



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



In tribute to
Miss MacDougall.
Gone, but you will be
remembered always.



Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Tuesday was obviously a very sad day at Colmers Farm as the staff said their final goodbyes to Miss MacDougall. The funeral was a hugely emotional event for everybody who attended. She is now however at peace and the memory of Miss MacDougall will live on in the minds and hearts of all who knew her. I would like to thank you all for your support, understanding and generosity since half term towards the school regarding this tragic event. Thank you also for being so understanding about us closing early on Tuesday so that our staff could attend the funeral. We really appreciate this.

This week has been a busy week for RE trips. RE trips are a really important part of our school curriculum as they:

- develop tolerance, respect and understanding of other people and children of different religions (part of our No Outsiders ethos);
- improve their knowledge of features of religious buildings and religions;
- gain first-hand experience of the awe and wonder of a range of religious buildings;
- improve their ability to be members of multi-cultural society.



On Monday, Year 5 went to the Central Mosque in Birmingham (which can hold 6000 worshippers). On Tuesday, Year 6 went to St Philips Cathedral in Central Birmingham (the fourth smallest cathedral in the UK) and finally on Thursday Year 3 went to Singers Hill Synagogue (which has been welcoming worshippers for over 160 years). All of our children really enjoyed these visits and showed the upmost respect whilst on these. The tour guides were really impressed with the quality of the questions asked and knowledge shown by our children. Well done for representing our school so well. A big thank you to Miss Goddard for organising these trips for everybody. There are more of

DIARY DATES

01/12/21
Year 2 Phonics
Workshops

02/12/21
Year 1 Phonics
Workshops

08/12/21
School Christmas
Fair

09/12/21
Year 3 Reading
Workshops

09/12/21
Governors' Award
Assembly

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 6 Cathedral Visit (News)
Year 3 Synagogue Visit (News)
Child friendly safeguarding policy
(Useful Links and Safeguarding)

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these throughout the year to other places of worship for other year groups.

Please ensure that messages regarding any changes to home time collection arrangements are called into the office before 2:45 pm to ensure class staff are aware. The end of the day is chaotic and late messages can get missed.

Dr Bike was in school on Thursday to give our children's bikes a safety check and to carry out minor repairs. Thank you to everybody who brought in a bike for him to look at. It's reassuring to know that our children are riding bikes that are safe.

A huge congratulations to Kade in Year 1, who won his first boxing belt last week. Hopefully a future world champion at our school?

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

Mr Williams Headteacher



Please follow us 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:

Ellie D-O 6B Age 11
Nazila A 4J Age 9
Harley C 2H Age 7
William O-O RC Age 5

Laila T-S 6D Age 11
Emilie T 4J Age 9
Manisha R 2B Age 7
Ruby C RC Age 5

Logan W 5T Age 10
Kaicee T 3H Age 8
Mason C 1K Age 6



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 using the Internet to find out some information about some famous world leaders. You quickly find a site that has lots of information. You want to copy and paste all the text, as it will save you time.

What should you do?

1. I would copy and paste. My time it will save time.
2. I would read it and write it in my own words.
3. I would visit more than one site and write what I have learnt in my own words.

This week's answer = 3 – You should never rely on one website for information as the facts on it may be wrong. Also never copy and paste from a website. Always write it in your own words.



Anti-Bullying Week 2021



Last week, Colmers Farm Primary School recognised the Anti-Bullying Alliance's National Anti-Bullying Week. The children spent time thinking about how 'one kind word' can make a huge difference to someone else's day. A big focus was placed on challenging their peers when they see unkind behaviours or bullying behaviours taking place.

The children impressed their teachers with their strong opinions about how bullying-type behaviours are not welcome at our school. Well done everyone!

