



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term.

On Monday, we got the news we have been waiting for... at long last we have a definite date for the return of our pupils (Monday 8th March). We are all really excited about finally seeing everybody in the flesh again and welcoming everybody back. Hopefully the children are all as excited about this as we are. Please keep an eye on the news section of our school website as we'll soon be publishing our plans for the return here.

This week, we have had over 90 key worker and vulnerable pupils in school each day. This is the most we've had since entering lockdown. We've also had nearly 200 children accessing our online lessons this week. Although we are now only one week away from returning, please do all you can to encourage your children to take part in learning (whether that is online or on paper). Every day that they take part, really will make a difference to them. Please remember to also encourage your children to use our online programs, such as Mathletics, Spelling Shed, Accelerated Reader and myON. (The links to these are all available in the useful links section of our website). These programs really help children to develop their essential skills.

Well done to Willow in 6T who has been building homeless shelters over the last week for <https://sleeppod.org.uk>.

Ever since I proudly started my role as Headteacher at Colmers Farm I have been so impressed with the eagerness of the pupils at our school to help others. The self-less and generous attitudes they continue to show are inspirational. This is one of the reasons why we created our special SAGE award, to celebrate the wonderful things that our children do outside of school. If you would like to find out more about this award, please visit the SAGE award section of our website. Please remember to send your child's teacher any photos of your children doing anything which may be used as evidence for this award.



Next week, the children will be starting their new science topics. Please look out for the knowledge organisers for these (distributed within the home learning paper packs and via Google Classroom). We would be grateful if you could spend some time with your children looking through these. These are great with ensuring that children make a good start with their topics. We've also included the end of topic assessments that we will be using to show you what your child needs to know by the end of the topic.

DIARY DATES

08/03/21
School re-opening fully
😊

04/03/21
World Book Day – Wear
your PJs to school

05/03/21
School will close at
12:00 to all children.

29/03/21
Spring Term Parents'
Evenings begin

02/04/21
Easter holidays begin
(school closed)

Please follow us on Twitter!

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

@Colmers_FarmPS



What's new on our website this week?



Updated Covid 19 Risk
Assessment (Coronavirus
information)

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org



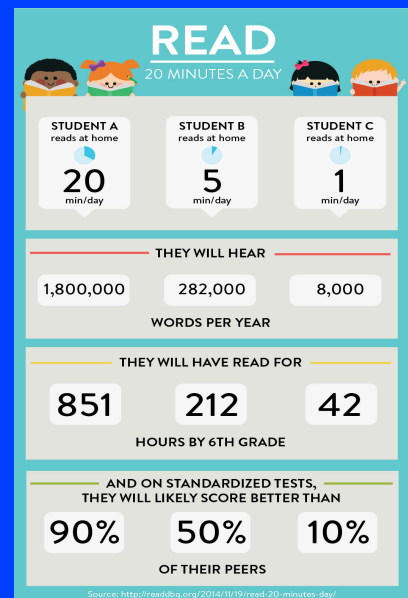
Next Thursday is World Book Day. We would like as many children as possible to come to school, or attend the online lessons, in their pyjamas as possible. You will be receiving a letter soon with more details about this.

We unfortunately will be closing school and finishing all of our online lessons at 12:00 on Friday 5th March. This is to allow time for teachers to be able to prepare their classrooms for the return of children on Monday 8th March. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

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 10-20 mins ideally).

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.



I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams (Headteacher)

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Harry Selby
Emily Collins
Noah Phelan
Hope Sabin
Euan Smith
Jax Sutton
Olivia-Rose Lee-Searle
Yassin Manneh

Holly Lines
Harry Connelly
Harvey Goodwin
Carol Woodward
Shanae Saddler
Jacob Tarry



Look out for your treat in the post.

This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Myah (RF)
Archer (RC)
Lucas (1F)
Eden (1W)
Hayden (2B)

Tyler (3T)
Oscar (3B)
Luke (4G)
Omari (4J)
Florence (5M)

Lily (5TM)
Jacob (6T)
Inayat (6D)





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



Children being safe online is hugely important. It is therefore really 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 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 or which are inappropriate) to the CEOP team. This button also contains really useful information for parents about a range of e-safety issues. (You may also find the e-safety section of our school website really useful also – Please take some time to look at this).