



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our  
nurturing school



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

A huge well done to everybody who has taken part in our myON competition which ended on Tuesday this week. We all know how important it is for children to read as much as possible and it's been wonderful to see everybody making an extra special effort to read even more than normal. I am delighted to announce our winners who are:

Daniel T. - 1F (12,547 words)

Paige C. - 1W (10,388 words)

Kaiden F. - 2B (10,189 words)

Tilly P. - 2J (4,677 words)

Iyanna M. - 3B (22,853 words read)

Mason K. - 3T (74,578 words)

Stefania-Maria R. - 4G (25,618 words)

Darcie M. - 4J (16,402 words)

Codie M. - 5M (17,832 words)

Hao Xuan C. - 5TM (24,505 words)

Saba K. - 6D (84,401 words)

Trevor W. - 6T (27,183 words)



These children will all soon be spending up to £25 on books of their choice.

All of the children should bring home a class book (which is changed regularly) and a reading diary. The reading diary is for you to complete at home when you listen to your child read. We would be grateful if this could be regularly completed and returned to school. Thank you.

Please can I remind you all that the play equipment on the KS2 playground should not be used by children before or after school. This is for the safety of all of our children. Also, with Covid still so prevalent – multiple children touching the same surfaces on this equipment is an easy way for the virus to spread.

This week, I've been going around school looking at our reading lessons, with other members of my leadership team. We've been so impressed with the attitudes to learning our pupils demonstrated during these lessons. They were fabulous! We also had the pleasure of talking to some of our children about reading and we also listened to reading. Nearly all of the children that we spoke to had a real passion for reading, which is wonderful for us all to hear.

Thank you for your continuing support. I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams (Headteacher)

## DIARY DATES

**29/03/21**  
Spring Term Parents'  
Evenings begin

**01/04/21**  
Governor Award  
Assemblies

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

**19/04/21**  
Start of the Summer  
Term

**03/05/21**  
Bank holiday

## 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?



- Wellbeing page

[www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](http://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)



### 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.

### Ten Ways To Become A Better Reader

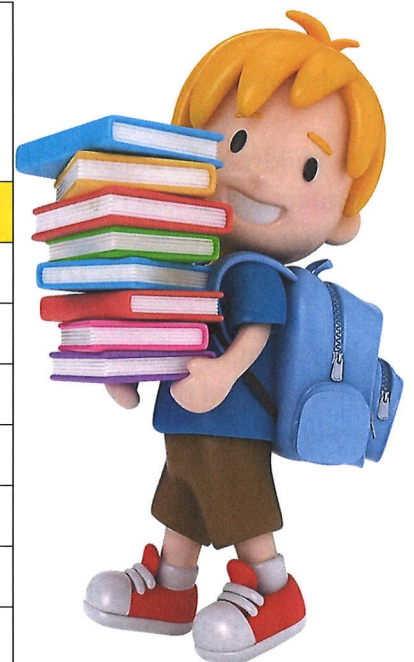
1. READ
2. READ
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10. READ



## Accelerated Reader

## Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 <sup>st</sup>	6D	656,461	-75,398
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5TM	158,752	+141,700
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6T	81,253	+16,382
4 <sup>th</sup>	4G	56,267	-21,921
5 <sup>th</sup>	3B	40,314	+29,553
6 <sup>th</sup>	5M	20,728	-131,384
7 <sup>th</sup>	3T	15,454	-78
8 <sup>th</sup>	4J	7,594	-10,917



## Well done 6D!

**School record – 6D – 731,959 words in one week (12/03/21)**





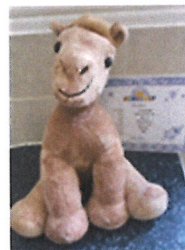
## Attendance at Colmers Farm Primary School

Class	Attendance	No. of Lates
RC	99.6%	3
RF	94.3%	6
1W	98.1%	4
1F	97.7%	0
2B	93.4%	3
2H	96.1%	2
3B	95.2%	2
3T	92.6%	8
4G	95.8%	6
4J	93.1%	1
5M	91.7%	5
5TM	96.7%	1
6D	97.2%	1
6T	93.4%	6



Well done 1W!

98.1%



Well done 6D!

97.2%

*Well done!*

296 children have been at school for 95% or more of the time since we returned from lockdown!



# INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEAD GIRLS AND HEAD BOY



During lockdown, we practiced our British value of democracy and we voted for our new head girl and our new head boy. All of the candidates produced posters and created a short election video, all of which were fabulous! After watching the videos and looking at the posters, the pupils and staff at Colmers Farm cast their votes. For the first time, we elected two head girls (as they both got exactly the same amount of votes) – Caitlyn and Naturia. We also elected a new head boy – Oliver. Our new head girls and boy were wanted to introduce themselves. Please find out more about them by reading their statements below and on the next page.

Dear Colmers Farm Primary

We are all here to learn and contribute to making Colmers Farm Primary even better. Firstly, thank you. I am overwhelmed with joy for all those who voted for me to become head girl. I can assure you I will do my utmost to represent Colmers Farm to the best of my ability. I would like to say congratulations to Caitlyn and Oliver for their success. I look forward to working with you both on our fantastic new journey as head boy and head girls.

