



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Thank you to everybody who has contributed to or has visited our temporary memorial to Miss MacDougall. We will all miss her greatly.



Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed your holidays with your families.

The tragic loss of Miss MacDougall over the holidays has understandably made our return to school this week much more difficult than normal. All of our thoughts and prayers are with her family. The loss of such a well-loved individual leaves a huge gap in our school, that will be felt by everybody. The way that staff and children have supported one another this week though has been impressive, as we take our first few tentative steps in the healing process. Thank you all for your messages of support during this week – They have meant a lot to everybody at our school.

Piper in Year 4 wrote a lovely poem in honour of Miss MacDougall. Please see page 3 of this newsletter.

I'd like to welcome Miss Winfield to our reception team, who will be taking over from Miss Clark, and Miss Rogers who will be providing stability in 5A due to Mr Adams' illness. We very much look forward to working with both of these teachers and I'm sure that you will make them both feel very welcome at our school.

Well done to our Mathletics winners before the holidays who were 6B. They scored an impressive 32553 points. Second were 4G with 19125 points and 3rd were 3H with 16125. Mathletics is a great way for your children to practise their maths in a fun way and homework is set on here weekly for children from Year 2 to 6 to complete. Remember to check out the Mathletics totals each week on the front page of our website to see where your child's class has come.

I'm sure that many of you will be attending Bonfire events over the weekend. These are normally a highlight in everybody's calendar and are usually fun filled events.



DIARY DATES

10/11/21
School Photos

10 and 11/11/21
Rescheduled parents' evenings

23/11/21
School Closes at 1:15
Miss MacDougall's Funeral

WB 09/12/21
Governors' Award Assembly

15/12/21
EYFS Nativity Performance

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 4 Professor McGinty visit
photos (news section)

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Over 500 children each year though are injured around Bonfire Night and it is therefore important that children know about how to stay safe at this time. Please see the Firework Code poster later in this newsletter for safety information to share with your child.

Today Year 1 went on a trip to the Black Country Living Museum to support their topic of Houses and Homes. There was a lot of walking on this trip, but the children learnt lots and they all really enjoyed the visit. Thank you Year 1 for representing our school so well.

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:

Bianca-Maria D 6B Age 11

Tiahna J 4J Age 9

Reagan S-M 4J Age 9

Ruby K 1W Age 6

Nate S RC Age 5

Thomas H 4G Age 9

Oliver P 1F Age 6

Hugo M RC Age 5



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


What would your child do if this happened to them?

A friend of yours has made a new friend online. They talk regularly online and they tell you they are going to meet face-to-face for the first time tomorrow. What do you do?

1. Nothing – Everybody needs friends.
2. Tell my friend not to meet them. Tell my parents and get them to tell my friend's parents immediately.
3. Offer to go with my friend.

This week's answer = 2 (NEVER meet 'friends' that you make online). They may not be who they are pretending to be.

This is a poem for
people that have lost
their loved ones.

We all have our
loved ones, but it
is sad when they have
to pass. 



When they pass we
need to know two things
we have to think that
they are in a better
place and wouldn't want
us crying. 

If you have lost
a loved one you know
it's hard and sad.

It's best to think
about all the things
like how they helped
us and the fun times

By Piper 

in honor of
Miss MacDougall.

Everyone will
miss you!  



Gary Sambrook M.P.'s. Christmas Card Competition

Entries should be returned to school by
Monday 15th November.

They must:

- be a single sheet of A4 paper;
- Have the child's full name, class, class teacher and school written clearly on the back.

The winner's card will be sent to the
Prime Minister!

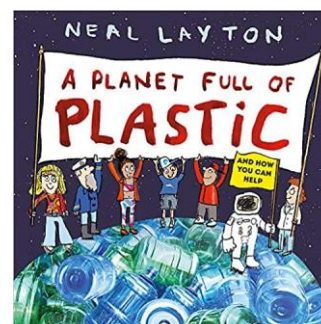
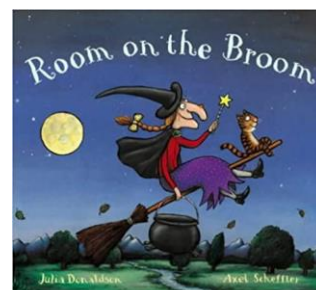
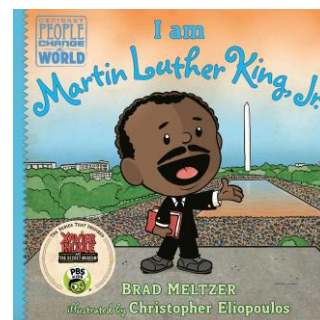
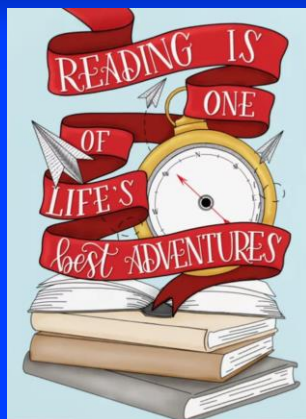
One of our children was a runner up in
this competition last year. Can we go
one better this year?



