



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Christmas Card Competition

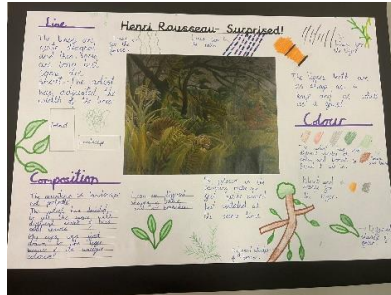
A reminder to encourage your children to get creative and join in with the Christmas Card Competition run by MP Gary Sambrook, as mentioned in last weeks newsletter



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers.

This week has been Big Arts Week at Colmers Farm. The children and staff always enjoy this week and this year everybody has been producing art work based on a painting of Henri Rousseau's called 'Surprised!'. I have been around and seen some of the art work. It looks fabulous! This will be exhibited after the holidays for everybody to see.



Monday started with myself and Miss Kelly meeting some of our new 2022/2023 EYFS prospective parents. We spoke about what makes our school special and then we gave them a tour of our EYFS unit. This was a great way for them to experience what EYFS would be like for their child. We received some very positive feedback about the school which was lovely to hear.

Also on Monday, our Year 3 children had a visit from Zoolab as part of their Amazon Rainforest topic. This is always a popular visit for our children. During this, the children got to see and touch some very exotic creatures including a tarantula, giant millipede, giant land snail (which apparently can grow to the same size as a human head!), corn snake and some 'friendly' rats. I did pop into this workshop for a while and our Year 3s were very brave.

Our reception children this week have been having their introduction to Balanceability. We look forward to them continuing their experiences during future Balanceability sessions throughout this year.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 football team took part in some games as part of the Kings Norton 7-a-side Primary Football League. Although they played really well, they won one game and lost 4 other games. The children all really enjoyed this event and we are always proud of our children and the way they always conduct themselves at these events.

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 football team were in action again, this time in the Excelsior MAT football tournament at King Edwards Grammar School. Where many premier league managers and players moan about playing too many games in a short period, our football team cannot get enough. We finished 3rd overall out of five teams, which was a great performance. Once again, our players demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout and they were a credit to the school. Well done everybody who took part! A special well done however goes to Thomas in Year 6 who got a special trophy for being our player of the tournament.

Today, our English leads Miss Hooper and Miss Morgan have launched our annual poetry competition. During this competition, we ask all of our children (from reception to Year 6) to learn one age-appropriate poem from a selection of poems, off by heart. We will then provide them with an opportunity to perform this to their classes. Not only is this a great way for children to learn and develop a greater understanding and love of poetry, it is also a great way for children to further develop their confidence and oracy skills. There will be prizes for the overall winners. Get practising over the half term holiday and good luck everybody!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break. Please remember that Monday 31st October is a teacher training day. We therefore look forward to welcoming all our children safely back into school on Tuesday 1st November.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Monday 31st October
School closed – Staff Training

Wednesday 2nd November –
Friday 4th November
Y5 and Y6 Residential Trip

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday
9th November
Parents Evening

Wednesday 9th November
Photograph 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?](#)



Updates to our safeguarding page

Breakfast Club

A quick reminder – Breakfast Club needs to be booked via Arbor weekly. We can only accept 40 children and those that book in take first priority.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:35am – 8:30am. The School Office opens at 7:30am, please remain with your child until breakfast club is open at 7:35am.

Individual Photographs

Aperture will be in school on Wednesday 9th November to take the children's individual school photographs.

If you would like your child to have a photo taken with siblings who do not attend our school, you will need to come to the school office from 8am until 8:25am on the 9th November.

e-safety – Staying safe online

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.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Pupil e-safety challenge



You receive an email promising you a BRAND NEW iPhone 14 from Apple if you complete a survey. The email has come from noreply@mifer.com . What should you do?

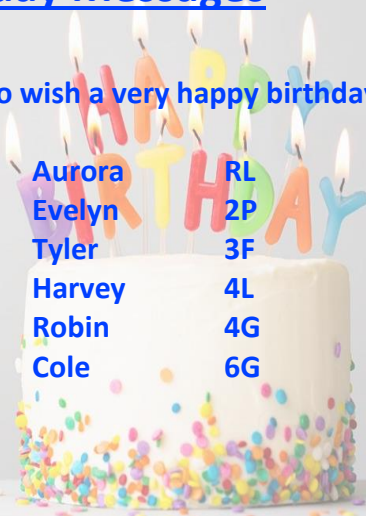
- Answer the survey. I want a new iPhone!
- Delete the email and don't respond.
- Share it with all your friends so they can win too!

This week's answer = B. This email has not come from Apple. You can tell this by looking closely at the email address. It came from. Scammers often try to pretend they are real companies to either steal your banking details or infect your computer with a virus or malware. Don't fall for this trick!