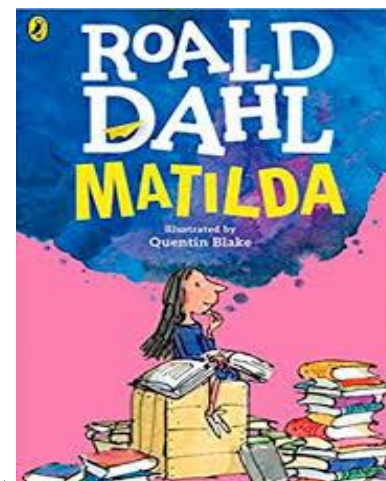
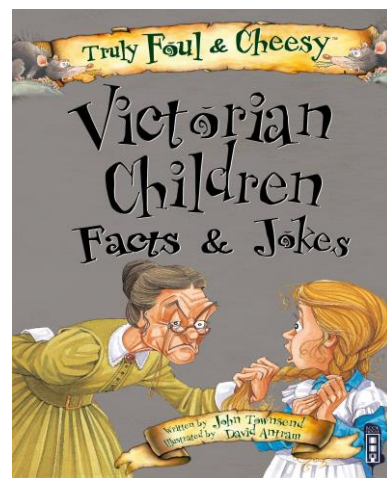
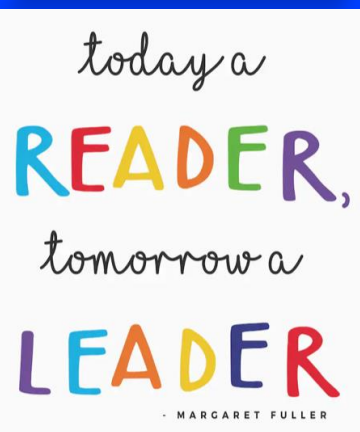
Children in Years 1 to 5 were also asked to think of 'one kind word' and to be as creative as they could with writing it. We had many fantastic entries which meant Miss Kelly had a very difficult job picking only one winner from each year group.

The winning entries are pictured above – well done to; Lilly Z (Y1); Daniel T (Y2); Kaiden F (Y3); Phoebe (Y4); Luke H (Y5); and Aiden C (Y6). You will all receive a Smyths voucher as a prize next week.

READ, READ, READ!

Reading is a key skill which is so important to your child's development at all ages. 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	256925	➡➡➡
2 nd	4G	131584	➡
3 rd	6B	125423	➡
4 th	5T	108603	➡➡➡
5 th	4J	93773	➡
6 th	5A	79661	➡
7 th	3H	36376	➡
8 th	3T	32279	➡

