



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Mathletics



Having a good understanding of maths is so important as it opens up so many future career prospects for our children. Mathletics is an online program where children in Years 2-6 can improve their skills in a fun and safe online environment. Try to ensure that your child spends some time on this each week.

Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all had a good week and that your Christmas preparations are going well.

This week, our children in Years 3 and 4 have been having 'Bikeability' sessions. These sessions are run by trained instructors, who help to educate children about how they can stay safe on their bicycles. They have also worked with some of our children who are less confident on bicycles and who are developing their skills to be able to ride these. The cold, wet weather did unfortunately disrupt some of these sessions. These missed sessions will be rescheduled for later in the school year, to ensure children do not miss out on these.

On Thursday this week, we were joined by one of our school governors - Ms O'Brien - for our termly Governors' Award Assemblies. As always, there were three awards for each year group:

- Governors' Award for being a great role model;
- Governors' Award for improving the well-being of others;
- Headteacher's Award for excellent achievement and progress.

Congratulations to all this term's winners. You are all amazing!

	Being a great role model	Improving well-being of others	Excellent achievement and progress
Reception	Amy B. (RF)	Elijah J. (RC)	Jackson C. (RF)
Year 1	Evie S. (1F)	Macie M. (1W)	Nate H. (1K)
Year 2	Paige C. (2B)	Demi-Lea H. (2B)	Valentina K. (2B)
Year 3	Niamh M. (3T)	Alfie A. (3H)	Timothy H. (3T)
Year 4	Lonnie G. (4J)	Ruwan F. (4G)	Piper V. (4J)
Year 5	Salman K. (5A)	Kennedy F. (5A)	Shajeena S. (5T)
Year 6	Carla L. (6B)	Max S. (6B)	Glauken D. (6B)

We are currently gaining parental opinions about our school uniform. The link for our consultation questionnaire is on the next page.



DIARY DATES

13/12/21
School Panto (all year groups)

14/12/21
Year 6 to RAF Cosford

15/12/21
School Christmas Dinner Day

15/12/21 – 2:30pm
16/12/21 – 9:30am
Reception Nativity

17/12/21
Christmas Party Day & School Breaks up for Christmas

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?



Mobile Phone Policy (policies)
Uniform Consultation Survey (news)
Year 5 Mosque Visit Photos (news)

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RXR8G27> .

We would be grateful if as many parents as possible can complete this.
The closing date for this is Friday 17th December.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

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on Twitter!**

Our feed is where we
celebrate the wonderful
learning opportunities we
provide for all of our pupils
everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



Happy Birthday Messages

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

- Hao Xuan 6B Age 11
- Rubenn M-R 6B Age 11
- Riley B 5T Age 10
- Abigail T 5T Age 10
- Thomas G 4G Age 9
- Daniel G 4J Age 9
- James S 1F Age 6
- Nonso A 1F Age 6



e-safety – Keeping your children safe online. Does your child know these rules?

<p>S</p> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<p>A</p> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<p>R</p> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<p>T</p> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>
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Pupil e-safety challenge

You are in an online game, where you can chat with others. You are talking to someone, when they ask if you want to chat outside of the game and whether you can swap WhatsApp numbers? What should you do?

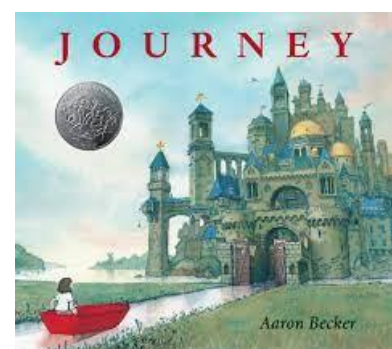
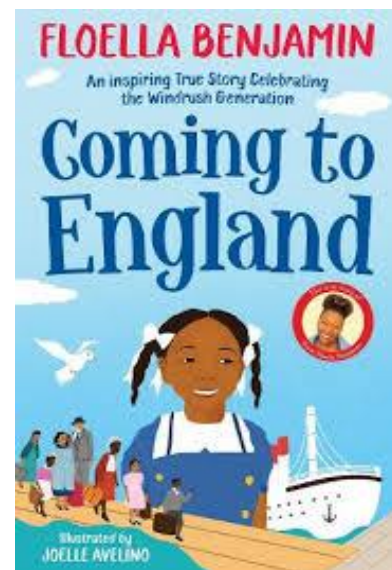
1. Say no thank you and tell your parents or another trusted adult that somebody has asked you to do this.
2. Do what they've asked. I've chatted to them online and they seem friendly?

This week's answer = 1 – Although this person may just be being friendly, you should always be careful with people you meet online as they may be pretending to be somebody who they are not. Always tell your parents about any requests like this. REMEMBER – You should not use WhatsApp until you are 12 years old!