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

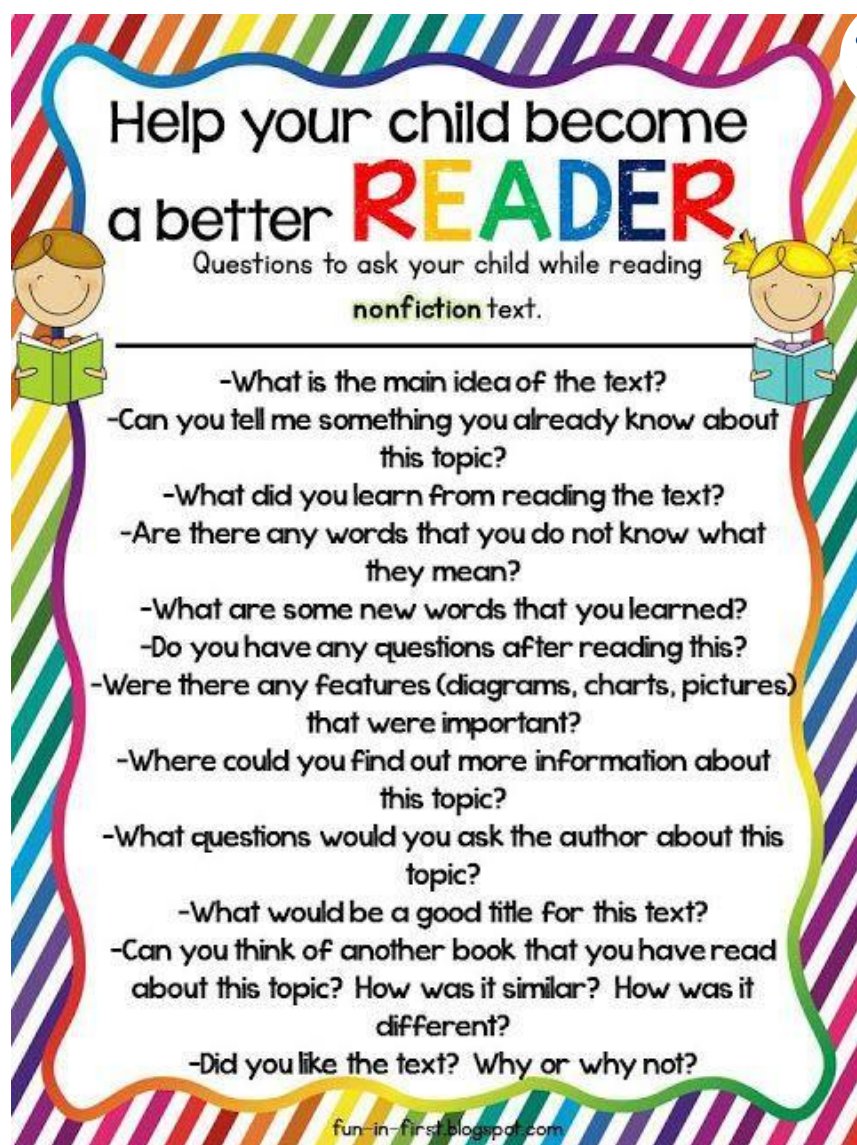
Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 st	6D	605261	↑
2 nd	6B	402550	↓
3 rd	5A	43576	↔
4 th	3H	24127	↑
5 th	3T	13807	↓
6 th	4G	12805	↑
7 th	5T	12181	↔
8 th	4J	2141	↓

Well done to 6D!

