



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



## Is your child wearing the correct PE kit?

At Colmers Farm all of our children should be wearing a plain red t-shirt or polo shirt for PE lessons. No other coloured tops are permitted. Please see our school uniform policy for further details.



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all had a good week.

A big thank you to the 97 parents who completed the end of year parental questionnaires for me. Colmers Farm Primary School has come a long way, from where it was before it joined Excelsior MAT. This has been thanks to the hard work and perseverance of the whole school community. The questionnaire responses really reflect how far we have come on this journey. It was great to read all of your thoughts about our school, both what we are doing well and also things which we could do to further improve. One idea that one parent had was to share some of the displays in the upper corridors with parents, as parents have not had the chance to see them. I thought that this was a great idea and I've included a selection of them on this newsletter. A summary of the full results, with a selection of the comments made, are available on the school website in the 'Parents' Views of our School' section.

For all the football fans in our school community, we are all aware that the European Championships kicked off last week. This week our own school version of this kicked off consisting of 11 teams of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls. Good luck to everybody taking part. A big thank you to Miss McCarron for organising this event and also for running it over the next few weeks.

Please see the information about PE kits at the top of this newsletter. Wearing school uniform is really important as it saves parents money, helps to reduce bullying, helps to improve behaviour and creates a sense of equality and community in schools. For more information about our school uniform please see our Uniform Policy in the policies section of our school website. We really appreciate all of our parents support with this.

Our office seems to be collecting a lot of lost school uniform. Please can I remind you all to put your children's names on the labels inside of their uniform. There are many different companies who provide name labels that can be quickly stitched into clothing e.g.

## DIARY DATES

**Friday 25th June**  
**Sports Day**

**28/06/21**  
**School test week**

**05/07/21**  
**First Aid training for**  
**Year 3 children**

**06/07/21**  
**First Aid training for**  
**Year 5 children**

**07/07/21**  
**New class transition**  
**day**

## Please follow us on Twitter!

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

**@Colmers\_FarmPS**



## What's new on our website this week?



**Parental questionnaire responses**  
**(Parents Views of our School)**

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

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Woven-Tapes-Labels-School-Daycare/dp/B07HYDB2V4/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=Personalised+Name+Tags+for+Clothes&qid=1623870197&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEwTmFtZT1zcF9hdGYmYWNoaW9uPWNSaWNrUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3Rmb2dDbGljaz10cnVi](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Woven-Tapes-Labels-School-Daycare/dp/B07HYDB2V4/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=Personalised+Name+Tags+for+Clothes&qid=1623870197&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEwTmFtZT1zcF9hdGYmYWNoaW9uPWNSaWNrUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3Rmb2dDbGljaz10cnVi) Using something like this will help us to reunite items of uniform to their rightful owners.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.  
Mr Williams

## Happy Birthday Messages

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

Trevor W	6T	Saba K	6D
Poppie O'	4G	Scarlett F	6T
Ella-Mae W	1W	Teziah G	5M
Naomi A	6D	Oliver A	3T
Ellis K	2B	Trevor W	6T
Rowan M	RC	Poppie O'	4G
Maisy O'	6T	Ella-Mae	1W
Ellie K	3T	Naomi A	6D
Archie L	2B		
Kacee J	5M		
Owen A	3B		



# e-safety – Keeping your children safe online.

## Does your child know these rules?

## Pupil e-safety challenge

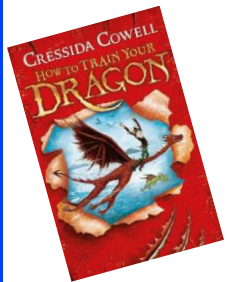
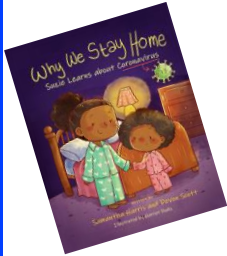
What would your child do if this happened to them?

**You get sent a text message on your mobile:  
"Cool ringtones! Just text YES to download."**

**Do you -**

1. Text "YES". Cool ring tones are always good.
2. Delete the message. If I type "YES" I could run up a large phone bill.
3. Text back and ask "How much I will be charged?"

This week's answer = 2



### 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 10-15 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.



## Accelerated Reader

## Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 <sup>st</sup>	6D	450574	↑
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5M	329295	↑
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5TM	201281	↓
4 <sup>th</sup>	3T	161605	↓
5 <sup>th</sup>	3B	150730	↔
6 <sup>th</sup>	4G	139646	↑
7 <sup>th</sup>	6T	44291	↓
8 <sup>th</sup>	4J	30148	↔

## Well done to 6D!

School record holders are 6D – 1,526,726 words in one week (22/04/21)



## Well done 3T!

90% of your class took part in Accelerated Reader this week. This was the highest percentage in our school! 5TM were second with 80%.





