



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school

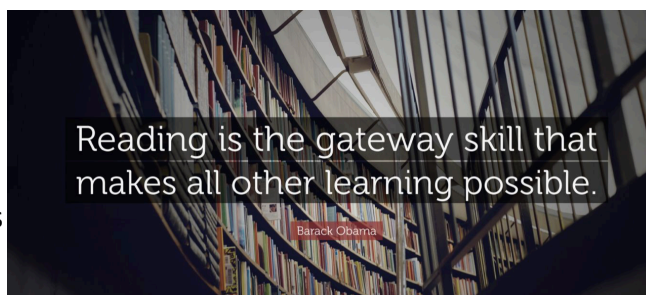


Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday this week, we celebrated World Book Day and we had lots of children and many of the staff - both in school and at home - doing their lessons in their pyjamas! There were lots of fun activities throughout the day for the children to take part in. It was lovely to see. I hope that your children all enjoyed the day. A huge thank you to Miss Morgan and Miss Hooper for organising this.

As you know, at Colmers Farm we place a high priority on reading. A child's ability to read really does impact on their achievement across the curriculum and their future. As a parent myself, I know that sometimes there are never



enough hours in the day, however reading to your child or listening to them read each day is one of the best things you can do for them. I know that many of you already do your very best to do this regularly, which is wonderful. Please remember though that spending some time doing this, even if it is only 5 or 10 mins each day, will have a much greater benefit on your child development than doing nothing. We all want the best for our children, this is one thing that each of us can do to help make this a reality.

On Monday next week, we will be welcoming all of our children back to school. Every member of staff at Colmers Farm Primary School is so excited for this day. On our school website (on the news page) there is some information about our return to school. Please read this very carefully as it contains lots of important information. You will have also received a paper copy of this in the post. Please note the changes in the school times and the closing of school at 12:00 on a Friday. This is a measure that we have had to put in place for everybody's safety. We will review this at Easter. We have put a provision in place for parents who both are currently working away from home, but this provision should only be accessed if absolutely necessary. To book a place at this, you must meet the eligibility criteria and you must complete a form (available from the school office or on the school website) by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday 10th March.

Most of your children have missed a lot of school time over the last year. Great attendance now to school, is probably more important than it has ever been. Please do all that you can to ensure that your child is in school as often as possible. If your child is ill though, or has any symptoms which may relate to Covid, they obviously though should not be in school.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.
Mr Williams (Headteacher)

DIARY DATES

08/03/21
School reopening
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19/03/21
Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

29/03/21
Spring Term Parents' Evenings begin

01/04/21
Governor Award Assemblies

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?



- Back to School Information (News section)

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.

Read **20 minutes** a day and you'll read **1,800,000 words** per year.

Children who read **1,000,000 words** a year are in the top 2% of reading achievement.

WE ARE TEACHERS

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Lily W RC
Reign M-R 1F
Louie S 1W
Tylor H-W 2B
Oliver A 3T
Cameron C 5M
Stevie T 6D

Owen D RC
Reign M-R 1F
Ellis K 2B
Oliver C 3B
David O 4G
Lily P 5TM
Harry S 6T



Well done everybody. Look out for your treat in the post.

This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Owen D RC
Kaelynn D 1W
Paige D 3B
Thomas W 4G
Cameron C 5M
Caitlyn S 6D

Valentina K 1F
Kaiden W 2H
Emilie T 3T
Charlie B 4J
Callie-Ann D-B 5TM
Harry S 6T



MAT Questionnaire

Excelsior MAT has been surveying parents at all four schools in the MAT about their feelings about children returning to school on Monday 8th March. Please see the results below. I have written a response from Colmers Farm Primary School about each set of answers.

Questions Responses 150

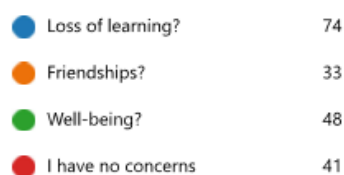
1. As your child returns on 8.3.21. have you got any concerns?

💡 Insights



It is perfectly understandable that many of you have concerns about children returning to school. We as a school however have a comprehensive risk assessment in place to minimise the risk of coronavirus.

2. If you have concerns, what are they?



Our skilled staff will be assessing children when they return, both emotionally and academically. We will then use high quality teaching and other strategies/interventions to enable our children's education and well-being to begin to recover.

3. Does your child/ren want to come back?



Like many of you, it's understandable that some children may have worries about coming back to school. The first day back is always the most difficult. We will however welcome every child back warmly and I am sure that your children will quickly settle back into school life.

4. Have you felt your child/ren has/have been supported with their learning by your school?

💡 Insights



From our school's survey at the end of January, nearly all of our parents felt supported with the learning that we were providing. However, we are always eager to improve our practice. If you have any ideas about how our school could support you more (if we ever find ourselves in another lockdown) please let us know. We are happy to hear your suggestions.

Thank you to everybody who took the time to complete this survey.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will commence again from **Monday 15th March**.

As per Government guidance, **your child should only access this provision if this is necessary to support you to work, seek work, undertake education or training, attend a medical appointment or address a medical need or attend a support group.** We are unable currently to fully reopen this as we need to keep this bubble small, as we will have to mix children from different year group bubbles within this.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, please make sure that you have booked your place by midday on **Wednesday 10th March**.

The cost will be £1.00 per child, per session, paid in advance.

We are now a cashless school so if you haven't already done so, please request an **activation letter** for payment in advance for breakfast club.



Please avoid coming to the office where possible.

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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.