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



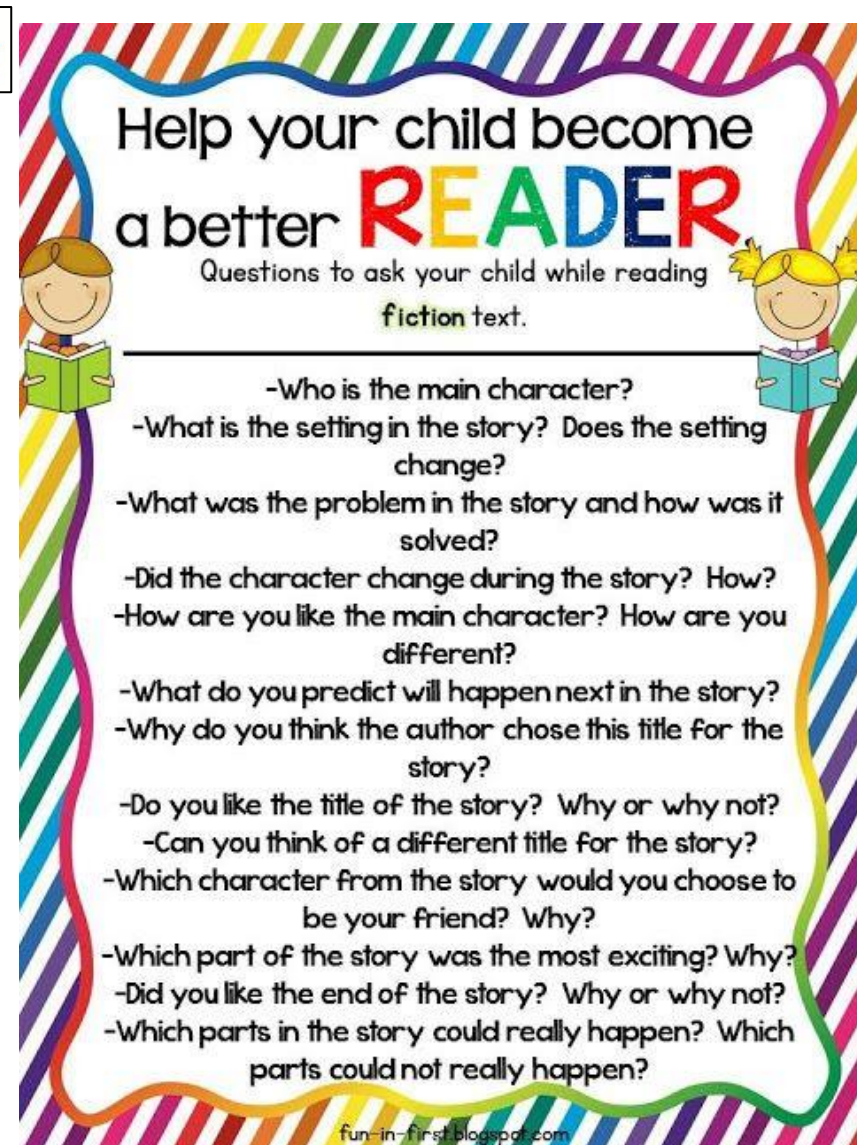


Help your child become a better **READER**

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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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

Firework Code

1. Only adults should light and hold fireworks.
2. Stand well back when watching fireworks and bonfires.
3. Never approach a firework that has not gone off or is used.
4. Enjoy sparklers safely by wearing gloves and holding them at arms length.
5. When a sparkler goes out put it straight into a bucket of water.
6. Keep your pets safely indoors.
7. Have a great time!

Free poster from www.schoolstickers.co.uk/firework
Corresponding stickers available

ATTENDANCE



2B



3T

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	6	16
2	1K	6	15
=	3T	6	15
4	2H	6	12
=	4G	6	12
6	RC	6	10
=	3H	6	10
8	RF	6	9
=	1W	6	9
=	6B	6	9
=	6D	6	9
12	4J	6	6
13	1F	6	4
14	5A	6	3
15	5T	6	0

This week's winners:

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



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

Attendance Update

November,
2021.

Our Attendance Reward System

Please find a helpful reminder about our attendance reward systems:

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:



- Bronze, silver and gold badges:

Every child with an attendance and punctuality of 97% or above for a whole term will earn a badge. The first term they achieve this they will earn a bronze badge, the second term will be a silver badge and if they have an attendance of 97% or above for all 3 terms they will achieve the gold badge. This means that children have 3 opportunities to achieve badges and 1 period of absence does not prevent children earning their badges throughout the rest of the school year.

- Own Clothes Days:

Badges will be awarded in an assembly at the end of each term, and any child earning a badge will be invited to come to school in their own clothes on the last day of term.

