



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Being on time for school is important

Being on time is so important as this gives pupils a relaxed start to the morning, they do not miss any learning, they do not feel anxious walking into a classroom late and it sets a good habit for future life and employment.



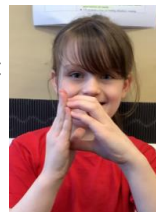
Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after October half term. It has been lovely to see the children back in school ready to learn.

I have the pleasure of writing this week's newsletter as Mr Williams is with the Year 5 & 6 children on the Year 6 residential. I have it in good authority that the children have had a wonderful time, and the staff have enjoyed themselves too. This is the first time in a long time that the children of Colmers Farm have had the opportunity to take part in a residential: a huge thank you to Mrs Greep for organising this valuable and enjoyable experience for the children.

Demi-Lea has made sure I have been kept very busy this week as she has spent time teaching me some Makaton. I am not sure I will ever be as good as Demi-Lea but her enthusiasm meant that we had a great time learning together.



On Monday this week children in years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed workshops reflecting upon the Commonwealth Games and the diversity of the countries involved in the upper hall. All children enjoyed this opportunity and behaved incredibly well for our visiting teachers.

We have had to change the PE days for some year groups in school. A letter was sent home yesterday with these new days on so that children can come to school in their PE kit on the correct day. New days are:

Reception Wednesday	Year 1 – Tuesday	Year 2 – Thursday	Year 3 - Tuesday
Year 4 – Friday swimming	Year 5 – Thursday	Year 6 - Wednesday	

On Wednesday next week it is school photograph day. Reception and Year 6 children should come to school in their uniform on Wednesday, not PE kit for this week only.

Next week is parents' evening and we are looking forward to welcoming all parents into school to not only meet their children's teachers but also to see our fabulous art exhibition. The children worked hard during 'Big Arts Week' to create some stunning work inspired by Henri Rousseau, please take the time to visit the upper hall when you come to parents' evening.

We are supporting the Deelands Hall Christmas appeal this year by collecting new and nearly new gifts for children on the charity's behalf. There will be a shopping trolley in school where donations can be left which will be used to provide gifts and make up hampers for families in need in our local area.

We are sure that many families will enjoy fireworks this weekend, either at an organised display or in their gardens. Please make sure that children follow the firework safety code and enjoy this fun time of year safely.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Kelly

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November
Parents Evening

Wednesday 9th November
Photograph Day

Tuesday 22nd November
Year 5 Mosque Visit

Wednesday 23rd November
Year 3 Synagogue Visit

Friday 25th November
Flu Immunisations
Year 2 Showcase

Tuesday 29th November
Year 6 Cathedral Trip

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?



New art studio page
Updated No Outsiders page
Updated curriculum page
(safeguarding in the curriculum)

After School Clubs – Cancelled

The following after school clubs are cancelled for next week:

Monday – Multi sports Tuesday – Football and Art Wednesday – Fitness
Thursday – Athletics and Art

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 between 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



What would your child do if this happened to them?

You are part of a WhatsApp group and your friends are writing unkind things about another child. What should you do?

- (a) Join in. There's no harm. The person they are speaking about is not in the group.
- (b) Leave the group and tell your parents.
- (c) Ignore the messages.

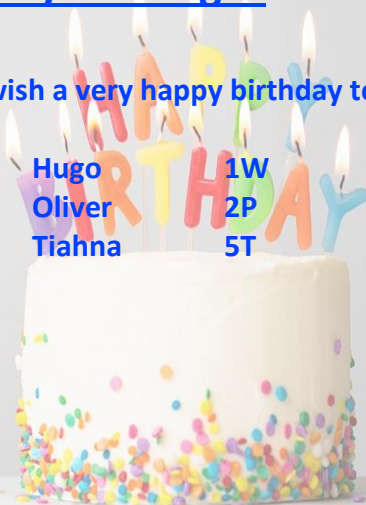
Please remember you are not allowed to be on WhatsApp until you are 16 years old.

This week's answer = B. You should never be a bystander when someone is being bullied whether that is online or in real life. Remember by being a bystander you are just as much at fault as the bully themselves.

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Nate	1K	6	Hugo	1W	6
Ruby	2P	7	Oliver	2P	7
Thomas	5T	10	Tiahna	5T	10



Please follow us on Twitter!

