

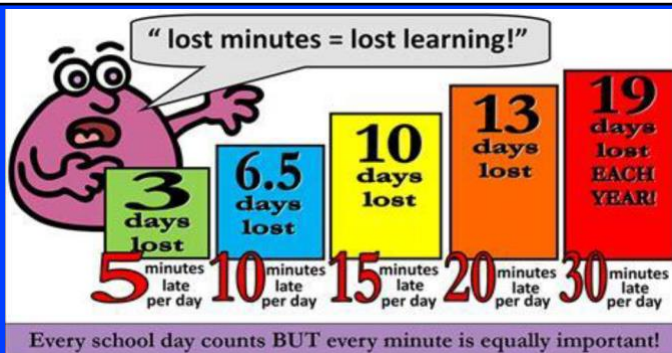


Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Being on time for school is important!



Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all had a great week.

A huge thank you to everybody who brought in food for the B30 foodbank. We were blown away by your generosity. This food will certainly be put to good use over the festive period by this organisation as they will be helping local families in need.



On Monday, we started off our week with a bit of a Christmas treat for all our children. A couple of months ago, we entered a competition to write some lyrics for new song in a theatrical performance... and we won. Not only were several of our lyrics turned into songs for this performance, but we also won a free performance of the Nutcracker. The children all loved this. What a great way to start the week. Thank you to Mr Toppin-McKenzie for organising our competition entries and for organising the performances.

On Tuesday, we had a busy day with our Year 6s visiting RAF Cosford as part of their World War 2 topic – which they loved. We also had some of our Year 4 and 5 children training to be 'playmakers'. This involved them receiving special training for the day, which will enable them to lead dinnertime activities with our reception and KS1 children.

Nothing gets everybody in the Christmas spirit like a school nativity performance and thankfully, despite Covid, Reception's Christmas nativity performance was still able to go ahead for parents on Wednesday and Thursday. This is something our Reception children have been working really hard on over the last few weeks and during the performance they were magnificent. Well done to everybody who took part and to all of the staff who worked behind the scenes to make this happen.

Congratulations to all our 97%+ attendance winners for this term (149 children!), who received their attendance badges and certificates this week. They also were able to wear their own clothes on Thursday.

DIARY DATES

04/01/22
Staff Training Day

05/01/22
Children return to school

21/01/22
Safer Internet Day

18/02/22
Final Day before half term

28/02/21
Staff Training Day

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?



Christmas Theatre Performance
(News)

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Gary Sambrook M.P. came into school on Friday to drop off certificates to all of the children who took part in the Christmas Card competition a few weeks ago. He also gave Tiegan (in 3T) her certificate for winning the competition overall. I hope that Boris Johnson enjoys receiving his card designed by Tiegan.

Well done to Year 4 who raised £207.00 completing their Santa run this week! This money will be used to buy presents from the Birmingham Children's Hospital toy wish list for their patients.

Unfortunately, we are losing two staff members at the end of this term. As some of you are aware, Mr Adams will be leaving us. We thank him for all his hard work over the years at our school. Miss Rogers will continue to teach 5A until the end of the school year. Mrs Evans (our SENCO) will also be leaving us. She has really transformed our provision for SEND children in her time with us and her dedication to the role and the families she has worked with, in the short time she has been with us, she has been nothing short of outstanding. We will be welcoming Mrs Cross as our new SENCO in the new year. We wish Mr Adams and Mrs Evans the very best for the future.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy start to the new year.

Mr Williams Headteacher

Happy Birthday Messages

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

- Josie B 6D Age 11
- Tyler D 6B Age 11
- Jake J 6D Age 11
- Chad F 5A Age 10
- Harry C 5A Age 10
- Piper V 4J Age 9
- Lola S 4G Age 9
- Louise H 1W Age 6
- Jake RF Age 5
- Elijah J RC Age 5
- Evie H RF Age 5
- Piper C 4G Age 9
- Millie M 3H Age 8
- Demi-Lea H 2B Age 7
- Hollie S 2B Age 7
- Robyn H 2B Age 7
- Hope S 2H Age 7
- Skye D 1K Age 6
- Nate H 1K Age 6
- Star C RC Age 5
- Richard R RF Age 5

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?

<h3>S</h3> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h3>M</h3> <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>	<h3>A</h3> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h3>R</h3> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h3>T</h3> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p>
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Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Pupil e-safety challenge

You are getting messages on your phone from somebody in your class calling you horrible names. They warn you not to tell anybody otherwise they will beat you up in school. What should you do?

1. Send them some messages calling them names back.
2. Just ignore the messages and block them on your phone.
3. Show my parents/carers the messages.

This week's answer is 3 – If you receive messages like this, it is important that you tell an adult straight away. Only by doing this can we make sure that this doesn't happen again.