- Annual Prize draw:

Every child who earns a gold badge will be entered in to a prize draw with the opportunity to win a huge prize! At other schools in our Multi Academy Trust this has been a bike or a scooter. We will be working with the School Council to come up with an exciting prize for next year!

CLASS AWARDS:



- EYFS & KS1:

The class with the highest attendance (and over 97%) will be awarded a certificate and asked to look after the Colmers' Cat for the week.



- KS2:

The class with the highest attendance (and over 97%) will be awarded a certificate in assembly. Certificates will be displayed outside the classroom.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Nate S RW Winnie-Mae G 1W Arlo-Jai 2B

Moonshine L 3H Zeyad A 4J

Tulisa P 5A Loushus L 6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Adriel T RC Liliana M RF Esmee E 1W Bryn S 1K Oliver P 1F Eden G 2H
Kayla A 2B Eulia P 3T Sophie-Mae M 3H Tyler S 4J Henry R 4G
Freya R 5A Shajeena S 5T Glauken D 6B Calum M 6D



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

This week's house point results

418

Farah

385

Thompson

369

Daley

439

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 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.

TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

**Spend quality
time with kids.
When they feel loved
and supported, children
develop emotional strength.**

**Talk about
feelings so your
child learns to share
their worries and fears
with people they trust.**

**Instead of rushing to solve
problems, give kids time to
work things out themselves.**

**When children experience
failure or disappointment,
it's important to praise their
effort and encourage them
to try again.**

**Acknowledge your own
mistakes to teach kids
that mistakes are
essential for learning
and growth.**

**If your child can't find
a solution to a problem,
use gentle questioning
to guide them
towards it.**

**Ensure kids are eating
well and getting
enough sleep and
exercise.**

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



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.



Breakfast Club is open from **7.30am - 9.am**
and After School **3.00pm - 5.30pm**

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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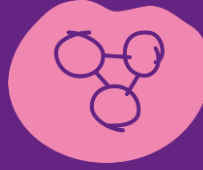
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& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



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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

November 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.

Supporting Autistic Children with Mental Health Issues

Speaker
Aaron Yorke
(Communication & Autism Team)

Aaron Yorke is a specialist teacher, and a proud parent of two autistic children. In this webinar Aaron will discuss autism and mental health issues, and how you can support children and young people using acceptance based approaches.

Monday 8th November 2021 - 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Supporting Autistic Children with Mental Health Issues

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-supporting-autistic-children-with-mental-health-issues-8th-november-1pm/>

Thursday 11th November 2021 - 10.00am – 11.30am
Supporting Autistic Children with Mental Health Issues

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-supporting-autistic-children-with-mental-health-issues-11th-november-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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Sensory Smart

Speakers

Ellie Steer & Sarah Gallagher
(SEND Occupational Therapists)

This family webinar will look at understanding sensory processing and the 8 sensory systems. We will discuss strategies you can try at home to support your child to build positive sensory experiences.

Wednesday 10th November 2021 - 9.30am – 10.30am
Sensory Smart for Primary age Children

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/sensory-smart-for-primary-age-children-10th-november-9-30am/>

Thursday 11th November 2021 - 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Sensory Smart for Secondary age Children

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/sensory-smart-for-secondary-age-children-11th-november-130pm/>

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Talking about Women and Girls on the Autistic Spectrum

Speaker
Anne Seymour
Communication & Autism Team

A short presentation to include information about some of the challenges faced by women and girls who are on the autistic spectrum and some of the strengths that they have. There will be an opportunity to ask some questions.

Tuesday 23rd November 2021 - 10.00am – 11.00am

Talking about Women and Girls on the Autistic Spectrum

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/talking-about-women-and-girls-on-the-autistic-spectrum-23rd-november-10am/>

Thursday 25th November 2021 - 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Talking about Women and Girls on the Autistic Spectrum

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/talking-about-women-and-girls-on-the-autistic-spectrum-25th-november-130pm/>

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



TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE BACK

Can You Help Vulnerable Families This Christmas?

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

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021 | 1 PM

**DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE
DEELANDS ROAD, RUBERY
BIRMINGHAM, B45 9RR**

MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT
WWW.TRIDENTGROUP.ORG.UK/EVENTS

JUMBLE SALE

PROCEEDINGS GO TO DEELANDS HALL CHRISTMAS
APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN NEED WITHIN
THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

13TH NOVEMBER 2021

12PM - 4PM

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