## Colmers Farm Attendance League Table

**Please see the attendance information below from Birmingham City Council.**

School attendance and punctuality continues to be of high importance to us and we follow the Birmingham City Council Fast Track procedures. If you need any support getting your child into school, please contact a member of the pastoral team.



### FAST-track to Attendance

#### Legal Action Information for Parents

This leaflet is for only parents/carers whose child/ren's attendance has not improved following offers of support from their child's school, including a formal meeting. **To avoid Legal Action being taken against you for failing to ensure your child/ren attend school regularly, you are advised of the following:**

- Ensure your child attends school every day it is open, on time, escorting them into school if necessary and handing them over to a member of staff. **(Please be aware your child may get an unauthorised absence mark when they arrive after registration closes).**
- Contact school on the first day of every absence by 9.30am stating the reason for absence and the likely return date.
- Take your child to the doctor if unwell and provide the school with: medical appointment card with one appointment entered, letter from a professional, medication prescribed by a doctor, copy of prescription, print screen of medical notes, as well as letters concerning hospital appointments or any other relevant evidence. **The Head Teacher will not authorise medical absence without evidence.**

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

### Legal Information and outcomes in respect of poor attendance

#### Section 23(1) Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2007:

Penalty notices may be issued to the parent of pupils who have unauthorised absence from school for first offences. (In cases of excessive absence, or repeat offences, whether for ongoing absence or leave in term time, the matter may be referred straight to Court) The amount of the penalty is £60.

- If this is not paid within 21 days the amount rises to £120.
- If not paid within 28 days the Local Authority may prosecute under section 444(1) unless it comes to our attention that the penalty notice had been issued in error.

#### Section 444(1) Education Act 1996:

"If you are the parent of a child of compulsory school age who fails to attend school regularly, you are guilty of an offence."

- The court can fine each parent up to £1,000 per child, order payment of the prosecution costs, impose a victim surcharge, and/or make a Parenting Order.

#### Section 444(1A) Education Act 1996:

"If in the above circumstances you, the parent, know that your child is failing to attend regularly at the school and fail without reasonable justification to cause him/her to attend, you are guilty of an offence."

- The court can fine you up to £2,500 per child and/or sentence you to a period of imprisonment of up to 3 months, impose a victim surcharge and order payment of the prosecution costs.

Please note that:

- Penalties and prosecutions are in respect of each parent for each child.
- 'Parent' includes any person who is not a parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for the child (and applies whether or not that person lives with the child) or who has care of him/her.

**This week's fixtures have taken place and the results are in!**

Well done to our **winning** classes!

Fixture List **Week 9**

94.1%	6T vs 5M	94.1%
92.1%	5TM vs 4J	91.3%
97.3%	6D vs 4G	92.3%
95.9%	RC vs 3T	92.6%
95.3%	RF vs 3B	98.0%
94.1%	1F vs 2H	93.9%
88.7%	1W vs 2B	95.7%

2B v 6T  
2H v 1W  
3B v 1F  
3T v RF  
4G v RC  
4J v 6D  
5M v 5TM

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Louise H RF  
Wanny M 2H  
Shajeena S 4G  
Alfie M 6D

Oliver A 3T  
Kaydi-Ann 1W  
Ruby B 5TM



## This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Danielle N 1W  
Gabriel H 2B  
Chad F 4J  
Kacie R 5M

Ava-Rae C 1F  
Gracie-Mae S 3T  
Amy M.H. 4G  
Caitlyn S 6D

Kai H 2H  
Harrison B 3B  
Pippa B 5TM  
Faith S 6T



## School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on all of our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school, unless short term with prior agreement.



For details on 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](http://www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk) or  
contact

[ruberyswapshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswapshop@outlook.com) for  
more information.



## Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being

# How to nurture a child's mental health



Actively listen  
before offering  
your advice



Be patient



Share your  
feelings and  
validate theirs



Tell the truth



Model healthy  
behavior



Surround them  
with healthy adults



Teach them  
how to be safe



Use open  
ended questions



Have scheduled  
family time



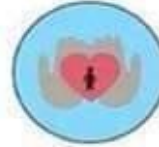
Limit electronic  
time for everyone



Reach out  
and hug them



Be consistent and  
follow through  
with what you  
promise



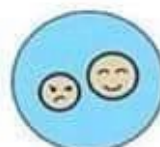
Believe them  
and in them



Practice  
relaxation  
exercises  
together



Model  
forgiveness



Respond calmly  
when their  
emotions are  
elevated



View their  
behavior as a  
window to their  
needs and feelings



Make play  
and exercise  
a requirement



Recognize  
positive choices



Be present



Set and respect  
boundaries





Dear Parents

King Edward's School, Birmingham are holding a 'live' Virtual Open Evening on Monday 21 June at 6pm - 7pm. The Chief Master, Dr Ricks will start the evening and there will also be some new films and a 'live' panel at the end to answer any questions parents have submitted.

If you would like to register for the event, please use the link below and we will email a Zoom code on the day.

[Virtual Open Evening 21 June 2021 6pm-7pm](#)

In the meantime you can visit the current Virtual Open Day, if you have not done so already.

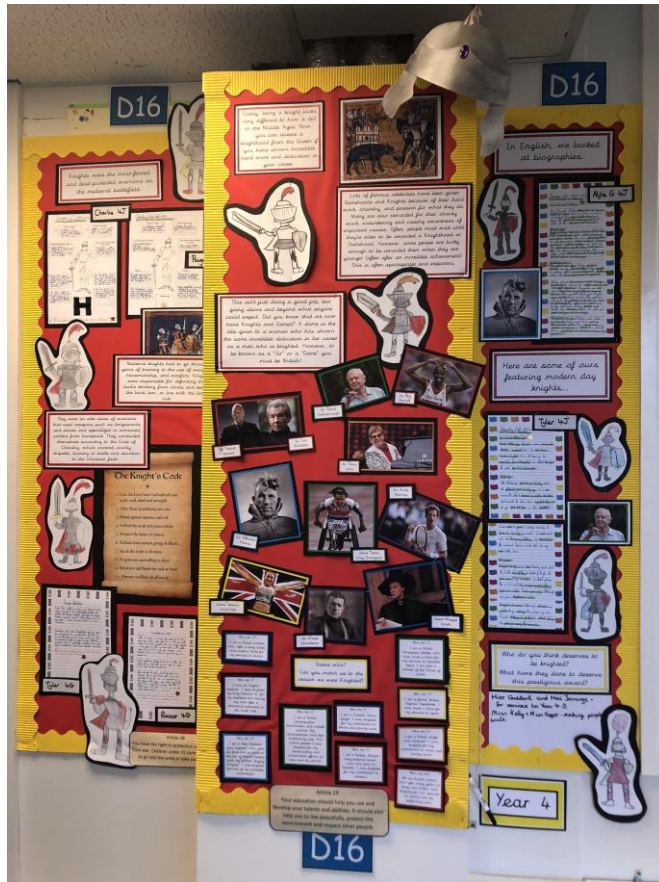
[Virtual Open Day](#)

Regards

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King Edward's School  
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Birmingham  
B15 2UA



# Some of our school displays that you may not have seen



Year 4 Knights Display



Year 3 Brumhaus Display





Year 5 Julian Opie Art Display



Year 5 Colour Monster Display



Year 4 Castles Display



Year 3 Rainbow Bear Display



Year 3 Colour  
Monster  
Display



# EUROPEAN UNION SETTLEMENT SCHEME

Are you a European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss Citizen? If so, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK.

Applications are free and the **deadline** for applying is 30 June 2021. Settled status for EU citizens will guarantee access to:

- The right to remain in the UK
- Public services, such as healthcare and education
- Public funds and pensions
- British citizenship (which can be applied for at a later date)

If you need support with your application, there is **FREE** advice and guidance available from a number of organisations including:

ASIRT	<b>Tel: 0121 213 5893</b> Email: <a href="mailto:koshi@asirt.org.uk">koshi@asirt.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://asirt.org.uk/">https://asirt.org.uk/</a>
CENTRAL ENGLAND LAW CENTRE	<b>0121 227 6540</b> Email: <a href="mailto:Denisa.Gannon@centralenglandlc.org.uk">Denisa.Gannon@centralenglandlc.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.Centralenglandlc.org.uk">www.Centralenglandlc.org.uk</a>
CENTRALA	<b>Tel: 0121 5130240</b> Email: <a href="mailto:info@centrala-space.org.uk">info@centrala-space.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.centrala-space.org.uk">www.centrala-space.org.uk</a>



A full list of organisations can be found at our website

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We can also scan and verify your ID documents

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/EUSS-IDservice>