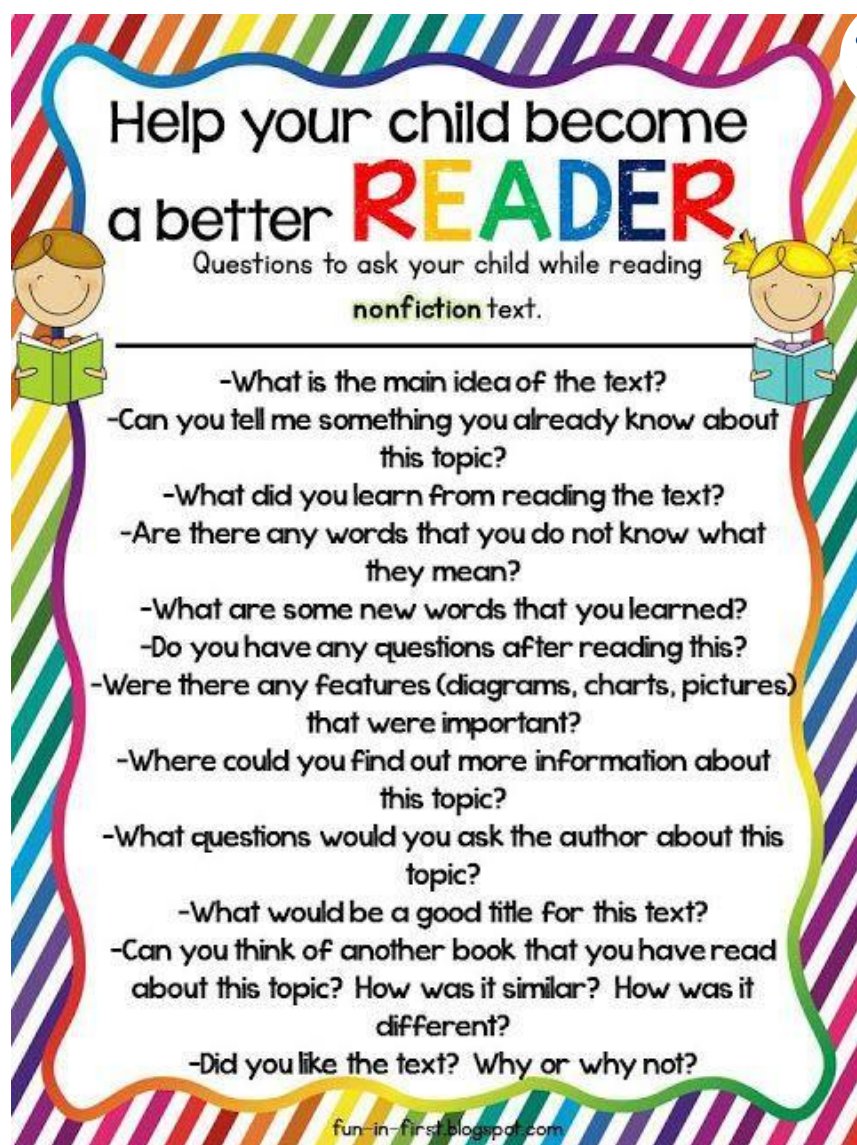
Well Done 4G

76% 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)