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 st	6D	377769	→←
2 nd	6B	162513	→←
3 rd	4J	106253	↑
4 th	5A	88924	↓
5 th	4J	75296	↑
6 th	5T	59803	→←
7 th	3H	28035	↑
8 th	3T	18951	↓

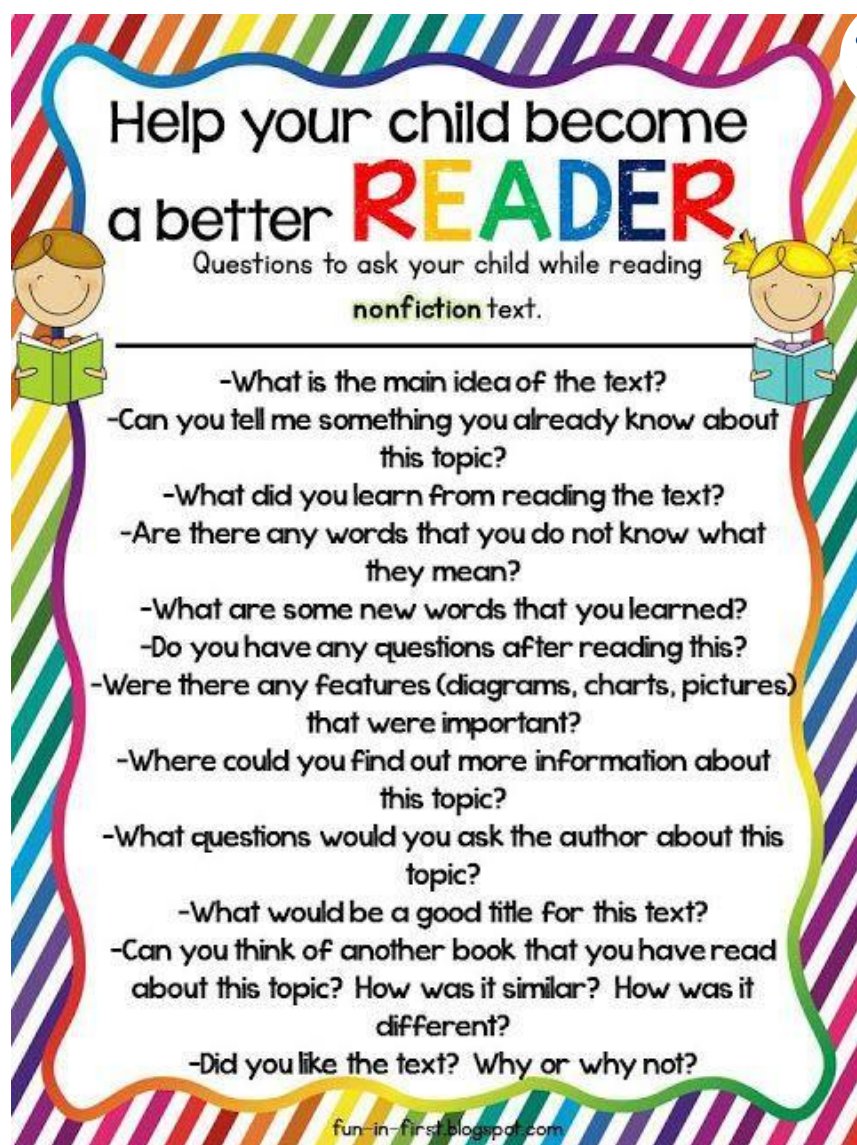
Well Done 6B

100% of your class completed an Accelerated Reader test this week. This was the highest percentage in our school.

Well done to 6D!

Our school record holders are 6B – 977007 words in one week (01/10/21)