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Azeo	RL	5	Aurora	RL	5
Ella	1W	6	Evelyn	2P	7
Kade	2B	7	Tyler	3F	8
Alfie	4L	9	Harvey	4L	9
Lucas	4L	9	Robin	4G	9
Grace	5M	10	Cole	6G	11



Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS





School attendance this week has been very low.
Our whole school attendance has been just 90% this week.

Families have begun to receive letters where pupils' attendance has dropped below acceptable levels. For some families, this will be progressing along the formal Fast Track process after half term. This is not school's choice, or preferred option, and the aim of this process is to get children regularly attending school. The pastoral team has also been completing home visits to children who have not been in school for several days.

Children with low or interrupted school attendance struggle to form strong friendships, have gaps in their learning and often report feeling left behind.

Please help us to help your children by bringing them to school every day.

Our whole school attendance target remains at 96% and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date has slipped even more to 94.4%
- let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table Week 5

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	1K	5	12
=	3J	5	12
=	4L	5	12
=	5T	5	12
=	5M	5	12
6	2B	5	10
7	RT	5	9
8	RL	5	6
=	1W	5	6
=	2P	5	6
=	6G	5	6
12	RG	5	4
13	3F	5	3
=	4G	5	3
=	6D	5	3

CLASS AWARDS:

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS / KS1 and the winner of the Colmers Cat this week is:



1K – 95%

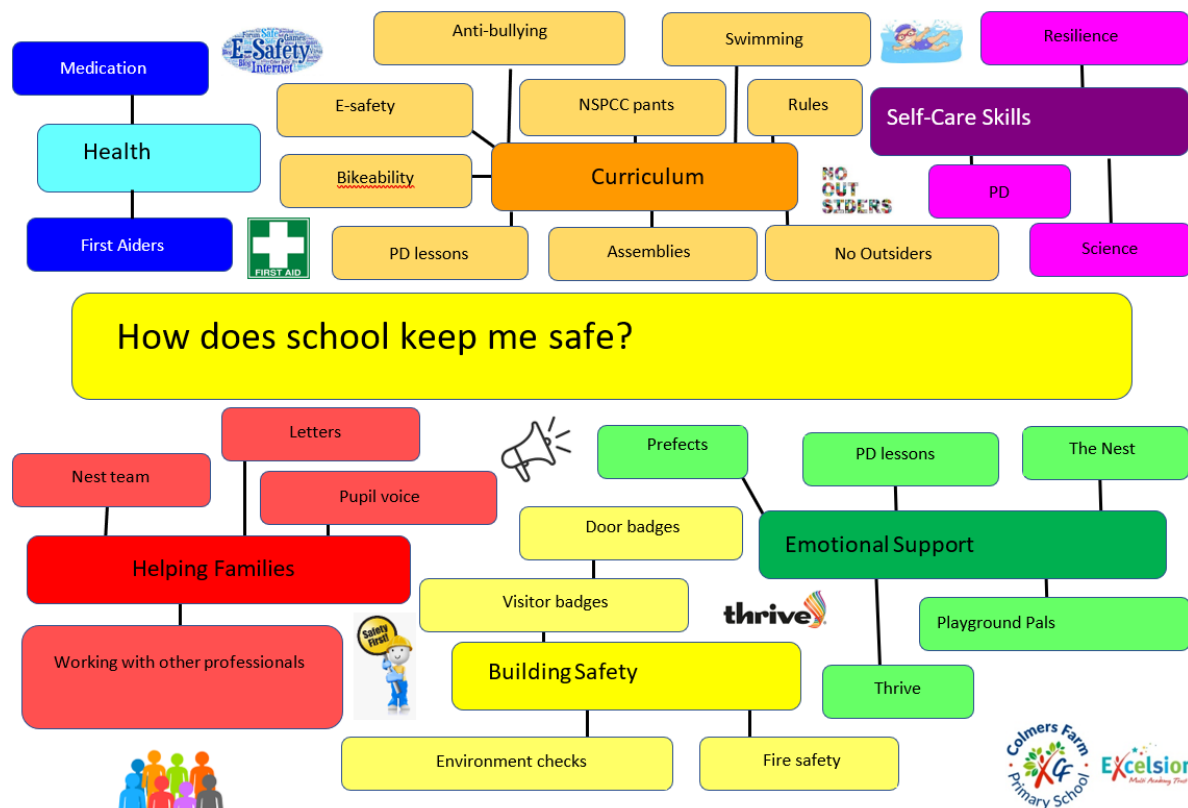
The class with the highest attendance in KS2 and the winner of the Colmers Camel this week is:



5M – 95.3%

This week all children have had the opportunity to think about how school keeps them safe.