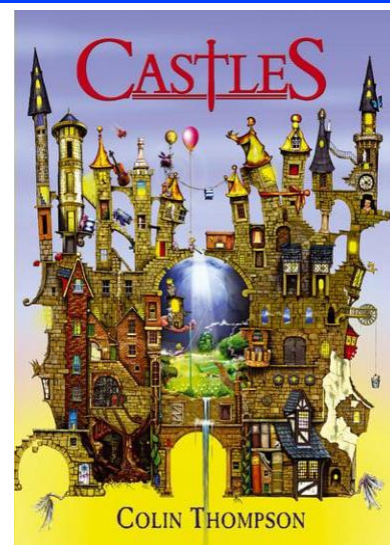
READ, READ, READ!

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.



**Books open up
the world!**



Accelerated Reader

Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 st	6D	265564	➡➡➡
2 nd	6B	211943	➡➡➡
3 rd	5T	102640	➡
4 th	3T	77508	➡
5 th	4G	28814	➡
6 th	4J	19293	➡
7 th	3H	18640	➡➡➡
8 th	5A	16024	➡

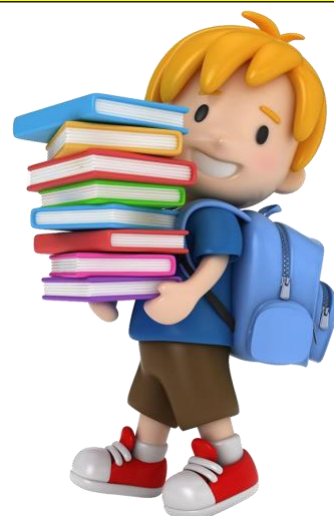


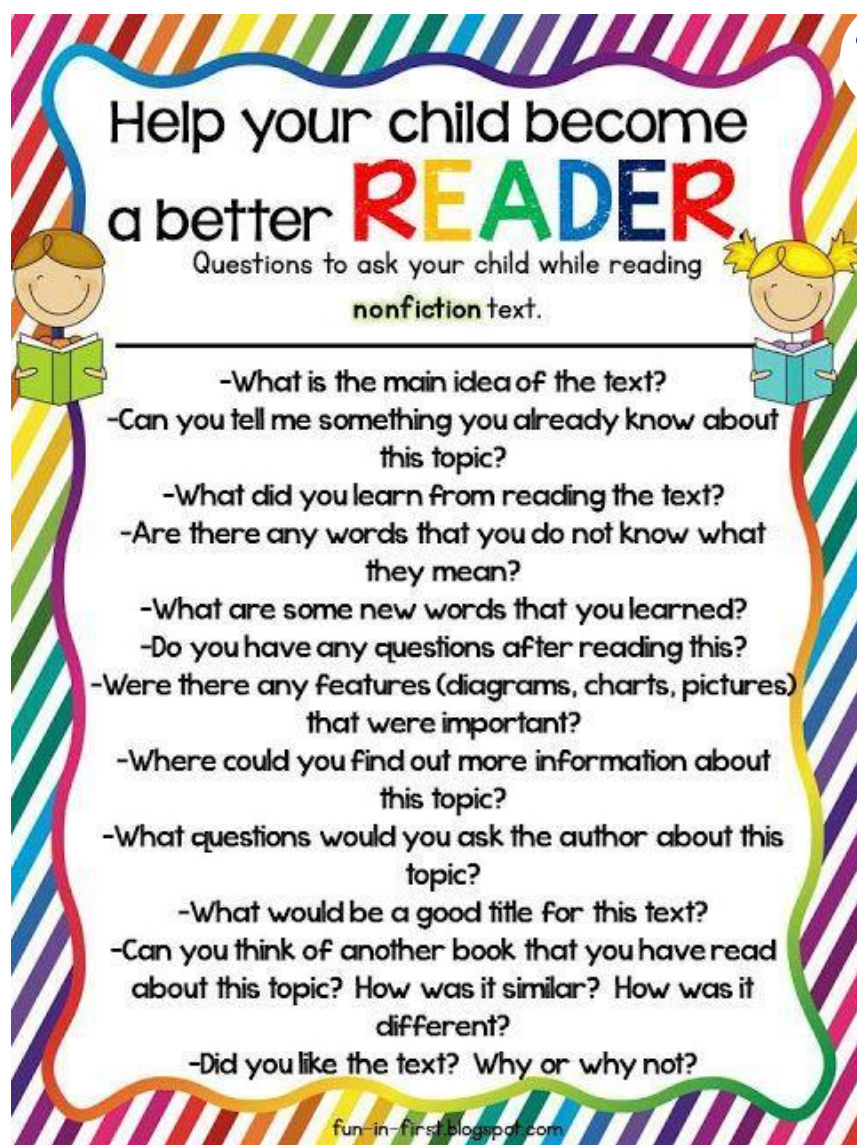
Well Done 6D

93% of the 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)



