



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



Happy New Year  
to you from  
everybody at  
Colmers Farm  
Primary and  
Excelsior MAT



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas. On behalf of all the staff at Colmers Farm Primary School I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful 2022.

Hopefully you all received and read the Covid guidance letter that we sent out on Wednesday. If you have not received this, this can be found in the letters section of the school website. Please note that children who are isolating can return to school on day 7 of their isolation, as long as they test negative using an LFD test on days 6 and 7 and they have no temperature. (Tests must take place 24 hours apart)

On Tuesday the staff had a busy training day. During this day, our staff received training on enhancing further behaviour, well-being and relationships with pupils; developing further our use of journaling within maths, evolving the use of Mathletics at our school; the use of Now Press Play (a new, immersive resource for pupils to use to enrich their topic learning) and about a new approach that we will be trialling, which allow staff to enhance their skills by having more opportunities to observe the practice of others.

During our first three days back, all year groups have taken part in a special writing week about superheroes – fictional ones and superheroes we have in our classrooms, community and the world. This has been a great way to immerse our children back into writing, to polish their existing skills and to develop new skills. The staff are really pleased with the high quality of writing produced during this week.

It would be helpful if you could please all ensure that your children's items of uniform are labelled with their names. This helps us to reunite items of lost school uniform with their owners. Printed name labels, which can be stitched into clothes, can be purchased from suppliers such as Amazon. Alternatively, please write your children's names on labels of clothing.

## DIARY DATES

21/01/22  
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?**



Uniform consultation results and  
response (News)

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

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the uniform consultation before the holidays. Your opinions are important to us. The results of the consultation and our initial response to this can be found on the home page of our website in the news section.

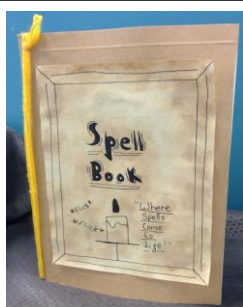
Thank you for the wonderful topic homework which has been coming in since we returned. See below for a couple of examples from Lucy and Carla in Year 6. We are always eager to display and celebrate this in our school. If you have not sent yours in yet, please do so.

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:

Jake J 6D Age 11  
Tyler S 5A Age 10  
Noah P Age 7  
Ryan R Age 5  
Lawson C Age 9



## 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



A couple of your friends have started sending texts to another pupil which are making that person upset. They ask you to send one from your mobile phone. What should you do?

1. Send the message. If I do not, they may start sending them to me!
2. Do not send the message.
3. Do not send the message and tell a trusted adult that another pupil is getting these texts.

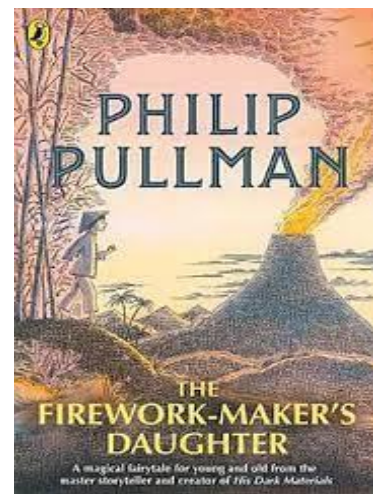
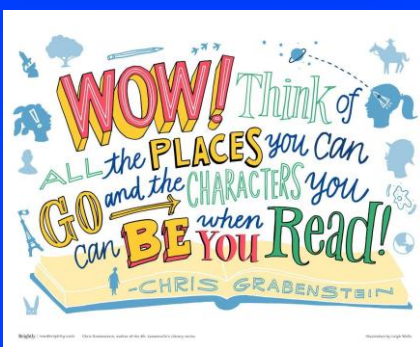
This week's answer = 3 – Although it is important that you do not send horrible messages to others, it is also important that you tell someone if you know that someone else is getting these messages. This is so we help the person getting these if they are too scared to tell someone themselves.



### 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 class teacher or the school office.



## Accelerated Reader

### Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 <sup>st</sup>	6B	340106	↑
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6D	333177	↓
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4J	124131	↑
4 <sup>th</sup>	5T	81645	↓
5 <sup>th</sup>	4G	65738	↔
6 <sup>th</sup>	5A	53998	↑
7 <sup>th</sup>	3H	31593	↔
8 <sup>th</sup>	3T	12446	↓



### Well Done 6D

89% of the class completed an Accelerated Reader test over the holidays. This was the highest percentage in our school.

