



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



School Uniform

Thank you to all of our parents who ensure that their children always wear the correct school uniform. In Years 5 and 6, house ties are part of school uniform. Please contact the school office if your child has lost their tie and you need to purchase a new one (cost is £3). Thank you.



Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a wonderful week.

Last week Year 6 completed their SATs tests. This week it was the turn of our Year 2s to begin their SATs tests. They have been taking tests in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling. These tests will also be continuing next week. Please try your very best to ensure that your child attends school every day next week.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, 3H and 3T visited Birmingham City Centre. This was for their history and geography topic, which this term is about Birmingham. Our Year 3s got to see first-hand many of Birmingham's most famous landmarks and to learn facts about them. There was a lot of walking on this day – hopefully all our Year 3s slept very well after this visit 😊. Well done Year 3 for being so brilliant on the trip and for representing our school so well.

Roblox is a game that has become popular all around the world with children and adults since its launch. When I talk with children around school, they often talk about playing this game. To help those of you who may never have explored this game yourselves to better understand it, I have added some guidance for you into this week's newsletter. Hopefully you will find this useful. On the online safety section of our school website, you can find lots of other useful information about how you can help to keep your child safe online.

If your child comes to school on a scooter or bike, please can I remind you that the riding of these on the playground is not permitted. Also, I would also advise that these should not be rode on the ramp by Morrisons. This would reduce the likelihood of any accidents occurring on, what is, a very narrow path. We appreciate your support with this.

Next Friday, we will be holding our school's jubilee celebrations. Please remember to send your child into school wearing red, white and blue on this day. Our children will not need to bring any money into school for this event. Please remember to also send your child into school with an old blanket or sheet for our school picnic lunch on this day.

DIARY DATES

23/05/22
KS1 SATs week

27/05/22
School's Jubilee
Celebration Day

27/05/22
Last school day of school
before the half term
holidays

06/06/22
Children return to
school after half term

06/06/22
Year 4 Timetable's Check
Starts and Years 1 and 2
phonics screening week

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?



**School dinners menu updated
(school meals)**

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

School Matters!

I hope that you enjoy the weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams (Headteacher)



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!

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:

Lillie D	RC	5	Chae O	RF	5	Jacob A	1W	6
Zayn K	1F	6	Spencer W	2H	7	Annabelle-Rose	2B	7
Eulia P	3T	8	Evie F	4J	9	Naeem M	5A	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.

Pupil e-safety challenge



Your friend sends you a funny picture of themselves. What should you do?

- Send it to all your friends. They would find it funny also.
- Tell your friend to be careful about emailing funny pictures of themselves.
- Do nothing.



This week's answer = B. Sending funny photos of yourself might seem like a good idea to make your friends laugh. They can however be used to tease or bully you. Always think carefully before sending any photos of yourself to anybody. It is always best to check with your parents/carers before doing this.

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.

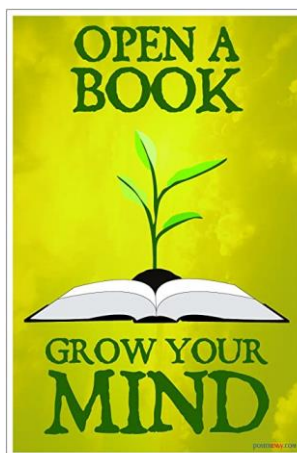
- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were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



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	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	1,345,926
2 nd	4G	912,742
3 rd	5T	262,992
4 th	4J	214,472
5 th	3T	198,675
6 th	6D	161,100
7 th	3H	102,608
8 th	5A	20,883



Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5A	81,118,171
2 nd	3T	78,678,808
3 rd	6D	58,675,257
4 th	4G	51,332,936
5 th	6B	35,393,072
6 th	4J	21,597,250
7 th	3H	13,743,872
8 th	2B	6390,228
9 th	1K	2,911,751
10 th	5T	2,193,350
11 th	2H	2,040,863
12 th	1W	1,479,640
13 th	1F	10,000

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	29,130
2 nd	5T	18,350
3 rd	3T	10,141
4 th	2H	8,640
5 th	4G	8,580
6 th	4J	6,710
7 th	3H	5,060
8 th	6D	3,380
9 th	2B	924
10 th	5A	910



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Mathletics

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 st	Kamran (6B) 916,862
2 nd	Iyanna (4G) 885,563
3 rd	Hao Xuan (6B) 196,694
Record Score	
Kamran (6B) 916,862 words	

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (4G) 42,092,018
2 nd	Darcie (5A) 22,499,804
3 rd	Paige (5A) 22,414,784
Record Score	
Henry (4G) 65,604,074	

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers	
1 st	Jonah (5T) 10,749
2 nd	Riley(6B) 4,580
3 rd	Oliver (5T) 3,855
Record Score	
Khaleesi (2B) 12,770	



ATTENDANCE



1K



5T and
6D

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: **91.6%**

Class	% attendance this week	Number of lates this week
RC	93.4	3
RF	83.6	2
1F	88.6	4
1K	100	2
1W	93.7	3
2B	96.8	1
2H	98.2	3
3H	91.1	4
3T	97.7	3
4G	97.8	1
4J	94.1	2
5A	91.5	6
5T	97.9	7
6B	97.0	5
6D	97.9	0

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Jackson	RF	Evie	1F
Tiegan B	2H	Tiegan K	3T
Olivia-Rose	4G	Miracle	5T
Demi	6B		



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Jake W	RF	Jacob A	1W	Nevaeh B	1F	Lily W	1K
Robyn H	2B	Haleen A	2H	Kaiden F	3H	Poppie-Leigh	3T
Bailey V	4J	Lawson C	4G	Alfie G	5A	Kamran F	6B
Codie M	6D						



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

This week's house point results

588

Farah

615

Thompson



554

Daley

574

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.

9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

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WORRY TIME

- Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with your or problem solve to overcome them

THOUGHT CHALLENGING

- Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they that experience. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

ACTIVITY PLANNING

- Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

- Why not create a time each week where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings

WELLBEING

- Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

IMAGERY

- Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

3 GOOD THINGS

- Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day

BEING PRESENT

- Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

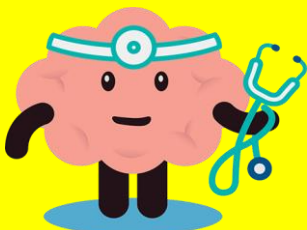
THOUGHT TESTING

- Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.



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).



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers

Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.



Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGOBBIE. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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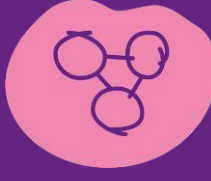
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Play



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School Readiness

Speakers

Annie Loftus

SEND Speech and Language Therapist

&

Ellie Steer

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Find out how to help your child have a successful transition into school.

Tuesday 24th May 2022 - 10am - 11am

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