



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Warmer Weather

Good hydration is very important. As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately and that they bring a bottle of water into school each day. This can then be topped up as appropriate in school. Thank you.



Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday after school, we officially unveiled our two school memorials to Miss Macdougall, who so tragically passed away in October last year. This event coincides with what would have been Miss Macdougall's birthday. We were joined by some members of Miss Macdougall's family for this event. Our first memorial is one of our planters in the allotment area (as suggested by our KS1 school council). Our second memorial is a new bench and accompanying tree which is located in the benches area of the KS2 playground. You'll notice a bit of a pink theme which reflected Miss Macdougall's love of this colour.



On Monday and Wednesday this week, we had two Excelsior MAT reviews into our EYFS provision and maths provision across the school. Both reviews, like the SEND review that we had last week, went very well. They both showed that we are continuing to enhance our provision, since our last reviews, in these areas. Well done to everybody involved in these.

On Thursday, myself and Mrs Aulton spent the day popping in and out of lessons in Year 1. WOW! We were both so impressed with the focus of the children during lessons, the way they answered questions, the standard of their learning and the presentation in books. Well done everybody in Year 1!

On Friday, Year 3 held their parental workshop which focused on the use of Mathletics. Mathletics is a great program, available free to all children at our school from Year 2 upwards, which develops and deepens children's understanding of mathematical concepts and key skills. We strongly encourage all children to regularly use this as part of their homework activities. There was a good number of parents/carers at this event, and we hope that they all found this useful.

This week we sent a questionnaire home for our parents/carers. We would be grateful if these could please be returned to school by Wednesday 22nd June. These form an important part of our school development planning and will help us to identify strengths and areas which could be enhanced further next year. Thank you for your help with this.

DIARY DATES

21/06/22
EYFS Parents Information Meeting (2022/2023 cohort)

22/06/22
Parental questionnaires returned by

23/06/22
Worcester Warriors Rugby workshops for Year 3

24/06/22
Year 4 times tables check to be completed by

29/06/22
Sports workshop for Years 2 and 6 and playleaders

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?



There are no new additions this week. Please view our Twitter feed for the latest news from our school.

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Please note that school closes for the summer holidays at the end of Wednesday 20th July and not Tuesday 19th July as stated on a previous newsletter. This confusion was caused by a change on Birmingham's Term Dates website. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this. If any holidays have been booked prior to today which this change may affect, please contact the school office.

We have been in contact with a sports company called Premier Education, who will hopefully be running a holiday club at Colmers Farm during the last two weeks of the summer holiday. Please watch this space for further details about this.

On Friday we ran our first art workshop for our EYFS parents in our art studio. This will take place every Friday until the summer holidays. Thank you to everyone who attended.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.
Mr Williams (Headteacher)

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

**90% in a
test. Great!**

percentage	grade
90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
59% and below	F

**90% attendance is
however concerning!**

In a year that's

- 19 missed English lessons,
- 19 missed maths lessons;
- 19 missed phonics or reading lessons!

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Rowan	1W	Ella-Mae	2H
Danielle	2H	Ellis	3H
Archie	3H	Owen	4G
Ellie	4J	Oliver	4J
Sujaan	4J	Poppy	5T
Janaat	5T	Kacee	6D
Teziah	6D		



Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



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 friend of yours tells you they have arranged to meet up on Saturday with somebody they have met online. What should you do?

- Nothing. It is nothing to do with me.
- Offer to go with them.
- Tell your friend to tell their parents.
- Tell your parents and ask them to get in touch with the school or your friend's parents.



This week's answer = C and D. It is important that you do not meet up with strangers that you have met online. As we know, people can pretend to be somebody else online and the person you are friend's parents know about this meeting as soon as possible.

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.

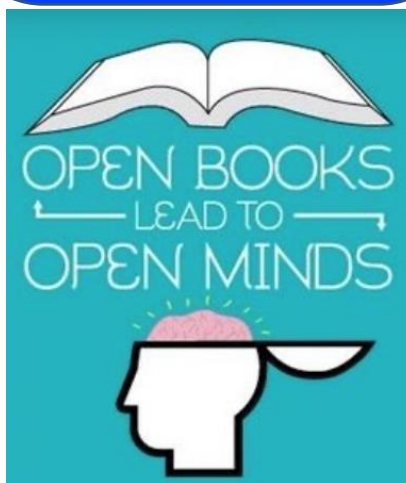
- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were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



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 listening to them reading.