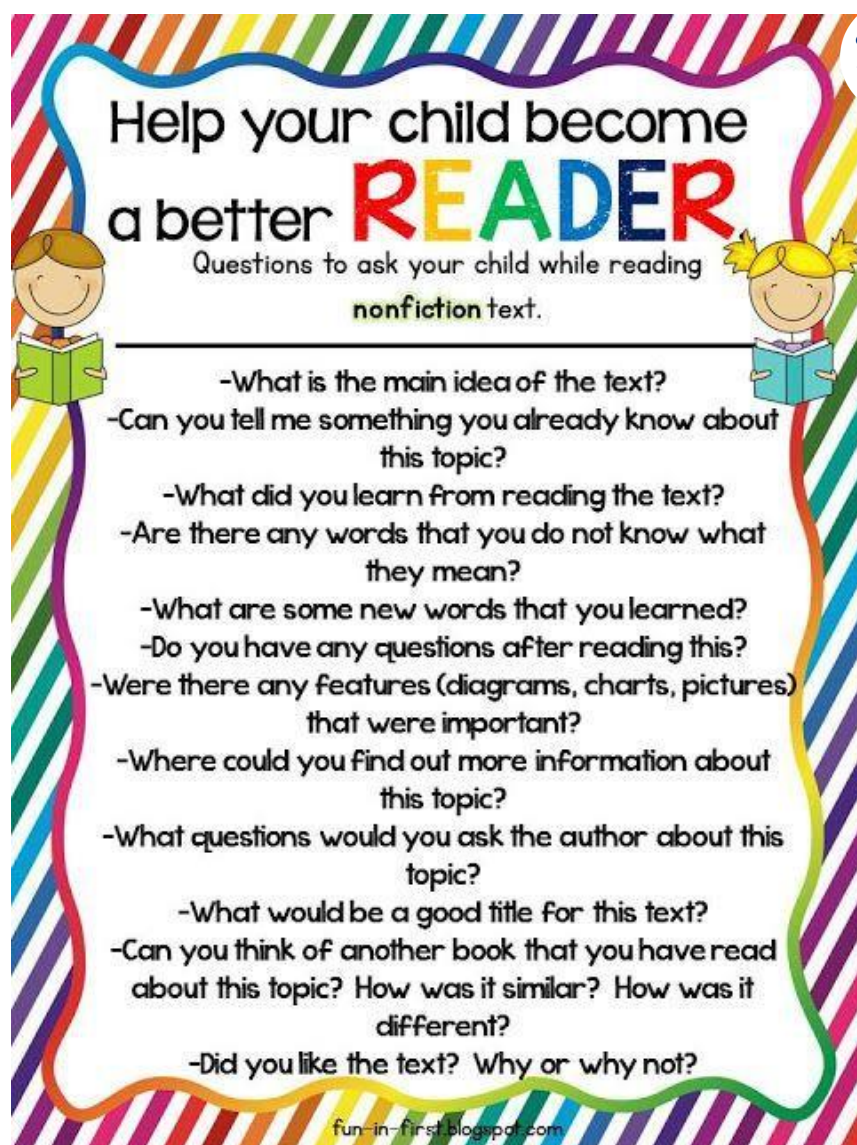
### Well done to 6B!

Our school record holders are

Rubenn M. (6B) – 100609 words in one week (06/12/21)

6B – 977007 words in one week (01/10/21)