Also, I look forward to working with everybody at Colmers Farm Primary (students and staff). Let's bring forward your ideas and let's do the right thing and make some positive changes.

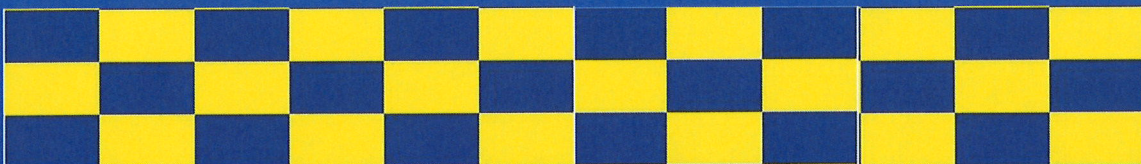
Thank you Naturia



Hi everyone,

I'm Caitlyn and as most of you already know I've recently been appointed as your new Head Girl, along with Naturita James-Harris, I just wanted to take this moment to thank you all and especially those who voted for me as it was down to you that made this all possible. It has truly been a dream come true of mine. I have been asked by Mr Williams and Miss Kelly to introduce myself and to tell you a little more about me, so you know in a little more detail about who you voted for. My full name is Caitlyn Erin Smith, I am 10 years old, I have green eyes and auburn hair, I'm a pupil in 6D, I like to read and one of favourite books is 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carol and for all of you 'Worst Witch' fans out there did you know my great Auntie actually directed the second and third seasons which is on Netflix at the moment, she also directed 'Coronation Street' for many years, her husband (my great uncle) also wrote the script. Once again, thank you for all the people that voted for me as well as Mrs Duggal and Miss McCarren who helped me campaign and a huge thanks to my brother Tyler Smith in 3T (who some of you may already know) he helped me spread the word that I was running for head girl. I have lots of great ideas and I promise I won't let you guys down.

Hello Colmers. My name is Oliver. I am your head boy. Here's a little bit about me. I really enjoy writing. In fact, I am writing a book right now that I hope to sell copies of. I go to Scouts, which is where I learn about survival skills and first aid. I also earn badges there. I love Marvel films and cannot wait for the cinemas to reopen so new films will come out. I love to read books by Rick Riordan. I also read Harry Potter and books by David Walliams. And that's about it. I hope to begin my duties as head boy soon and help all of you. Bye!



## Parking on Belton Grove

Please can we remind all parents who park on Belton Grove to park considerately. Please be aware of road marking, such as white lines by drives, and please do not park on paths as this reduces the space for pedestrians. Thank you for your support with this.





## This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Theo F in RF	Rio C in 1F
Poppy C in 2B	Poppy C in 2B
Jacob in 3B	Charlie B in 4J
Olivia in 5M	Alfie M in 6D



## This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Aisha A in RC	Ruby K in RF
Arlo-Jai F in 1F	Isaiah H in 1W
Louie E-T in 2H	Sophie M in 2B
Thomas G in 3B	Mason K in 3T
Tyler M in 4G	Maisie W in 4J
Amy D in 5M	Carol W in 5TM
Jack H in 6D	Tennessee M in 6T







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 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 really helpful 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).

Thank you for your continued support.



## The Birmingham Local Offer website

The Birmingham Local Offer website is now launched. It includes information about the wide range of services that are available to support all areas of a child's life (0-25 years) especially those with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND). This includes support with education, physical and mental health, social care, leisure activities and moving towards independence and adulthood.

## What is the Local Offer?

Every Local Authority in England has a duty to provide children and young people, (0-25 years) with support if they have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities - this is known as the **Local Offer**. Every Local Authority has to publish what support is available on a website: this is called the [Local Offer Website](#).

This Local Offer website gives information about the support that the local authority expects to be available across education, health and social care. The information on the website is clear and easy to find. It says who a particular service is for, how to apply, and how decisions are made about who gets that service.

The information you should be able to find on a Local Offer Website includes:

- Sources of support, advice and information for children, young people and families including support groups and forums.
- Special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities
- Arrangements to identify and assess children and young people with SEN, including how an assessment can be requested.
- Other educational provision, for example leisure activities, sports or arts provision,
- Information about provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood including post-16 education and training provision
- Arrangements for travel to and from schools, post-16 institutions and early years providers
- Childcare, including suitable provision for disabled children and those with SEND
- Support available to young people in higher education, particularly the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) and the process and timescales for making an application for DSA
- Arrangements for resolving disagreements and for mediation, and details about making complaints

In Birmingham, we have been updating our Local Offer website to make the information in it clearer and easier to find. We have done this with the help of the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum and the Youth Forum, but this is just the start.

We really want to keep adding to the information on the Local Offer Website in order to make it the one stop shop for young people and their families. To do this we need your views and ideas.

Please visit our new site [www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk) and give us your feedback using the feedback form on the site.