



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend with your families.

Colmers Farm Girls' Football Team

On Wednesday, our Year 4 and 5 girls' team went to St Andrew's stadium to take part in the BCFC Girls' Football Festival. They did very well and they only narrowly missed out on the next round by goal difference. The 'sportswomanship' and the team spirit they demonstrated was exemplary.



On Thursday after school, the Year 5 and 6 girls' team went to play in the Kings Norton Primary Schools Football League at Rednal Hill Junior School. They lost two games and drew one.

Well done to all the girls who took part in these events, especially those who took part in both. You were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

School Games Superheroes Event

Also on Thursday after-school, ten of our KS2 pupils took part in the School Games Superheroes Multi-Sports Event at Colmers Secondary School. Here our pupils got to experience taking part in a variety of events, including basketball shooting, athletics, dance, table tennis and netball. They must have been exhausted after that!

A huge thank you to Miss Jennings, Miss McCarron, Mr Latham (our MAT Sports Coach Leader) and Miss Scarlett, who between them managed to staff all the events on Thursday. Without the dedication of these staff, these events would not have been able to take place.

Mental Health Awareness Week

In two weeks' time we will be celebrating National Mental Health Awareness Week and this year's theme is all about staying active and the positive impact this has on your mental health.

In school, Miss Wood (our school's personal development lead) met with our KS2 School Parliamentarians, and they decided how we should acknowledge and celebrate this event. Their ideas will be announced next week.

The Sun has Arrived

At the risk of tempting fate and it pouring with rain for the next few months or us suddenly facing sub-zero temperatures, we should be seeing a lot more of the sun over the next few weeks.

Please can you ensure that your children come to school with a filled-up drinks plastic bottle (ideally), a hat with your child's name written inside in appropriate school uniform and with sun cream applied on days that will be particularly warm. Please note that staff cannot apply sun cream and that sun cream should not be brought into school for self-application.

After today, we currently have 45 school days until the end of this academic year. During this time, we do still expect all our pupils to wear their full school uniform during this period i.e. plain black school shoes, ties for Years 5 and 6 and other items of school uniform as dictated by the weather. Thank you for your support with this. Please remember that you can use Rubery Community Swap Shop for **FREE** uniform.



Moments Matter – Attendance Counts

As parents and as a school, we share the same desire for each and every child to fully achieve their potential. Good school attendance is key to this.

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent pupils (pupils who miss 19 or more school days) in KS2 achieved the expected KS2 standards compared to 84% of pupils who attended school regularly. This pattern also continues for GCSE results.

It is never too late to benefit from school attendance as gaps can be closed when attendance is good for a sustained period. Moments matter, attendance counts!

Year 6 Careers Fair

On Tuesday 16th July we will be holding a Careers Fair for our Year 6 children during the afternoon. If any parents are willing to spare some of their time to come in and talk about their jobs with our Year 6 children, please could you let school office know by **Friday 24th May**.

And finally...

Best of luck to our Year 6 pupils and staff who have been working so hard towards their SATs, which take place next week. If you have children in this year group, I am sure that you are giving them lots of encouragement and hopefully you can get them away from their study guides for a bit over the weekend and enjoy something fun with them. Please try to ensure that they eat well, and they get plenty of sleep next week. I am sure they will do their best.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



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FAMILY SUPPORT DROP-IN
COME ALONG AND TALK WITH THE TEAM!
MONDAYS 9:00-10:00

WHAT HELP CAN I GET?

- INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES
- SIGNPOSTING & REFERRAL TO SERVICES
- ADVICE ON EMERGENCY FOOD PROVISION
- INFORMATION ON GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

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| 22 nd April - Colmers Farm Primary School | 10 th June - Rubery Nursery School |
| 29 th April - Rubery Nursery School | 17 th June - Colmers Farm Primary School |
| 6 th May - Bank Holiday | 24 th June - Rubery Nursery School |
| 13 th May - Colmers Farm Primary School | 1 st July - Colmers Farm Primary School |
| 20 th May - Rubery Nursery School | 8 th July - Rubery Nursery School |
| 27 th May - Bank Holiday | 15 th July - Colmers Farm Primary School |
| 3 rd June - Colmers Farm Primary School | |

COMMUNITY SWOP SHOP

We Need Your Help!
Can You Volunteer This Summer?

We are looking for people to join our already fantastic group of volunteers to aid with our high demand this summer. Can you help with any of the following:

- *Processing donations
- *Picking orders
- *Re-stocking the shelves
- *Washing clothes
- *Driving-collecting donations/delivering orders
- *Serving Customers

If you are 18+, fit and able to help us from 11am-2pm weekdays throughout the summer we would love to hear from you.