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

@Colmers_FarmPS



How has your child's attendance been so far this year?

All children will be bringing home a letter either today or Monday informing you of how their attendance was for the first half of the Autumn term. Whilst we understand that children miss time from school due to genuine illnesses, it is essential that children are in school, on time, every day they are well enough.

	Attendance For the first half of the Autumn term was below 90%. Your child is a persistent absentee and is being monitored.
	Attendance For the first half of the Autumn term was between 90% and 95%. Please work hard to reach 95%.
	Attendance For the first half of the Autumn term was 95% or above. Well done, keep up the good work!

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

Our current school attendance to date is down to 94.2% - let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table Week 6

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	3J	6	15
=	4L	6	15
=	5T	6	15
4	2B	6	13
5	1K	6	12
=	5M	6	12
7	RT	6	9
=	1W	6	9
9	2P	6	6
=	6G	6	6
=	RL	6	6
=	3F	6	6
=	4G	6	6
14	RG	6	4
15	6D	6	3

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2B – 95.8%

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



3J – 97.3%

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

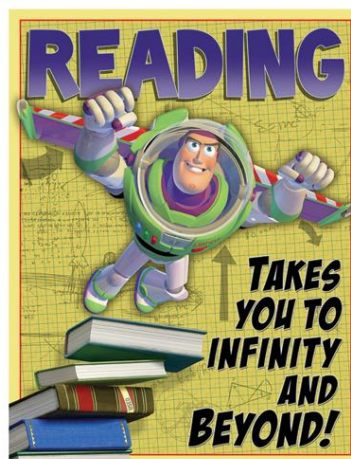
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



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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.



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	124,508
2 nd	4G	124,094
3 rd	5M	100,200
4 th	6G	98,642
5 th	6D	52,661
6 th	4L	39,650
7 th	3J	16,277
8 th	3F	9,203

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 90,900
2 nd	Lawson (5T) 64,851
3 rd	Rocco (6G) 63,350
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 228,313	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6D	13,170
2 nd	4G	11,589
3 rd	2B	10,686
4 th	5T	7,159
5 th	3F	6,070
6 th	6G	5,430
7 th	3J	5,270
8 th	2P	4,373
9 th	5M	3,521
10 th	4L	1,540

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Kayleigh (4G) 4,970
2 nd	Jamie-Lee (6D) 4,280
3 rd	Ayan (6D) 3,660
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi M (3J) 10,100	





Our Firework Code

NEVER play with or throw fireworks
They are explosive and can hurt you

ONLY adults should light or hold fireworks

WHEN you are watching fireworks, stand well back

NEVER go near a firework that has been lit.
Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode

If you have a pet, make sure it is safely indoors as fireworks might frighten it or make them run off

If you are given a sparkler

ALWAYS wear gloves

HOLD the sparkler away from your body
and don't wave it around. You could burn
yourself or somebody else

WHEN your sparkler goes out,
don't touch it. It could still
burn you

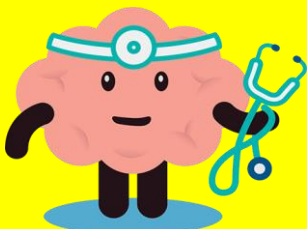
NEVER give sparklers to
a child under five



www.upsanddowns.co.uk

What should I do If I have any concerns about my child's mental health?

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school's pastoral team (Mrs Taylor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer).



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Kaya	RG
William	1K
Oscar	2B
Ethan	3F
Lucia	4L
Emilie	5M
Tyler	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Troyzier	1W	Louis	1K	Oscar	2B
Eden	2P	Ella-Mae	3F	Arlo Jai	3J
Gabriel	4L	Mariam	4G	Evie	5M
Thomas	5T	Muhammed	6D	Poppie	6G



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

This week's house point results

354

Farah

401

Thompson

417

Daley

426

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 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.

Help for all families in Birmingham



Food
& Energy



Youth
Support



Domestic
Abuse



Emergency
Funding



Money &
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's
Support



School Uniforms
& Clothing



Parenting



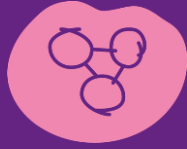
Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

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