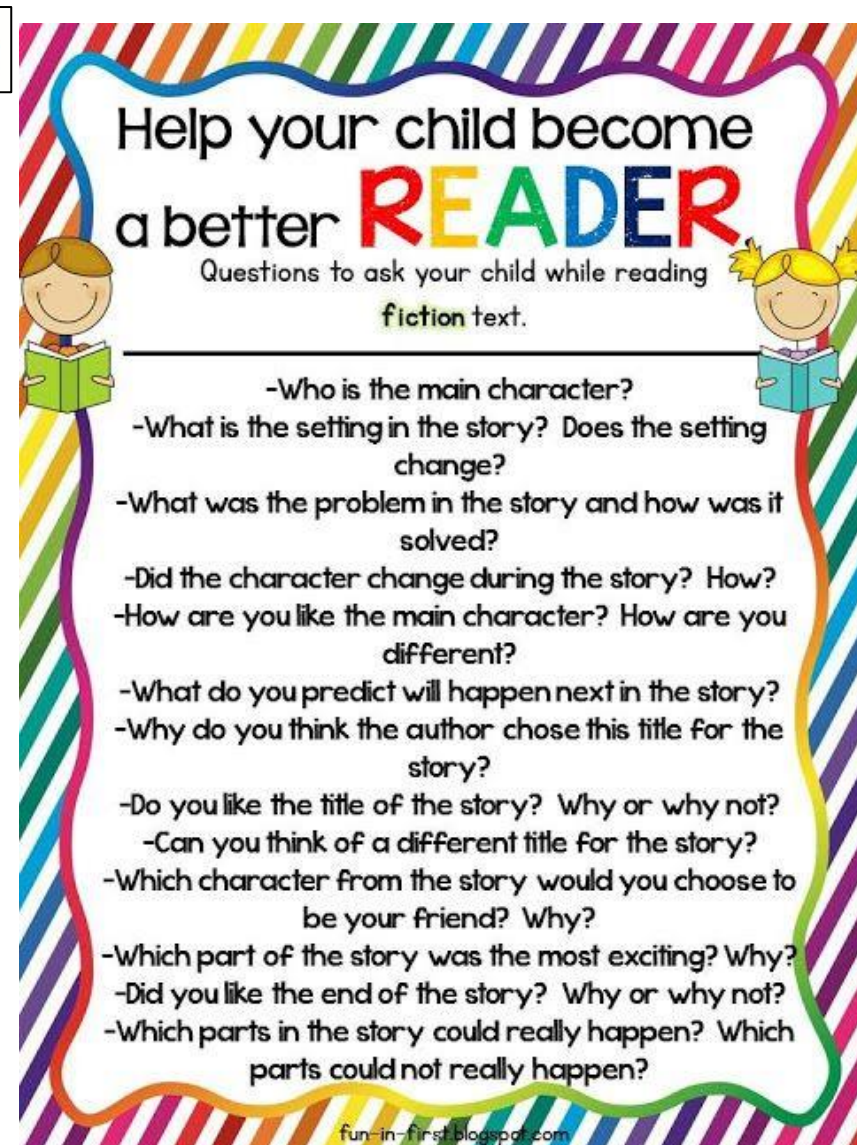


Help your child become a better **READER**

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 and practise in 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 which they complete at home using Mathletics. After completing homework, children are able access a wealth of other fun, engaging activities including 'Live Mathletics' where they can play people from around the world live.

To access Mathletics, visit the useful links section on 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) 6510points

2nd Hao Xuan C. (6B) 4300 points

3rd Timothy Hunt (3T) 4233 points

	Class Name	Number of points last week
1 st	6D	16816
2 nd	3T	13170
3 rd	6B	11850
4 th	4G	10702
5 th	2B	9097
6 th	2H	7961
7 th	5T	7129
8 th	4J	6592
9 th	3H	6250
10 th	5A	4735

Our school record holders

Ryan G. (4G) 6150 points in one week (21/11/21)

Class 6B – 32310 points in one week (14/11/21)

ATTENDANCE



1K



6B

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	9	24
2	2B	9	22
3	3T	9	21
4	6B	9	18
5	3H	9	16
6	RF	9	15
=	2H	9	15
=	4J	9	15
9	1W	9	12
=	4G	9	12
11	1F	9	11
12	RC	9	10
13	6D	9	9
14	5A	9	6
=	5T	9	6

This week's winners:

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



Wow!
112 children have
had 100%
attendance this
year so far!
Well done!

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Isla-Rose RC Oliver P 1F Ethan K 2H

Cayleigh M 3T Lola S 4G Chloe S 5T

Kacee J 6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Rosie L RF

Sophia B 2H

Abigail T 5T

Jacob A 1W

Zachary P 3T

Salman K 5A

Aisha A 1K

Aliyah A 3H

Kacee J 6D

Riley W 1F

Evie F 4J

Loren W 6B

Riley M 2B



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

This week's house point results

428

Farah

435

Thompson

477

Daley



457

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.



8 WAYS TO BUILD RESILIENCE



1 I have resilient adults around me

What you model matters



2 I am good at some things and need to work on others

Find and celebrate strengths

3 I am hopeful and positive even when it's tough!

Teach optimistic thinking to power success



4 I can cope with change

Build capacity to be adaptable and flexible



5 I can practise to achieve my goal

Connection to meaning and purpose fuels the many steps to mastery



6 I have people who help me to shine

Resilience is supported by people who mentor, guide and model



7 I can learn from mistakes and solve problems

Problem solving and taking action leads to self-improvement



8 I am me – and that's enough

Self-acceptance builds the capacity to embrace strengths and accept challenges

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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www.ruberyn.bham.sch.uk



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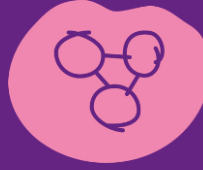
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Health



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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

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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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We're raising vital funds to go towards Christmas hampers
for 100 vulnerable families by holding an auction

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BIRMINGHAM, B45 9RR**

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