Please see the below diagram that has been shared with the children and will be displayed in classrooms and around school.



Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

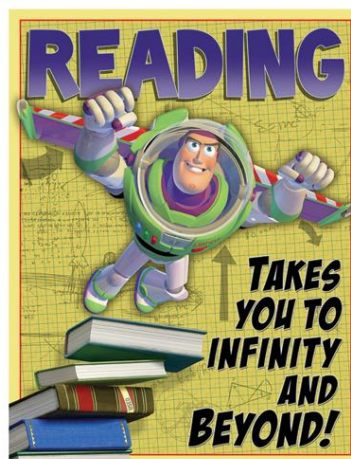
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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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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.



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 when listening to them reading.



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5M	183,495
2 nd	6G	174,772
3 rd	5T	151,162
4 th	4G	103,460
5 th	6D	86,913
6 th	3J	22,366
7 th	4L	9,228
8 th	3F	7,888

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Hao Lin (5M) 106,416
2 nd	Paige (5T) 93,840
3 rd	Rocco (6G) 85,611
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 228,313	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	117,662,071
2 nd	5T	84,428,678
3 rd	6D	74,944,283
4 th	4G	33,474,745
5 th	5M	29,910,550
6 th	3F	9,096,863
7 th	2B	6,511,454
8 th	4L	6,275,252
9 th	1K	4,723,718
10 th	2P	3,349,747
11 th	3J	1,687,366
12 th	1W	1,518,310

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Oliver (6G) 81,226,872
2 nd	Ryan (5T) 57,284,254
3 rd	Urszula (6D) 23,034,880
Highest score this year	
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Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	17,918
2 nd	2B	16,394
3 rd	3J	13,935
4 th	3F	13,020
5 th	6D	10,856
6 th	2P	10,660
7 th	4G	10,204
8 th	6G	9,141
9 th	4L	8,810
10 th	5M	3,882

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5T) 6,838
2 nd	Scarlet (2B) 4,479
3 rd	Makonnen (2P) 4,035
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi M (3J) 10,100	



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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

This course will cover:

Understanding anxiety in children
Different anxious behaviours
Promoting emotional regulation
Encouraging independent behaviour
Building confidence
Increase relaxation
Practical strategies and tools
Sharing & learning with other parents

Helping your child with fears and worries

online 5 week course

For parents/carers of primary school aged children

Dates: **Mondays 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov & 5 Dec 2022**

Time: **10-11am**

ONLINE

Supportive and confidential

Sign up through school via:

June Taylor

0121 716 0463

j.taylor@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Your details will be used for registration and after signing up you will be contacted for a short assessment to see if the course would benefit you/your child and an opportunity to ask questions.
For this workshop you need a device with wifi/internet

NO TRICK OR TREATS



THANK YOU

GOING TRICK OR TREATING?



**Enjoy your night
and be considerate
to your neighbours**



**West Midlands
POLICE**



Stay safe this Halloween



Safety tips for parents and children this Halloween:

- Never trick-or-treat alone. Have at least two friends go with you
- Plan your route and make sure your family knows where you're going
- Be cautious of strangers - accept treats in the doorway but never go inside a house
- Walk on the pavement and cross the road carefully. Use pedestrian and zebra crossings where possible
- Don't disturb homes that are not decorated - look out for 'no trick or treat' signs
- Always be considerate of your neighbours
- Go safely home before it gets too late

Remember - young children need to be supervised by an adult when trick-or-treating

Search WMP online to get advice

Use Live Chat on our website 8am - midnight

Report anti-social behaviour online or call 101

Dial 999 in an emergency



Stay safe this Halloween



Halloween is here and it can be a scary time for people who don't like surprises or callers at the door

Place this card on your door or window to let people know you don't want trick or treaters.

Try to arrange to visit a friend/relative or invite someone to sit with you.

If you do receive an unexpected caller at the door don't feel pressured to answer it. If you are expecting a caller always ask for ID.

If you have a door chain make sure that it is securely fastened at all times.

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This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Sophie	1W
Scarlett	2B
Demi	3J
Rainy	4L
Phoebe	5T
Charlie	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Charlie	1W
Cash	2P
Callum	4G
Sasha	5M

Enah	1K
Alexander	3J
Isabella	4F
Maddie-Leigh	6G

Archer	2B
Cairo-Benjamin	3F
Louise	5T
Jannat	6D



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

This week's house point results

280

Farah

337

Thompson



270

Daley

316

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 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.

Help for all families in Birmingham



Food
& Energy



Youth
Support



Domestic
Abuse



Emergency
Funding



Money &
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's
Support



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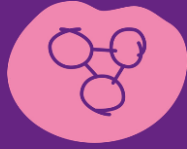
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& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



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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)

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