

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you all enjoyed the holidays with your children. It was wonderful seeing everybody back and seeing all of the children settling back into school life so well.

With the new lockdown officially starting yesterday and the seemingly rising number of cases of coronavirus within Birmingham, I would advise that all parents wear a face mask in the playgrounds when dropping off and collecting children. This is optional, but I am recommending this to improve further your safety, and that of others, whilst on the school grounds. Please rest assured that we are continuing to follow our Covid Risk Assessment to ensure that children, staff and visitors to our school are as safe as possible. The most up to date version of the risk assessment can always be found on our school website.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we officially opened out art exhibition to our children. We are really proud of the work that the children produced and I know that both our children and staff really enjoyed and were interested in seeing the art work produced from not only their own year groups, but from across our school. Thank you children for your efforts in creating this fantastic art work and thank you staff for your efforts in teaching this and for displaying the children's work so creatively. Now as you know, parents and carers, were unable to see this work as you normally would. Although we could not ever fully recreate the experience of you being here to see the exhibition, we have created a video of it for you to watch. This will be appearing on our website and on our Twitter feed today. We hope that you enjoy watching it.

Next week, we will be having a writing week for our children. This will provide staff with the opportunity to focus more on developing children's writing skills. The children's writing will be linked to an adventure of the teddy bear in the photo (below). What that adventure will be, will be shared next week. We do have something pretty unique lined up for this teddy though, that nobody at Colmers Farm has ever done before.

Our Member of Parliament (Gary Sambrook) is running a Christmas card competition that he would like children at our school to enter. If your child would like to enter this competition, please see the letter attached to this newsletter. You are welcome to post the entries yourself or to drop them into the main office (no later than Monday 16th November) and we will happily post these for you. For children in KS2, this could be an opportunity to gain a stamper in your SAGE award folders/books for the Exploring the Arts section (if you haven't gained it already).



I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams

GARY SAMBROOK MP
BIRMINGHAM NORTHFIELD



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Dear David Williams,

I hope that you are well and have had a successful start to the academic year.

I will be hosting a Christmas card competition this year. The competition is open to all pupils at primary and secondary schools in Birmingham Northfield, and I hope that you will encourage your pupils to enter.

As well as having their work on a Christmas card that is sent to the Prime Minister and to people around the constituency, I am working to secure a prize so that there will be prizes for runners-up as well as for the overall winner.

The best designs will also be placed on public display in the constituency for the community to appreciate as part of the Christmas celebrations.

Children whose entries are used for the public display will also receive a special certificate from me as a small thank you for taking part.

The designs can be of anything associated with Christmas, whether traditional Christmas scenes, Christmas in the local community or celebrations at home. To make things fair for everybody, each child can only submit one entry.

Entries should be sent on a single side of A4 paper, with the child's name, class, class teacher and school clearly written on the back, to my constituency office at Gary Sambrook MP Office, Saint Nicolas' Place, 81 The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 8RU

It would really help me if each class teacher could include a list of the names of children in their class who are entering as it is not always easy to read young children's handwriting and I do not want to get anybody's name wrong on their certificate! Please could you also ask teachers to indicate if there are any children who, for safeguarding reasons, should not have their full names on their certificate, or if there are any other restrictions.

Because of printing deadlines, **I will need to receive all entries by Friday 20th November**, so that we can pick a winner and have them printed in time for signing. I am planning to visit schools on **Friday 11th December** to present prizes.

I do hope that you are able to support this competition. Please do let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you and your school.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Sambrook MP
Member of Parliament for Birmingham Northfield

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OUR TREE OF ACHIEVEMENT

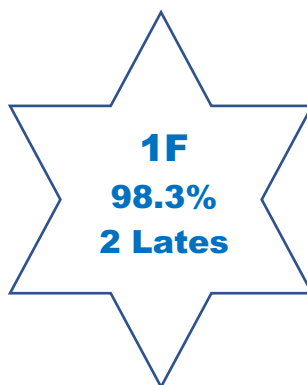


**LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF
ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG
ON OUR TREE THIS WEEK**

Lilly and Owen in Reception
Ella-Mae and Angel in Year 1,
Tylor and Zachary in Year 2
Iyanna and Nevaeh in Year 3
Harry and Logan in Year 4,
Madeeha and Reegan in Year 5
Kasie and Taliah in Year 6



**This week's winners of the Colmers' Cat
and Colmers' Camel are:**



**Well Done for your great attendance
and punctuality**

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Due to the Coronavirus, Our Hot Chocolate
Fridays can no longer take place with Mr
Williams and the children in his office. We are
pleased to say that the children will be bringing a
Hot Chocolate goodie bag home with them at the
end of the day if they were lucky enough to be
drawn out

Godpower in RC, Arlo-Jai in 1F,
Scarlet in 2B, Arley-Joe in 3T, Freya in 4J
Roxanne in 5TM and Tennessee in 6D

Well Done



WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

**The winning ticket this week was number 493
and the lucky girl to win the raffle Isabella in
Year 2. I wonder what prize she will choose
from our prize cabinet?**





COMMUNICATION AND AUTISM TEAM



Lisa Walmsley from Communication Autism Team (CAT) will be joining us for an online coffee to provide parents with information surrounding feeding and toileting difficulties.

Date: Thursday 26th November
Time: 1.15 - 2.15pm

If you would like to join us please pass your email address onto Mrs Evans (SENCO) so you can be sent a Microsoft Teams invitation.

DIARY DATES



Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day

Week Commencing 16th November

Parents' Evening

Friday 20th November

Nurses in school for Flu Nasal Spray

(please return forms back to school even if your child is not having the vaccine, forms still need to be completed and returned)

REMINDERS

Please be aware that if you are going to unfortunately be late collecting your child from school, can you please ensure the office is aware of this before 2.50pm so that we can let your child know and prevent them from being distressed.

Unless there are pre-authorised exceptional reasons, all children must be collected from their year group door at the correct home time. As you can imagine, Mrs Corbett and Mrs Ayres have a very busy job in the school office and when children are requested to be collected from the office it is time consuming for them and class staff and is disruptive to learning. This sometimes means children would have been quicker to have been dismissed with their class!

Children will not be dismissed early unless agreed in advance by a senior member of staff in advance.

If your child is late in the mornings, and their entrance door is closed, you must take your child to the school main office for your child to be signed in late. Remember your child should be in school ready for class at 9.00am

Please ensure your child/children has a full PE kit in school. Weather is getting colder, so please send your child with jogger bottoms and a warmer top for outside PE.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

APPLY ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILD TO START RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2021
CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2021

VISIT: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the applications is submitted.
If you have any questions about your child starting school, please contact a member on Children's Services on 0121 303 188 where staff will be pleased to offer assistance.