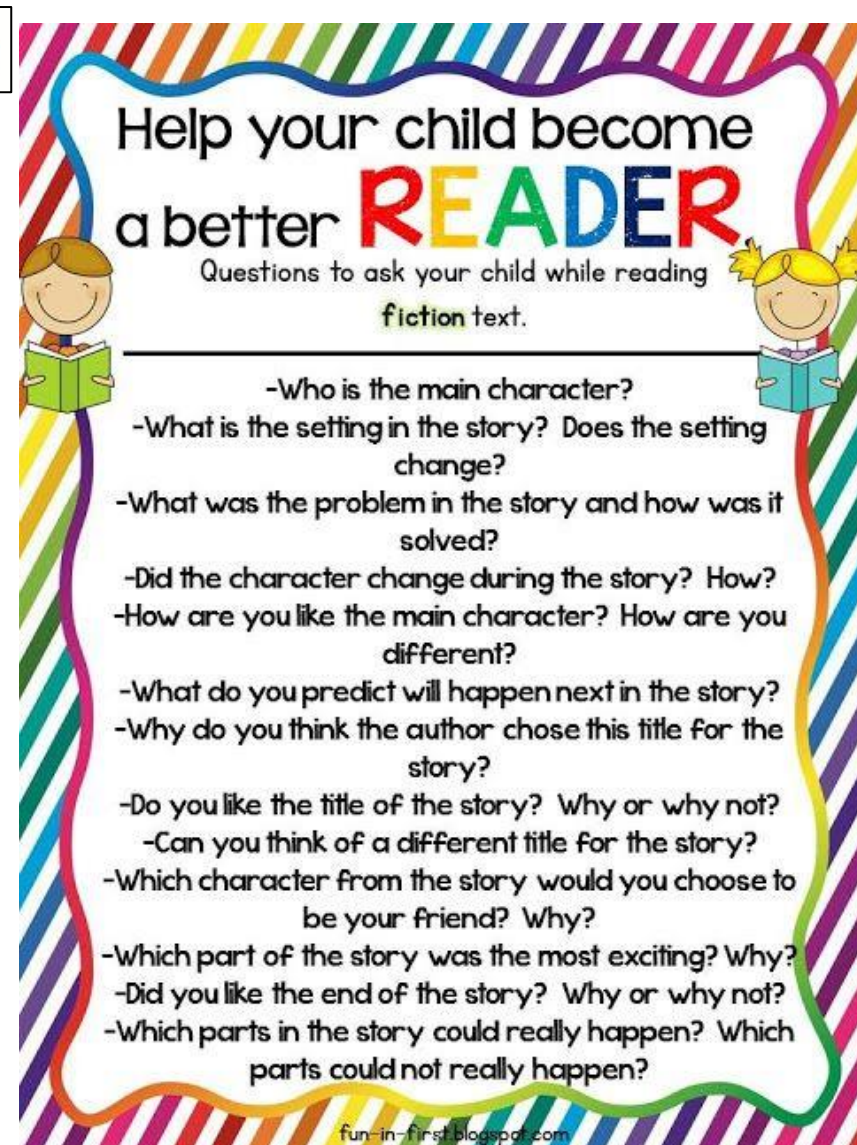


## Help your child become a better **READER**

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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## 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



# Mathletics

To improve children's fluency with their maths skills, every child from Year 2 to Year 6 has a personalised internet account to 'Mathletics'.

Children are set weekly homework by their teacher on Mathletics. After completing homework, children are able access a wealth of other fun, engaging activities including 'Live Mathletics' where they can compete with other children from around the world.

To access Mathletics, visit the useful links section at the top of the Colmers Farm Website.

If your child has lost their username or password, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help.

Using this program regularly will really help to develop your child's confidence and skills within maths.

## Well Done to our top three Mathletes over the holidays:

**1<sup>st</sup> Jake S. (3T) 16402 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan G. (4G) 9070 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Stefania R. (5T) 5860 points**

	Class Name	Number of points over the holidays
1 <sup>st</sup>	3T	31650
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2B	17115
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4G	12160
4 <sup>th</sup>	5T	9000
5 <sup>th</sup>	3H	8640
6 <sup>th</sup>	6B	7919
7 <sup>th</sup>	2H	6978
8 <sup>th</sup>	6D	5735
9 <sup>th</sup>	5A	3912
10 <sup>th</sup>	4J	3025

## Our school record holders

**Ryan G. (4G) 10110 points in one week (05/12/21)**

**Class 6B – 32310 points in one week (14/11/21)**

# ATTENDANCE



**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD  
IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**



**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS!  
Everyday. On-time.**



## FAST-track to Attendance

### Legal Action Information for Parents

This leaflet is for only parents/carers whose child/ren's attendance has not improved following offers of support from their child's school, including a formal meeting. **To avoid Legal Action being taken against you for failing to ensure your child/ren attend school regularly, you are advised of the following:**

- Ensure your child attends school every day it is open, on time, escorting them into school if necessary and handing them over to a member of staff. **(Please be aware your child may get an unauthorised absence mark when they arrive after registration closes).**
- Contact school on the first day of every absence by 9.30am stating the reason for absence and the likely return date.
- Take your child to the doctor if unwell and provide the school with: medical appointment card with one appointment entered, letter from a professional, medication prescribed by a doctor, copy of prescription, print screen of medical notes, as well as letters concerning hospital appointments or any other relevant evidence. **The Head Teacher will not authorise medical absence without evidence.**

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

## Legal Information and outcomes in respect of poor attendance

### Section 23(1) Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2007:

Penalty notices may be issued to the parent of pupils who have unauthorised absence from school for first offences. (In cases of excessive absence, or repeat offences, whether for ongoing absence or leave in term time, the matter may be referred straight to Court.) **The amount of the penalty is £60.**

- **If this is not paid within 21 days the amount rises to £120.**
- **If not paid within 28 days the Local Authority may prosecute under section 444(1) unless it comes to our attention that the penalty notice had been issued in error.**

### Section 444(1) Education Act 1996:

"If you are the parent of a child of compulsory school age who fails to attend school regularly, you are guilty of an offence."

- **The court can fine each parent up to £1,000 per child, order payment of the prosecution costs, impose a victim surcharge, and/or make a Parenting Order.**

### Section 444(1A) Education Act 1996:

"If in the above circumstances you, the parent, know that your child is failing to attend regularly at the school and fail without reasonable justification to cause him/her to attend, you are guilty of an offence."

- **The court can fine you up to £2,500 per child and/or sentence you to a period of imprisonment of up to 3 months, impose a victim surcharge and order payment of the prosecution costs.**

### Please note that:

- Penalties and prosecutions are in respect of each parent for each child.
- 'Parent' includes any person who is not a parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for the child (and applies whether or not that person lives with the child) or who has care of him/her.

# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

This week, winners from the last week of term enjoyed hot chocolate with Mr Williams as they were at their class Christmas parties when they should have come along!

Winners were:

- |               |    |           |    |
|---------------|----|-----------|----|
| • Jake D      | 6D | Piper V   | 4J |
| • Hayden B    | 3H | Spencer W | 2H |
| • Ellie-Mai H | 1W | Rosie L   | RF |



# This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

- |                 |                 |               |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| • Poppy A – RF  | Arlo-Jai F – 2B | Oliver C – 4G |
| • Is-Haq S – RC | Harley C – 2H   | Salman K – 5A |
| • Nevaeh B – 1F | Timothy H – 3T  | Thomas W – 5T |
| • Archer P – 1W | Kaicee T – 3H   | Ruby B – 6B   |
| • Nate H – 1K   | Daniel G – 4J   | Cameron – 6D  |



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

# This week's house point results

456

Farah

540

Thompson

462

Daley

460

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



## It's a no brainer!

Your mind is your strongest  
asset, look after it!

Talk  
about your  
feelings

Do  
something  
creative

Keep a  
positive  
attitude

Understand  
that all things  
come and go.

Eat  
well and  
keep fit

Do one  
thing at  
a time

Be present  
when listening  
to others without  
trying to control  
or judge

Practice  
being  
curious

Focus on  
what you  
are doing

### Let's talk about it!

Supporting Mental Health  
in Schools and Colleges

So, what's playing on your mind?  
To manage your stress, you can:

Learn new skills - Talk about your feelings - Take a break -  
Care for others - Value yourself and others - Ask for help -  
Don't avoid emotions - Listen - Challenge your own  
beliefs - Reward yourself - Set realistic goals - Be able to  
laugh at yourself - Be present when listening - Focus  
& Most of all, Enjoy being you!



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



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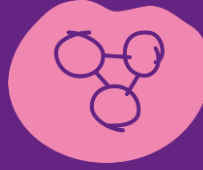
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Bereavement



Housing



Sexual  
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

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0121 441 4556

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0121 289 4875