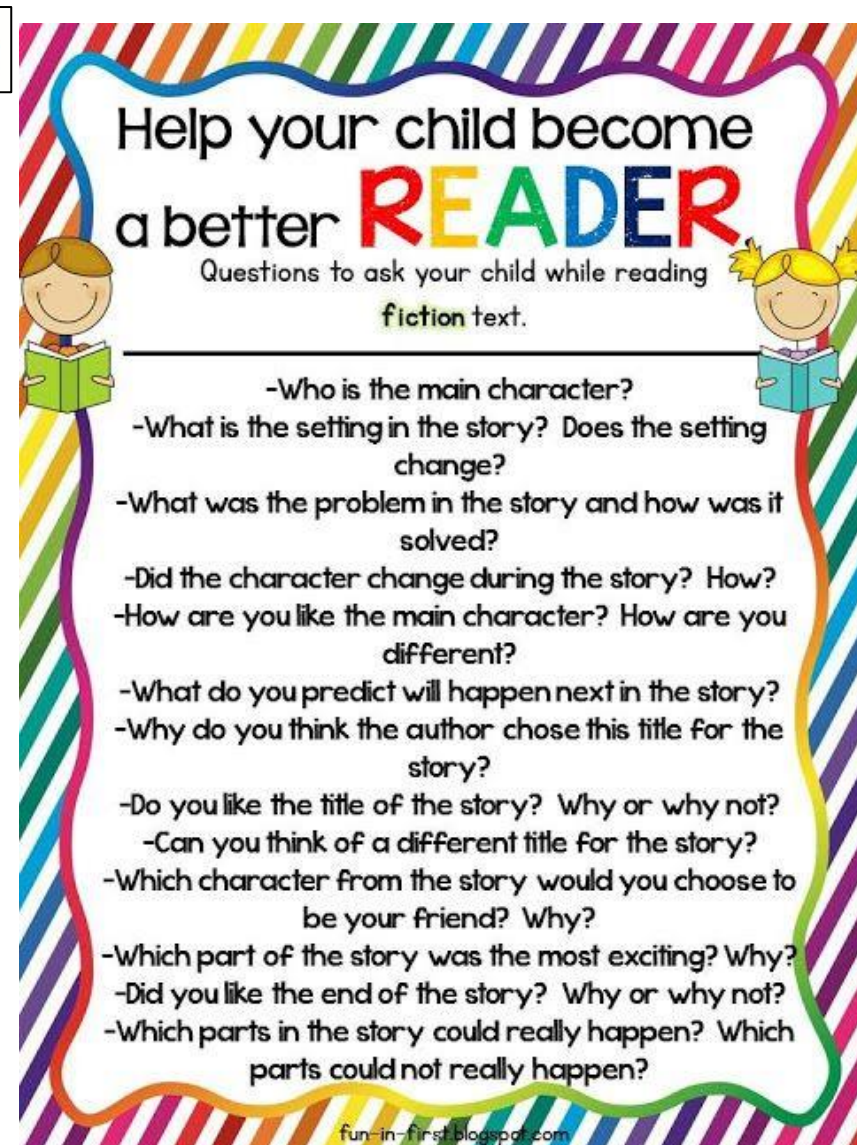


Help your child become a better **READER**

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 this week:

1st Ryan G. (4G) 10110 points

2nd Robin C. (3T) 4870 points

3rd Louie E. (3T) 3180 points

	Class Name	Number of points last week
1 st	3T	25120
2 nd	4G	11260
3 rd	6B	11180
4 th	3H	7080
5 th	5A	6561
6 th	6D	5738
7 th	2H	4719
8 th	2B	2886
9 th	5T	2696
10 th	4J	1958

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



2B



4G

This week's best attendance prize winners! Well done!

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

Pos	Class	Games played	Points
1	1K	11	30
2	2B	11	28
3	3T	11	24
4	4J	11	21
=	6B	11	21
6	3H	11	20
7	RF	11	18
=	4G	11	18
9	1W	11	15
=	2H	11	15
11	1F	11	14
12	RC	11	10
=	6D	11	10
14	5A	11	9
15	5T	11	6

This week's winners:

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



Well done to 4G who not only had the highest attendance in school this week at 97.3%, but they also had 0 lates!

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

EYFS Connor T
 Year 1 Esme E
 Year 2 Riley M
 Year 3 Robin C
 Year 4 Kamaal A
 Year 5 Abigail T
 Year 6 Harvey G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Julian W RC	Charlotte R 1W	Summer S 1K
Tyla-Rose H 2H	Evelyn W 3H	Kai H 3T
Kamaal A 4G	Sujaan S 4J	
Emaan A 6B	Violet W 6D	



This week's house point results

526

Farah

538

Thompson

615

Daley

496

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 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 or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Tips




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Out of School Club Provision

for children from Rubery Nursery
School and Colmers Primary School*

*up to the age of 8 years old



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:

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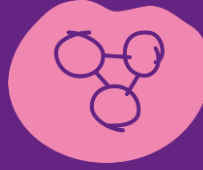
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Health



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Birmingham Children's Partnership



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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

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0121 752 1900

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0121 441 4556

Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1860

Yardley

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0121 289 4875



'Have your Say' on SEND

You are invited to Parent and Carer Engagement Events focusing on co-production and how your voice can influence the SEND offering in Birmingham. There is a choice of online or in person, with more events planned for January.



Birmingham
City Council



www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Carrs Lane Conference Centre
15th December 2021
10am - 1pm

Online event
15th December 2021
6pm - 8pm



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SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

December 2021



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness

Speaker:

Amina Mushtaq - From Barnardo's

Join the session to learn what Early Help Offer is and how it can help children and families in Birmingham. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available for parents and children and quick self-referral process.

Friday 17th December 10:00 - 11:00am

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-17th-december-2021-10am/>

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



BIRMINGHAM
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Christmas Avery Fields Holiday Camps

FREE

Activities and Meals
for children aged 5-16!

December 20/21/22/23

There will be two slots available
to book each day (9-1pm and 11-3pm).

BOOK ONLINE: www.clubs-hub.com/bournvillerfc

BOOK VIA EMAIL: community@bournvillerfc.co.uk

Avery Fields Sports & Events 79 Sandon Road, Birmingham B17 8DT





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



Children staying 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 that they do not want to do or 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.