

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

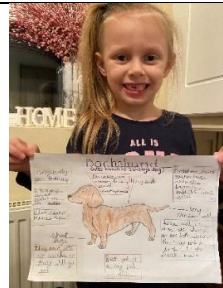
Parking on Leybrook Road has been the source of frustration and rightful concern for many parents historically at Colmers Farm Primary School. This is something that the school has tried hard to address for years unsuccessfully. We at last have some good news on this front though. Thanks to some 'child and parent power' from Henry in 3B and his mother, contacting councillor Adrian Delaney the council has installed bollards along this road to deter the dangerous parking which often takes place here at the start and end of the school day. As a school, we are really grateful to Henry, his mother and councillor Delaney for their efforts here. Thank you! This should really help to make this road much safer for those families that use this as a means to accessing our school for years to come.



This week, I have been having a look around school and at our school's Twitter feed at some of the topic work that is being produced at home. I have been really impressed. Below are just a few examples of the work that I have seen. Well done everybody and keep up the good work. It's wonderful to have so many creative children at Colmers Farm Primary School.



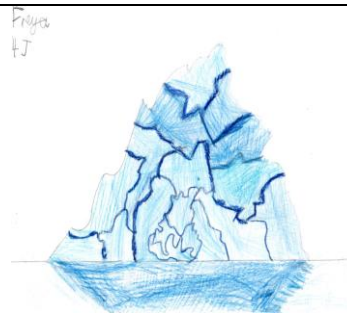
Zahara (2H)
(Great Fire of London House)



Niamh (2H)
(Animal Research)



Charley (3T)
(Homemade Pyramid)



Freya (4J)
(Sketch of an iceberg)

Children staying safe online is vital. This is one of the reasons why we dedicated the first few weeks of our computing lessons in September to teaching this. Whilst at home, we want all of children to remain safe. In the top right-hand corner of our home page, on our school website, there is a useful links button. Within these links you will see the CEOP button (Child Exploitation and Online Protection). This button links to

the CEOP website where children can make a report if they feel unsafe online. See below. Please talk to your child about this very useful button and remind them that they can also always speak to yourself if they are ever worried about anything they see online.



What kind of things do people report to CEOP?

Some of the things children and young people have reported to us include:

- ✓ Someone online has asked me to send them nude images
- ✓ I shared a nude image with someone online and they are threatening me
- ✓ I did something that I was embarrassed about on webcam and someone has turned nasty towards me
- ✓ Someone I don't know is asking me to live-stream and do things I don't want to do
- ✓ Someone online kept asking me to meet them face-to-face and I feel pressured by them
- ✓ Someone online was talking to me about sex and it made me feel uncomfortable
- ✓ Someone online is putting pressure on me to do things I don't want to do
- ✓ Someone I met in an online game keeps trying to talk to me privately

If as parents you are concerned about your child's safety online, please contact one of our DSL's at school: Miss Kelly, Mrs Taylor, Mr Williams and Mrs Evans.

MyON has been launched this week to all of our children in KS2. You'll find the link to this through the useful links button on the school website. We all know how important regular reading is to a child's development. This resource gives our children access to 1000s of eBooks, which all link to the children's Accelerator Reader accounts. If you are having any difficulties accessing myON, please contact the school office.

We think the issue we had with the DfE iPads that many of you had last week has now been resolved. Please see the guidance that we emailed to you all on Monday. If you are still encountering any difficulties, please contact the school office.

On Thursday, we sent out a consultation document on our RSE provision for the Summer Term. You have until Thursday 4th February to submit any comments that you wish to make regarding this. Please email these to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. If you did not receive a copy of this, please contact the school office. Please remember that we will contact you before we teach these lessons, and you have the right to withdraw your children from these if you wish to do so.

I hope that you have a good weekend.

Mr Williams

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child
please email school using the following
address:

safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Alternatively, Birmingham City Council
Children's Trust can also be contacted on 0121
303 1888

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am – 5:15pm

Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

This week Miss Kelly has sent hot chocolate to:

Eden and Lilli in Reception

Alfie and Ma'Laysia in Y2

Ethan and Darcie in Y4

Annabelle-Rose and Harley in Y1

Phoebe and Akeem in Y3

Isabelle and Taliah in Y5

Abbie and Amber in Y6

Well Done!



Learning should be recorded online or in the exercise book your child has been provided with. This can then be shared with teachers and teaching assistants using Google Classroom or via a photo sent to a dedicated home learning email address. CLASS NAME e.g. 5TM@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. This email address is for sharing learning only and other enquires will not be answered here. Alternatively work can be dropped into the school office for teachers to view.

Please remember that we also use Mathletics (Years 2-6), Accelerated Reader (Years 3-6) and Spelling Shed (Years 1-6) for online home learning.



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Communication Autism Team

Understanding Behaviours in Autistic Children & Young People

**Speaker: Johanna Condon – Strategic Lead,
Communication Autism Team**

Wednesday 27th January- 10.00am and 2.00pm

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a

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at 10.00am-11.00am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-behaviours-in-autistic-children-and-young-people-tickets-135837935923>

at 2.00pm-3.00pm

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