



Colmers Farm Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for the way you have adapted to the new staggered start times. You have all been magnificent with this and we have received lots of positive feedback about this from you. It has made the journey to school calmer and the playground is delightful. We have even had less issues with parking! Thank you everybody for helping to keep our school as safe as possible.

Today our Year 6s were visited by PC Rob Pedley MBE. Before anybody panics, this was a planned visit! PC Rob Pedley MBE came into school to talk about the dangers of knife and gang crime with our children and to educate them about the consequences of this. Unfortunately, these issues are far too common across the country and particularly in major cities such as Birmingham. As a community I am sure we all want to keep our children as safe as possible, hence the need for visits like this. Our Year 6s enjoyed the visit and gained a lot from the session.

On Monday this week, our Year 5 children started wearing their ties. They look incredibly smart (and very grown up). If your child is unable to put their tie on themselves, please spend some time with them helping to learn this skill. Investing this time now will save you a lot of time over the next few years.

We want our children to get out as much as possible in school for their PE lessons. Exercise is important in terms of physical fitness and with promoting positive well-being. We all know that over the last several months, our children have had to spend way too much time indoors. The weather this week has been good, but we know how quickly weather can change in this country. We are asking all parents to provide dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved top for children to wear during PE lessons, particularly when the weather begins to change. This will allow us to continue our PE lessons outdoors as it gets colder. If you need any support with obtaining this clothing, please contact the Rubery Community Swap Shop who will be happy to help.

Year 4 and 5 have to walk past my office when they arrive in school, when they go out to play/dinner, when they come back from play/dinner and when they go home. I do not think I've ever mentioned walking around school in a newsletter before, but there is a first time for everything. A huge congratulations to them all. They have been like a team of highly trained ninjas. I've lost count of the amount of times I have been working in my office and I have randomly glanced up to see one of these classes walking past my office without me even realising they were there. Well done and keep it up. You are all outstanding role models!

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

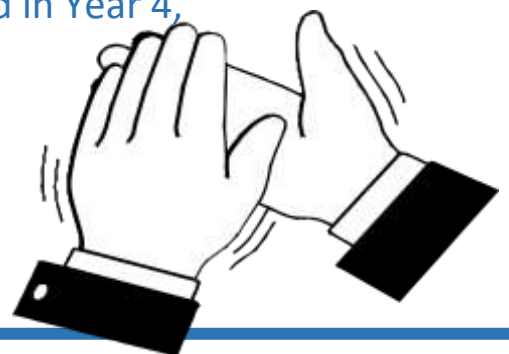
Mr Williams

Our Tree of Achievement



WELL DONE
to this week's children

Khaleesi and Kataleya in Year 1, Alfie and Timothy in Year 2,
Arley-Joe and Khloe in Year 3, Ethan and Chad in Year 4,
Kayden and Maisey in Year 5 and
Giovanna and Scarlett in Year 6



DIARY DATES

Week commencing 19th October

Big Arts Week

Friday 23rd October

Break up from school

Monday 2nd November

School closed for teacher training

Tuesday 3rd November

Back to school

Wednesday 4th November and

Thursday 5th November

Parents evening

Friday 20th November

Nurses in school for Flu Nasal Spray



WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

The winning ticket this week was number **300** and the lucky boy to win the raffle is **Freddie** in Year 1. I wonder what prize he will choose from our prize cabinet?

WELL DONE
FREDDIE



**All children should have a
PE Kit in school, T shirt or a dark
coloured tracksuit, shorts and pumps.**



Reception –

Year 1 - PE on Monday

Year 2 – PE on Friday

Year 3 – PE on Thursday

Year 4 – PE on Thursday

Year 5 – PE on Monday

Year 6 – PE on Monday

REMINDERS

Can you please remember that only one adult per family is allowed in the playground before and after school.

Can parents please make sure that your child's coat and items of uniform are clearly marked with their name. This helps us to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners.

Messages for teachers in the morning can be given to Mrs Chatwin who will be available in the playground every morning.

Thankyou

COVID-19 information

A quick guide for parents/carers



Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a test and to let us know the result. Your school will not be able to advise beyond the information given here. **Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.**

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

a high temperature. OR **a new continuous cough.** OR **a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.**



This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).







This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate.

Your child can attend school if fit to do so.

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Book a test for your child Whole household to self-isolate Inform school immediately about test result 	If test is negative and child is well enough, symptom free for 48 hours and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service.
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) -even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	When child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
<p>Somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Household member with symptoms to book a test Whole household to self-isolate while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>When household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self isolate by test and trace services</p>
<p>Somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time</p>
<p>NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace)- even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact' 	<p>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time</p>
<p>Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact'</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	<p>Attend school as normal</p>
<p>We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days –even if they test negative during those 14 days <p>Travel reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	<p>When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>