

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We've all made it safely to the end of the first half term at Colmers Farm. Thank you everybody for doing all that you can to keep safe in and around school.

The children have really enjoyed this week at our school, as we have had our big arts week. The children have studied work from a range of artists – some well know and some less well known. These artists were:

- Karel Appel (EYFS)
- William Morris (Year 1)
- Bridget Riley (Year 2)
- James Rizzi (Year 3)
- Peter Thorpe (Year 4)
- Danielle Foye (Year 5)
- LS Lowry (Year 6)



Danielle Foye



James Rizzi

Your children should be very proud of the art work that they have produced – It is fabulous! Normally we would invite parents into school to see this exhibition, unfortunately we cannot do this currently for obvious reasons. Instead we will take photos of our exhibition and share these as a video for you on our website after the holiday. The children will however have the opportunity to see this exhibition after the holiday. After the holiday, we will also be choosing our first big arts week competition winners. There will be one winner from each year group and I think that it is going to prove to be an almost impossible task to choose these.

On Wednesday this week, our children in Year 4 were visited by the hilariously funny and eccentric Professor McGinty. This visit was part of Year 4's current topic about Roman Britain. Our children really enjoyed the visit and learnt lots about life during this period of time. Professor McGinty was really impressed with our children, after not visiting our school for a number of years. He complemented our children on their excellent behaviour, their concentration, their questioning and their knowledge. Well done Year 4! We look forward to Professor McGinty hopefully visiting us again soon.

Over the holidays, please remember that your children will still be able to access our online programs such as Mathletics (Years 2-6) and accelerated reader (Years 3-6). The half term holiday is also a good opportunity to do some activities with your child, which will help them to gain the first level of our KS2 SAGE award. If you can print off this evidence, or get this printed, at for example Morrisons, we can then get this added to your child's folder/book when we return. Please do what you can to support your child's learning and development over the holidays

Times Table - 10x10

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6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
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After the holidays, we will be having pupil progress meetings. These meetings allow teachers to discuss the progress of the children in their classes with members of the leadership team and to put suitable interventions into place to enable children to catch up where needed. As a result of this meeting, we have moved our planned parents' evenings to the week beginning the 16th November. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will be sending out a letter in the first week back with more details about this.

Please remember that we have a school training day when we return after the holidays. School will therefore reopen to our children on Tuesday 3rd November. We very much look forward to welcoming everybody back safe and well then.

I hope that you have a wonderful break with your family.

Mr Williams

FAO parents of children in Year 6

The deadline for applying for secondary school places for children is 31st October. The application process is online, and is quick and easy to complete. The form can be found via the link below, or by searching "Year 7 school admissions Birmingham" online. It is essential that you complete this before the deadline, otherwise your child is at risk of being placed in any Birmingham secondary school. What you need to apply for is "Start Year 7 (Secondary School) in September 2021." PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER ON THIS SITE BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place/3



DON'T FORGET

At 2am on Sunday 25 October
British summer time (BST) comes
to an end, the country puts
the clocks back an hour to 1am.



OUR TREE OF ACHIEVEMENT

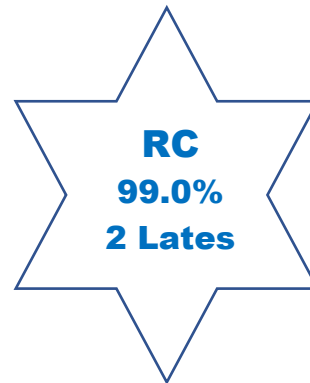


**LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF
ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG
ON OUR TREE THIS WEEK**

*Aisha and Emmett in Reception
Eden and Mini in Year 1,
Tahmid and Mariam in Year 2
Owen and Demi-Lee in Year 3
Logan and Freya in Year 4,
Violet and Jeffrey in Year 5
Harry and Millie 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 luck enough to be
drawn out*

*Oscar in 1F, Zoe in 1F,
Robin in 2H, Khloe in 3B, Stefania in 4G
Corey in 5M and Steven in 6D*



Well Done

WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

**The winning ticket this week was number 855
and the lucky girl to win the raffle is Naomi in
Year 5. I wonder what prize she will choose
from our prize cabinet?**



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.



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



Friday 23rd October

Break up from school

Monday 2nd November

School closed for teacher training day

Tuesday 3rd November

Back to school

Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day

Week Commencing 16th November

Parents' Evening

Friday 20th November

Nurses in school for Flu Nasal Spray

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-authorized 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 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.



Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Every Tuesday from 10am -1pm for 6 weekly sessions

Starting Tues 10th Nov, and then continues on Tues 17th Nov, Tues 24th Nov,
Tues 1st Dec, Tues 8th Dec and finishes on Tues 15th Dec 2020

We warmly invite you to join in a series of online workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

If you are interested in accessing these workshops online, you will need to have a laptop/computer with a camera.

Please apply by completing and signing the attached booking form and consent to either

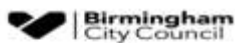
Sarah Adams (Early Years Inclusion Support)
Sarah.Adams@birmingham.gov.uk Tel: 07827 082751

or Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant)
Oenca.Fontaine@birmingham.gov.uk

Deadline for receiving bookings is Tues 3rd Nov 2020!



Be Empowered...



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Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Booking form for ONLINE Be Empowered Workshops

Workshop Details:

Workshop Dates: Tues 10th Nov, and then continues on Tues 17th Nov, Tues 24th Nov,
Tues 1st Dec, Tues 8th Dec and finishes on Tues 15th Dec 2020

Workshop Times: 10am – 1pm

PLEASE NOTE TO ACCESS THESE WORKSHOPS ONLINE YOU WILL NEED A PC OR LAPTOP AT HOME WITH A CAMERA

Please note there is no charge for these workshops.

Please complete all sections in BLOCK CAPITALS.

To ensure that we can process your form swiftly please ensure the form is fully completed and the consent overleaf is signed and dated.

Your Details:

Parent Carer Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Telephone Number.....

Email Address.....

Age of your child(ren) and their individual additional needs:

Any special requirements or access requirements:

Please read Course Booking Terms and Conditions overleaf. Please email the **signed consent and this booking form** by Tues 3rd Nov 2020 to either: Sarah Adams (Early Years Inclusion Support)

Sarah.Adams@birmingham.gov.uk Tel: 07827 082 751

or Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant) Oenca.Fontaine@birmingham.gov.uk

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ALL EYIS -EARLY SUPPORT SERVICE COURSES

On receiving this booking we will assign available place/s. If bookings are received after the deadline, places may not be available and you may be asked to join a waiting list. Whilst every effort will be made by EYIS - Early Support Service to ensure places and keep the dates and venues as advertised, we reserve the right to amend or cancel courses without notice. We will make every effort to inform you in advance if possible. EYIS - Early Support Service does not accept any liability whatsoever, if for whatever reason, the course does not take place.

CONFIRMATION

Bookings will be confirmed and joining instructions will be sent to you.

RESERVING A PLACE AND CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

By entering details on the booking form the delegates confirm they have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions and are able to attend on the dates specified.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you need to cancel so the place can be offered to someone else.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

EYIS - Early Support Service is committed to equal opportunities in training and professional development and we positively welcome course delegates irrespective of their gender, race, disability, colour, ethnic or national origin, nationality, sexuality, marital status, responsibility for dependents, religion, trade union activity and age. EYIS - Early Support Service will not accept any form of discrimination at any time during the event.

CONSENT

CONSENT – TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY ALL PARENTS / CARERS/ PROFESSIONALS

I agree to Birmingham City Council (BCC) Early Years Inclusion Support (EYIS) processing personal details and contact information and I understand that both paper and electronic records may be kept as a result of my attendance on the 'Be Empowered' Workshops and that any records will be kept securely and destroyed safely in accordance with BCC Document Retention and Deletion Schedule.

I understand that information (for example my name, address, phone number, email address) will only be shared with course facilitators as a result of attending the 'Be Empowered' Workshops. This will be done in accordance with Birmingham City Council's Information Sharing Protocols. This will only be information that is relevant and necessary, shared with people who need that information and, when there is a specific need for that information to be shared at that time.

By signing this form I give explicit consent for BCC EYIS to communicate with me including by secure email.

I understand that as part of the General Data Protection Regulations I have a right to request a copy of the information BCC holds about me. For more information, I can contact BCC's Data Protection Officer at the Corporate Information Management Team, PO Box 10566 Birmingham email: info@governance@birmingham.gov.uk

I understand that I can access the BCC Privacy Notice at www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20154/foi_and_data_protection/384/privacy_statement/1

Name (please print):

Signature:

Date: