



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Regular school attendance is vital to your child's future success!



Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a wonderful week.

This week we have been celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The children have created some fabulous pictures of Queen Elizabeth in their art lessons this week and have been practising singing the national anthem and learning a dance from one of the decades that the Queen has been on the throne. These were performed on Friday and will be compiled into a video which we will share on the school's website. We also had our school jubilee picnic.



By Rocco in Year 5



By Lily in Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 2 children who have completed their 'Secret Agent Training' this week (AKA KS1 SATs tests). They have worked really hard all year towards these, and we are really proud of the way they completed them. We will share how well the children have done with these later in the year.

We are proud that our PE provision at Colmers Farm has gained us an award – The Pathway to Podium Silver Award. This award celebrates our school's contribution to Physical Education, school sport and physical activity and supports schools to improve their offer further for the benefit of children at our school. Thank you to Miss Jennings, Miss McCarron and Mr Latham for their hard work in helping us to gain this award.



A huge thank you to all of the parents who attended the Year 1 phonics and maths workshop on Wednesday afternoon. This sort of event still feels a bit of a novelty after Covid. The turnout was fabulous and from reading the evaluations everybody found this really useful. Thank you to the Year 1 staff for preparing this workshop.

After the holidays, our Year 1 children (along with some Year 2s) will be taking their phonics test. To support your children with this, please look out for the phonics QR code sheets that your child will have brought home. This identifies the areas that your child needs to practise over the holidays. Please do what you can to support your child. Regular reading will also help your child with these tests.

DIARY DATES

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

07/06/22

Year 6 LGBTI+ video workshop

10/06/22

Reception Little Owl Farm Visit

10/06/22

Year 5 Educational Psychologist Project Begins

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?



Year 3 Trip blurb and photos (news)

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

After the holidays, Year 4 will be taking their times table check assessment. Testing your child with rapid times tables is a great way to prepare for this test. Using Mathletics is also really useful.

I hope that you have a great half term break with your families. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Monday 6th June.

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



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 the next 2 weeks, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|------------|----|----|----------|----|----|
| Kelliyah | RC | 5 | Is-Haq | RC | 5 | Reggie | RC | 5 |
| Logan | RC | 5 | Lali-Bella | 1F | 6 | Elijah | 1F | 6 |
| Cash | 1F | 6 | Makonnen | 1W | 6 | Scarlett | 2B | 7 |
| Jacob | 4G | 9 | Aliza | 4G | 9 | Alyssa | 4G | 9 |
| Harley | 4J | 9 | Freya | 5A | 10 | Junior | 5A | 10 |
| Harvey | 6B | 11 | Callie-Ann | 6D | 11 | Corey | 6D | 11 |
| Olivia D | 6D | 11 | Olivia C | 6D | 11 | Florence | 6D | 11 |



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



At the start of a website address, you will see either https:// or http://. Which of these is safest for entering personal information, such as credit card details?

- (a) https://
(b) http://



Navigation icons: back, forward, home, search, refresh, stop.

Address bar: https://

Address bar: http://

This week's answer = A. If you plan to enter personal information on a website, such as credit card details, check whether the address begins with https://. This means that a website offers a secure connection, which means that it is more protected from hackers.

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

ABIBLIOPHOBIA
NOUN /UH-BIB-LEE-UH-FOH-BEE-UH/



1. The fear of running out of books to read.

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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 Points |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| 1 st | 6B | 1,068,709 |
| 2 nd | 6D | 640,755 |
| 3 rd | 5T | 148,211 |
| 4 th | 4J | 63,681 |
| 5 th | 3T | 54,836 |
| 6 th | 3H | 42,070 |
| 7 th | 5A | 26,610 |
| 8 th | 4G | 13,815 |



Spelling Shed 

| | Class Name | Number of Points |
|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 1 st | 3T | 105,556,062 |
| 2 nd | 4G | 58,978,760 |
| 3 rd | 2B | 57,436,301 |
| 4 th | 3H | 33,429,882 |
| 5 th | 5A | 25,789,805 |
| 6 th | 6D | 6,170,983 |
| 7 th | 1K | 5,919,035 |
| 8 th | 4J | 2,683,382 |
| 9 th | 6B | 2,445,176 |
| 10 th | 2H | 1,380,201 |
| 11 th | 1W | 834,524 |
| 12 th | 5T | 579,296 |
| 13 th | 1F | 305,816 |

Mathletics

| | Class Name | Number of Points |
|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 1 st | 2B | 15,093 |
| 2 nd | 3T | 12,054 |
| 3 rd | 3H | 10,307 |
| 4 th | 4G | 9,160 |
| 5 th | 5T | 7,630 |
| 6 th | 2H | 7,380 |
| 7 th | 5A | 5,666 |
| 8 th | 6D | 3,790 |
| 9 th | 6B | 2,680 |
| 10 th | 4J | 2,640 |



| Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1 st | Katieleigh (6B) 433,670 |
| 2 nd | Olivia (6D) 257,154 |
| 3 rd | Rubenn (6B) 247,664 |
| Record Score | |
| Kamran (6B) 916,862 words | |

| Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1 st | Ryan (4G) 41,424,520 |
| 2 nd | Robyn (2B) 35,854,974 |
| 3 rd | Mariam (3T) 25,021,982 |
| Record Score | |
| Henry (4G) 65,604,074 | |

| Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1 st | Stefania (5T) 4,030 |
| 2 nd | Ryan (4G) 3,000 |
| 3 rd | Manisha (2B) 2,820 |
| Record Score | |
| Khaleesi (2B) 12,770 | |



ATTENDANCE



1K



3T

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 | 90.0 | 4 |
| RF | 78.6 | 3 |
| 1F | 91.9 | 4 |
| 1K | 94.0 | 3 |
| 1W | 93.7 | 3 |
| 2B | 92.9 | 1 |
| 2H | 93.9 | 3 |
| 3H | 93.3 | 4 |
| 3T | 95.4 | 2 |
| 4G | 86 | 1 |
| 4J | 95.2 | 3 |
| 5A | 94.4 | 3 |
| 5T | 94.4 | 5 |
| 6B | 89.0 | 3 |
| 6D | 93.8 | 0 |

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

| | | | |
|---------|----|--------|----|
| Ruby C | RC | Jacob | 1W |
| William | 2H | Tilly | 3T |
| Connie | 4J | Oliver | 5A |
| Kayden | 6D | | |



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

| | | | | | |
|--------|----|----------|----|---------|----|
| Chae | RF | Olivia | RC | Emily | 1W |
| Nate | 1K | Manisha | 2B | Spencer | 2H |
| Aliyah | 3H | Kayleigh | 3T | Kayden | 4G |
| Piper | 4J | Darcie | 5A | Maisey | 6B |



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

This week's house point results

487

Farah

564

Thompson



539

Daley

538

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.ruberyswopshop.co.uk or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

Top tips for good wellbeing

Having good wellbeing is important because it helps you cope with things that worry you. Good wellbeing helps you to be happy and confident in your life.

GET ACTIVE

Exercising makes us feel good, so getting active is really important for wellbeing. It makes your heart pump your blood faster, making sure you feel fresh and energetic!

EAT WELL

A balanced diet gives your body the energy it needs to work properly. When your body lacks certain nutrients, it can lead to feeling grumpy or unwell.

GET ENOUGH SLEEP

Sleep is so important! When you are asleep your body and brain does more than when you are awake! Getting a good night's sleep ensures your body can heal and repair.

GO OUTSIDE

Being outside in the sunlight makes your body feel good, and that makes you feel happy. So get outside, go exploring and connect with nature to make yourself feel better!

ASK FOR HELP

If you're worried or stressed, don't try and cope with things alone. Talk things through with someone you trust. It will make you feel so much better!



Find out how the Pupil Wellbeing Award can help bring these benefits to your school, email contact@schoolimpactawards.co.uk



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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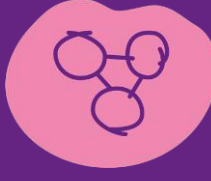
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& Disabilities



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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June 2022



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Occupational Therapy

DIY: Encouraging Independence in Toddlers

Speakers

Ellie Steer & Sarah Gallagher
SEND Occupational Therapists

This Family Webinar will look at strategies to support your child to become independent in their self-care activities such as dressing, washing, toileting and feeding.

Wednesday 8th June 2022

6:30pm - 7:30pm

DIY: Encouraging Independence in Toddlers

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/diy-encouraging-independence-in-toddlers-8th-june-630pm/>

Thursday 9th June 2022

10:00am - 11:00am

DIY: Encouraging Independence in Toddlers

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/diy-encouraging-independence-in-toddlers-9th-june-10am/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the webinar.

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Speech & Language Therapy Supporting Selective Talkers & Quiet Children

**Annie Loftus, Suzanne Blakemore & Samiah
Mahmood**
SEND Speech & Language Therapists

Selective Mutism – is your child reluctant to speak in school or nursery? Find out how to support your child at home and what other support is available.

Wednesday 15th June 2022, 10am - 11am

Supporting Selective Talkers & Quiet Children - Primary Focus

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/supporting-selective-talkers-quiet-children-primary-focus-15th-june-1000am/>

Thursday 16th June 2022, 1pm - 2pm

Supporting Selective Talkers & Quiet Children - Secondary Focus

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