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	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	344,765
2 nd	6D	201,433
3 rd	3T	102,481
4 th	3H	60,430
5 th	4J	58,458
6 th	5A	17,911
7 th	4G	17,033
8 th	5T	8,508



Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3T	63,270,450
2 nd	4G	31,220,102
3 rd	2B	25,086,107
4 th	6D	14,213,858
5 th	6B	13,183,158
6 th	3H	11,057,332
7 th	5T	6,667,476
8 th	5A	5,375,492
9 th	1W	4,377,922
10 th	1K	2,464,141
11 th	2H	1,854,876
12 th	1F	855,589
13 th	4J	426,704

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3T	18,042
2 nd	6B	6,150
3 rd	5T	5,778
4 th	2H	4,030
5 th	4G	3,660
6 th	6D	3,324
7 th	5A	3,270
8 th	3H	1,821
9 th	2B	1,720
10 th	4J	820



Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 st	Rubenn (6B) 125,919
2 nd	Roxanne (6D) 97,644
3 rd	Timothy (3T) 62,984
Record Score	
Kamran (6B) 916,862 words	

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (4G) 30,326,960
2 nd	Robyn (2B) 20,549,368
3 rd	Niamh (3T) 15,931,363
Record Score	
Robyn (2B) 66,005,936	

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 st	Stefania (5T) 4,090
2 nd	Ella-Mae (2H) 3,570
3 rd	Kayleigh (3T) 2,920
Record Score	
Khaleesi (2B) 12,770	



ATTENDANCE



1K



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: **91.8%**

Class	% attendance this week	Number of lates this week
RC	82.7	2
RF	81	4
1F	88.6	4
1K	95.6	1
1W	94.7	2
2B	88.6	2
2H	89.6	4
3H	91.9	3
3T	95.8	3
4G	88.7	2
4J	97	3
5A	93.5	5
5T	91.4	3
6B	87.6	5
6D	89.3	1

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Reggie-Jay	EYFS	Jenson	1F
Dior	2H	Niamh	3T
Tiahna	4G	Kane	5A
Lucy	6B		



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Richard	RF	Macie	1W	Aylah	1F
Josh	1K	Hollie	2B	Tiegan	2H
Hayden	3H	Regan	3T	Paige	4G
Harley	4J	Cole	5A	Glauken	6B
Olivia	6D				



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

This week's house point results

918



Farah

724

Thompson

765

Daley

795

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 Swap 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.ruberyswapshop.co.uk or ruberyswapshop@outlook.com for more information.

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**

Connect with Others
- 4**

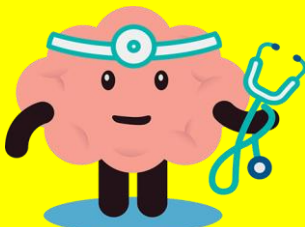
Connect with Nature
- 5 Positivity**

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

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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 (Mrs Taylor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer).



Help for all families in Birmingham



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Parenting



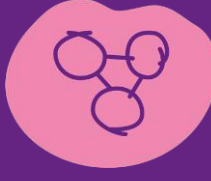
Special Needs
& Disabilities



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

Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com
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New e-safety website for children aged 4-7



The new interactive website encourages 4-7s to engage safely online by helping them to recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations and reinforcing the key message that they should 'Tell A Grown Up' in these instances.

The website is divided into sections for 4-5 and 6-7 year olds and features relevant and age-appropriate games for the chosen age bracket. Each game focuses on one of four topics: watching videos, chatting online, sharing pictures and gaming online

The Jessie & Friends episodes are also available to watch on the new website to enhance understanding.

Click on the following link to access this website https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/



Does your child know what the CEOP button does and where to find it on our school website?



Children being safe online is hugely important. It is therefore important that your child knows where the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Team) button is on our school website, as this is one way of helping them to stay safe. Please take some time to show them this and to remind them what it is for. This button allows your child to report any serious e-safety concerns (such as somebody asking them to do things online which are inappropriate) to the CEOP team. This button also contains helpful information for parents about a range of e-safety issues. You may also find the e-safety section of our school website useful also – Please take some time to look at this.

Thank you for your continued support