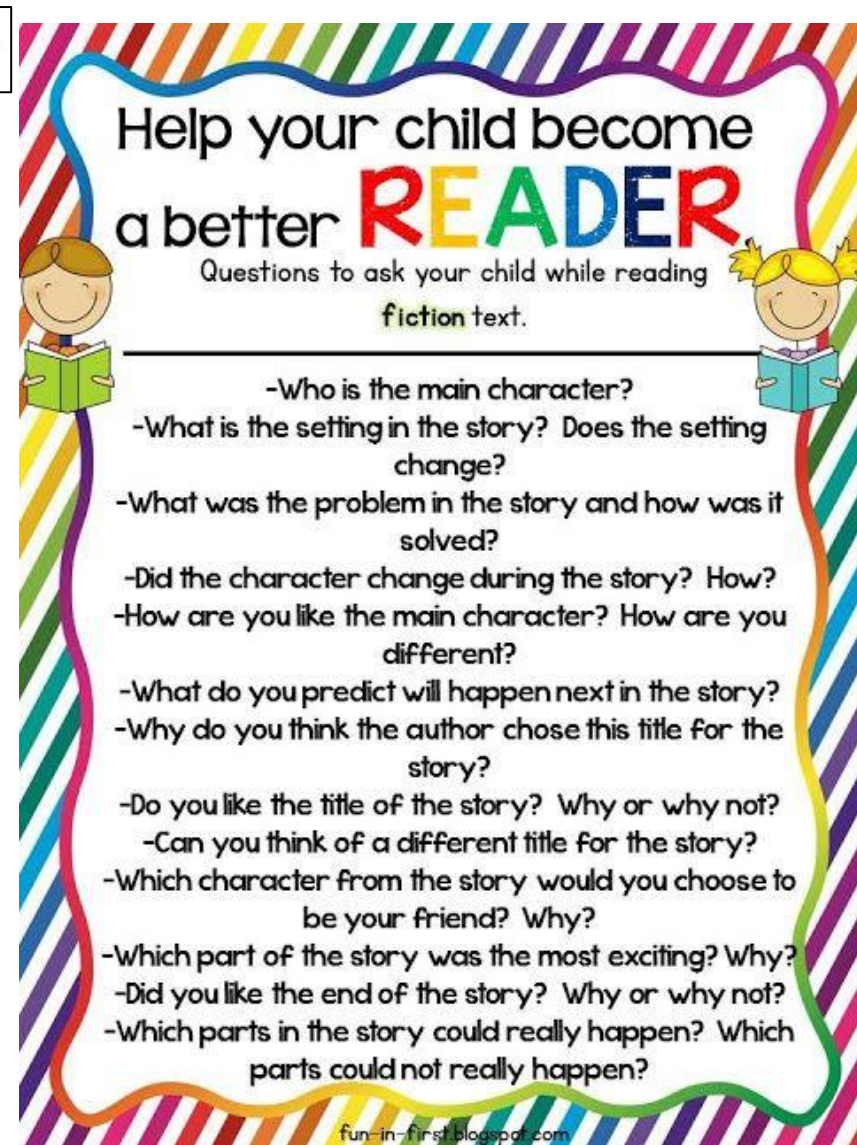


Help your child become a better **READER**

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 Effy X. (3H) 5100 points

2nd Jake S. (3T) 3030 points

3rd Hayden B. (3H) 2780 points

	Class Name	Number of points last week
1 st	6B	14381
2 nd	3T	14050
3 rd	3H	11810
4 th	6D	8147
5 th	2B	7979
6 th	2H	7420
7 th	4G	6070
8 th	5A	5112
9 th	4J	4294
10 th	5T	2419

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	2B	12	31
2	1K	12	30
3	3T	12	27
4	6B	12	24
5	4J	12	21
=	4G	12	21
7	3H	12	20
8	RF	12	18
=	1W	12	18
=	2H	12	18
11	1F	12	17
12	RC	12	13
13	6D	12	10
14	5A	12	9
15	5T	12	6

This week's winners:

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



149 children
received their
bronze attendance
badge this term
with 97% +
Well done!

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

- Rosie L RF
- Ellie-Mae H 1W
- Spencer W 2H
- Hayden B 3H
- Piper V 4J
- Ula S 5A
- Jake D 6D

Because this clashed with the Christmas parties, our winners will receive their cakes and hot chocolate after the holidays.



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Reggie-Jay H RC Louis M RF Laurie M RF Winnie-Mae G 1W
 Ethan M 1K Mini D 2B Tyler L 2H Robin C 3T Millie M 3H
 Zeyad A 4J Phoebe H 4G Logan W 5T Carol W 6B Cameron C 6D Jake D 6D



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

This week's house point results

1011



Farah

759

Thompson

768

Daley

801

Ennis-Hill

School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on all 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 or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

15 ways to promote and support Good Mental Health

1. Make sure you get enough sleep
2. Eat healthy food and drink healthy drinks
3. Learn how to relax and switch off
4. Connect with friends and family
5. Learn new things every day
6. Help others when ever you can
7. Exercise each day
8. Talk about your feelings
9. Be mindful and take notice of what is happening around you
10. Be thankful for all the things you have
11. Set goals for yourself and embrace your wishes and dreams
12. Challenge any negative thoughts
13. Learn how to smile more!
14. Ask for help if you have a problem
15. Have fun and laugh!




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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



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



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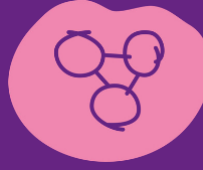
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Bereavement



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

Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com
0121 441 4556

Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1860

Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk
0121 289 4875



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.



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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 –

Please take some time to look at this.

Thank you for your continued support.