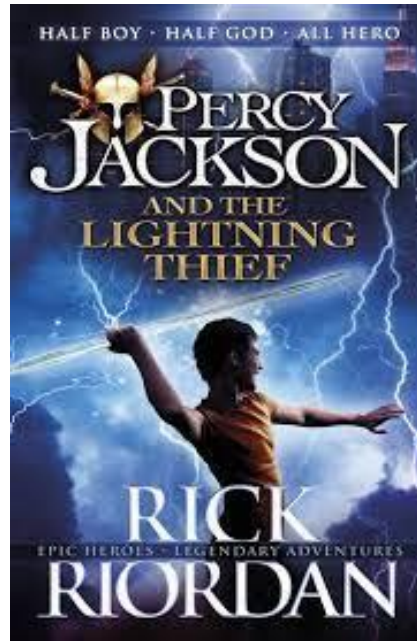


Which of the passwords below is the safest?

- (A) Password
- (B) Daniel123
- (C) 123456
- (D) DanielW21%
- (E) football
- (F) 111111

This week's answer = D. It's not a good idea to use your name as a password though. Using a friend's name or your pet's name is safer. The best passwords have capital letters, numbers and a special character (% , £ , \$, @ , *) in them. Remember to never share your password with others.

Head Pupil Book Review



Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief.

By Rick Riordan

Half boy-Half God- All Hero! This book is basically a modern version of some of the classic Greek myths. It includes all the Olympian gods and many of the monsters I've learned about at school during my topic lessons on Greek mythology.

The book stars Zeus; Poseidon, Hades and of course 12-year-old Percy, but instead of the Mediterranean this story is set in the USA.

I enjoyed the book overall and found quite a lot of the chapters very funny. I enjoyed the humour, although I didn't quite enjoy the book as much as I enjoyed the Who Let The Gods Out books by Maz Evans, which are also based on Greek mythology.

Percy Jackson may appeal to boys most, although girls should enjoy it too! My brother who is in Year 3 is a big fan of the Percy Jackson series, so I would probably recommend this book to readers a bit younger than myself. This is the first book in a series of 5. It is a funny book and very exciting at times. Overall, I enjoyed reading it and would recommend giving it a read. I'm looking forward to reading the next Percy Jackson book, called The Sea of Monsters.

Reviewed by Roxanne

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

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

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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.



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of words read last week
1 st	6B	326,317
2 nd	6D	256,073
3 rd	5A	137,555
4 th	5T	79,154
5 th	3T	73,500
6 th	4J	68,668
7 th	3H	63,413
8 th	4G	48,722



Spelling Shed 

	Class name	Score
1 st	6B	179,262,424
2 nd	6D	51,088,632
3 rd	4G	41,809,922
4 th	3T	34,531,352
5 th	4J	5,333,278
6 th	5T	3,457,196
7 th	3H	2,053,070
8 th	5A	1,238,752
9 th	2H	1,187,904
10 th	1W	892,660
11 th	1F	92,576
12 th	1K	92,576
13 th	2B	77,544

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of points last week
1 st	4J	12,666
2 nd	6B	12,448
3 rd	4G	12,223
4 th	3T	11,818
5 th	5T	6,612
6 th	2B	6,450
7 th	6D	4,321
8 th	3H	4,270
9 th	2H	2,703
10 th	5A	850

Top 3 pupils last week	
1 st	Taliah C (6B) 191,572 words
2 nd	Violet W (6D) 102,336 words
3 rd	Rubenn M (6B) 101,027 words
Record Score	
Taliah C (6B) 191,576 words	

Top 3 pupils last week	
1 st	Harvey (6B) 50,053,308
2 nd	Ryan (4G) 30,002,872
3 rd	Callie-Ann (6D) 21,132,648
Record Score	
Harvey (6B) 50,053,308	

Top 3 pupils last week	
1 st	Kayleigh B (3T) 4,650
2 nd	Hao Xuan C (6B) 3,058
3 rd	Oliver C. (5T) 2,580
Record Score	
Ryan G (4G) 10,110	



ATTENDANCE



1W



6B

This week's best attendance prize winners! Well done!

