



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Parents' Evenings

Were you able to attend your child's parents' evening this week? If not, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a good half term with your families. I was wonderful to see everybody back in school on Tuesday.

I would like to start this newsletter by welcoming Mrs Thomas to the Colmers Farm team. Mrs Thomas will be teaching at our school in EYFS until at least the summer holidays. As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, I would also like to welcome Mrs Boston as our new temporary office manager. I'm sure that you will make them both feel very welcome.

As you will be aware, the rules on Covid have changed over the holidays. The guidance now states that from 24th February, adults and children who test positive for Covid are now advised to stay at home for at least 5 days and then to continue to follow the guidance of isolating until they receive 2 consecutive negative tests taken 24 hours apart.

I hope that you have found your meetings with your child's teacher this week informative. Please remember that we place a high value on our teachers meeting with every child's parents during parents' evenings, as only by working as a team will all our children be able to fulfil their potential.

This week, all of our children were able to visit the art exhibition in the upper hall to see the wonderful artwork that was created by the whole school before the holidays. Well done everybody for your hard work to create this. Please visit the news section of our website to see our art exhibition tour video.

During this week, all classes held the first round of our school's poetry competition. As well as improving the familiarity of our children with different poems, this event has also been created to develop further our children's performance skills. Well done to everybody who took part and to our winners who have made it into round 2!



DIARY DATES

11/03/22

Gary Sambrook MP meeting with our Rights Respecting School Change Makers

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

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?



Updated staff list page (Staff)

Uploaded the winning entries from the Safer Internet Day Competition (Online Safety and News sections)

Big Arts Week Video (News Section)

New Thrive Page (Thrive Section)

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World book day has been a great success in school over the last two days with various activities taking place. The book swap shop was particularly successful. Thank you to everybody for their efforts over these days and in particular to Miss Hooper and Mrs Gordon for co-ordinating this event.

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:

Michael W	3T	Age 8
Kayleigh B	3T	Age 8
Rio C	2B	Age 7
Isabella W-P	3H	Age 8
Lonnie G	4J	Age 9
Maddie-Leigh McN	5A	Age 10



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



You receive an email promising you a BRAND NEW PlayStation 5 from Currys/PC World. The email though has come from noreply@mifer.com. What should you do?

(a) Answer the survey. I want a new PS5!

(b) Delete the email and don't respond.



This week's answer = B. This email is not really from Currys/PC World. You can tell this by looking closely at the email address it came from. Scammers often try to pretend they are real companies to either steal your banking details or to infect your computer with a virus or malware. Don't fall for their trick!

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.

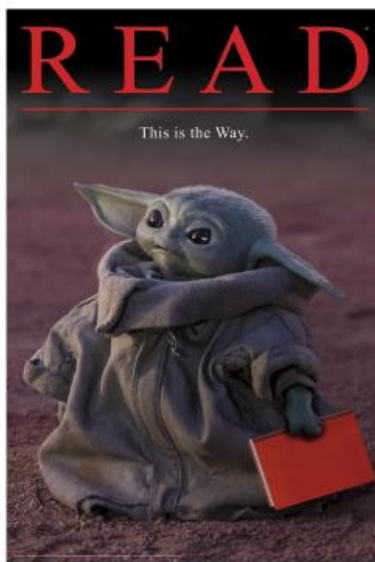
- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were 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.



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Reader

	Class Name	Number of words read (2 weeks)
1 st	6B	1,641,031
2 nd	6D	690,383
3 rd	5A	164,885
4 th	4J	161,038
5 th	5T	153,292
6 th	3T	85,502
7 th	3H	84,438
8 th	4G	51,832



Spelling Shed 

	Class name	Scores (2 weeks)
1 st	6B	142,755,878
2 nd	4G	79,838,496
3 rd	6D	67,826,324
4 th	3T	57,764,276
5 th	2H	19,187,819
6 th	1W	19,058,312
7 th	3H	16,911,019
8 th	5T	15,535,280
9 th	1F	11,278,662
10 th	5A	8,296,745
11 th	1K	4,761,311
12 th	4J	4,739,248
13 th	2B	1,895,818

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of points (2 weeks)
1 st	4G	25,376
2 nd	3T	15,764
3 rd	3H	15,620
4 th	5T	11,526
5 th	2B	10,343
6 th	6B	10,140
7 th	2H	8,164
8 th	6D	6,758
9 th	4J	3,879
10 th	5A	620

Top 3 pupils - last 2 weeks	
1 st	Rubenn (6B) 799,081
2 nd	Harvey (6B) 380,487
3 rd	Roxanne (6D) 153,190
Record Score	
Harvey (6B) 658,841 words	

Top 3 pupils - last 2 weeks	
1 st	Sorry - Not available this week.
2 nd	
3 rd	
Record Score	
Harvey (6B) 50,053,308	

Top 3 pupils - last 2 weeks	
1 st	Stefania (5T) 9,160
2 nd	Ryan (4G) 6,040
3 rd	Khaleesi (2B) 4,450
Record Score	
Ryan (4G) 10,110	



ATTENDANCE



2B



6D

This week's class attendance winners! Well done!

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

This week's winners:

Pos	Class	Games played	Points
1	2B	15	49
2	1K	15	42
3	3H	15	35
4	6B	15	33
=	1W	15	33
=	2H	15	33
7	4G	15	30
=	4J	15	30
9	3T	15	27
10	1F	15	26
11	RC	15	22
12	RF	15	21
13	6D	15	19
14	5A	15	18
15	5T	15	9

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



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Hazel F RF
Cuba W 1F
Alex W 2B
Ellis K 3H
Paige M 5A
Alfie M 6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Isla-Rose RC
Freddie P 1F
Callum B 3T
Holly L 5T

Charlie K RF
Kaydi-Anne B 2H
Hoo-Lin C 4J
Emaan A 6B

Rowan M 1W
Manisha R 2B
Louise W 4G
Josie B 6D

Braylin D 1K
Sophie-Mae M 3H
Darcie M 5A



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

This week's house point results



Farah



Thompson



Daley



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.

Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips



Feeling Upset? Here's 5 Ideas to Help with Anxiety

1 Calm Breathing



Relax & do the
4 - 7 - 8 Breathing

2 Lifestyle



Get Enough Sleep

Eat Healthy Foods

Exercise Every Day



3 Connection 4



Connect with Others



Connect with Nature

5 Positivity



Think positive thoughts
Dream & use your imagination to think of good things

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Relaxing Breath

4 - 7 - 8



Rest your tongue
behind your front teeth



Close your mouth
Breathe in through your nose
Count to 4



Keep your mouth closed
Hold your breath
Count to 7



Open your mouth
Breathe out in a WHOOSH
Count to 8

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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).



We Are Here
To Help

Out of School Club Provision

for children from Rubery Nursery
School and Colmers Primary School*

*up to the age of 8 years old



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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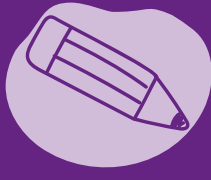
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& Clothing



Parenting



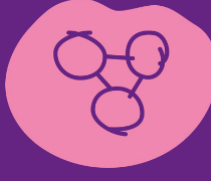
Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play



Birmingham Children's Partnership



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