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

Pos	Class	Games played	Points
1	2B	14	37
2	1K	14	30
3	3T	14	27
=	6B	14	27
5	3H	14	26
6	4G	14	24
=	1W	14	24
8	1F	14	23
9	4J	14	21
=	2H	14	21
11	RC	14	19
12	RF	14	18
13	5A	14	15
14	6D	14	13
15	5T	14	6

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	

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every student, every day



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Olivia J RC Skye D 1K Cairo B 2H

Zachary P 3T Demi-Lee C 4J Tilly M 5A

Ellie D-O 6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Ella B RF Hugo M RC Elihaj J RC Oscar B 1W Martin E 1K

Noah H 2B Savannah D-L 2H Gabriel H 3H Euan S 3H

Tilly P 3T Reagan S-M 4J Ayan M 5A Hamza H 5T

Naomi E 6B Milli-Mae H 6D Thomas H 4G Lilly Z 1F



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

This week's house point results

543

Farah

547

Thompson

552

Daley



483

Ennis-Hill

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 this is 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

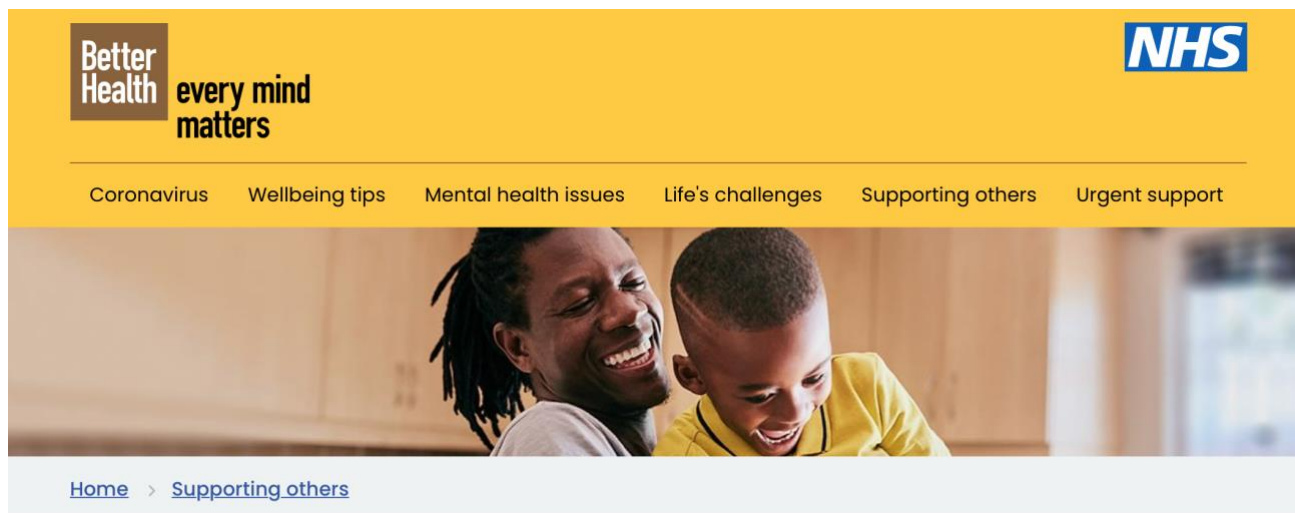


Rubery Community Swop Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them **FOR FREE**. Please visit www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips

We all know that children's mental health is important. Please visit this NHS website (by clicking the link below) for some great tips and advice about how you can support your children with this.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>



Looking after a child or young person's mental health

There are times when we all feel the strain. As parents and carers, there are ways we can support children and young people to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy.



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 Talyor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer)





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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
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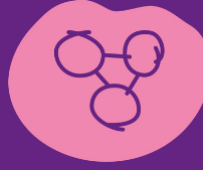
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Health



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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

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07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

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