This is an excellent opportunity for any school leaver to gain work experience and to help our wonderful community initiative

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Dates for your diary

| Date | Event | Additional Information |
|---|--|------------------------|
| Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May | SATs week | Year 6 |
| Monday 20 th May | Anxiety and Transition Workshop Parent Workshop | 9:15am – 10:30am |
| Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May | Mental Health Awareness Week | All years |
| Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May | Whitsun Half Term Holiday – school closed to pupils | |
| Monday 3 rd June | School re-opens | All years |
| Monday 3 rd June | Class photo day | |
| Friday 7 th June | Kenilworth Castle Trip | Year 4 |
| Thursday 13 th June | Wythall Transport Museum Trip | Reception |
| Wednesday 19 th June | Sports Day | All years |
| Monday 24 th June | School councillor trip to Heath Mount | |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Visit to Kings Edward VI Northfield School for girls | Year 5 |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Visit to Turves Green Secondary School for Boys | Year 5 |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Secondary school transition day | Year 6 |
| Thursday 4 th July | Graduated approach to speech, language and communication needs parent workshop | 9:15 – 10:30am |
| Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July | Book Fair | 3:30pm |
| Monday 8 th July | Cadbury World Trip | Year 3 |
| Tuesday 9 th July | SeaLife Centre Trip | Year 2 |
| Tuesday 9 th July | Knife Crime workshop | Year 6 |
| Friday 12 th July | End of year reports go home | All years |
| Tuesday 16 th July | Careers Fair | Year 6 |
| Friday 19 th July | Break up for Summer | All years |
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Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



M

Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



A

Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



T

Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.



Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



Happy Birthday Messages

| | | |
|--------------|----|----|
| Darcie-Leigh | 2P | 7 |
| Poppy | 5S | 10 |
| Eulia | 5S | 10 |
| Adriana | 1W | 6 |
| Chae | 2M | 7 |
| Evie | 6B | 11 |
| Spencer | 4V | 9 |

What's New on the Website?

- Women in Maths – Homework competition letter



ORACY Questions to ask your child.

To further develop our pupil ORACY skills at Colmers Farm, we would encourage all parents to ask their child their year group questions below in order to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning in school.

- Reception:** What do you know about minibeasts?
- Year 1:** What is half of 12? What is a quarter of 12? How do you know?
- Year 2:** Can you describe one of the layers of the ocean?
- Year 3:** Can you identify different times of the day using a 24-hour clock?
- Year 4:** What advice would you give a Norman King about how to build their castle?
- Year 5:** Why do we have day and night on Earth?
- Year 6:** What connected the Caribbean to the UK?

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Our whole school attendance target remains at 96% and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date has slipped to 92.8% - let's get this up to 96%!

Can you beat this % next week?

| Class | % present | |
|-------|-----------|---|
| RG | 87.5% | ★ |
| RJ | 97.4% | ★ |
| RL | 98.5% | ★ |
| 1K | 92.2% | |
| 1W | 99.2% | ★ |
| 2M | 90.8% | ★ |
| 2P | 93.3% | ★ |
| 3B | 98.3% | ★ |
| 3F | 90% | |
| 4J | 92.5% | ★ |
| 4V | 90% | |
| 5E | 93.5% | ★ |
| 5S | 92.4% | ★ |
| 6B | 91.1% | ★ |
| 6H | 93.3% | |

At Colmers Farm Primary School it is important that every child feels that they belong to their class and to the school as a whole. Coming to school every day will help children feel that they belong and that they are an important member of our community.

For the rest of this term we are setting the children a challenge to see whether their class's attendance can

'BEAT LAST WEEK!'

Each week the children will receive a class star if their class's attendance beats or equals their previous week's percentage.

Which classes will earn the most stars over the next 10 weeks? Help your class by being at school every day!

CLASS AWARDS:

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS / KS1 and the winner of the Colmers Cat this week is:



1W – 99.2%

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 and the winner of the Colmers Camel this week is:



3B – 98.3%

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



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|--------|----|
| Ava | RJ |
| Kade | 1W |
| Jude | 2P |
| Lacey | 3F |
| Paige | 4V |
| Kaiden | 5E |
| Clara | 6H |



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



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|--------|----|--------|----|--------|----|
| Jayden | RG | Jacob | RL | Meleko | RJ |
| Tori | 1W | Davin | 1K | Kian | 2P |
| Jack | 2M | Zayn | 3B | James | 3F |
| Lucas | 4J | Ethan | 4V | Niamh | 5E |
| Regan | 5S | Oliver | 6B | Phoebe | 6H |



House Points

| | Daley | Ennis-Hill | Farah | Thompson |
|-----------|-------|------------|-------|----------|
| This week | 187 | 215 | 225 | 203 |

| | Daley | Ennis-Hill | Farah | Thompson |
|-------------------|-------|------------|-------|----------|
| This term's total | 4060 | 4226 | 4230 | 4383 |



Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please also see the safeguarding page on our school website for further information:
<https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/our-school/safeguarding/>

If you think a child is in immediate danger, don't delay – call the police on 999

At Colmers Farm Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have four Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. They are:



If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email our school using the following email address: safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

If your concern is urgent and it is out of school hours, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust - Emergency out-of-hours number: 0121 675 4806



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CHILDREN'S TRUST

Contact Details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm
Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm
Telephone: 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone 0121 675 4806

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about a child.

They aim to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child, please contact them. They will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.



NSPCC

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, you can also contact the NSPCC. It doesn't have to be an emergency – you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Their team of dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise you and take any necessary action.

Call 0800 800 5000 (10am-4pm Monday to Friday) or email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.



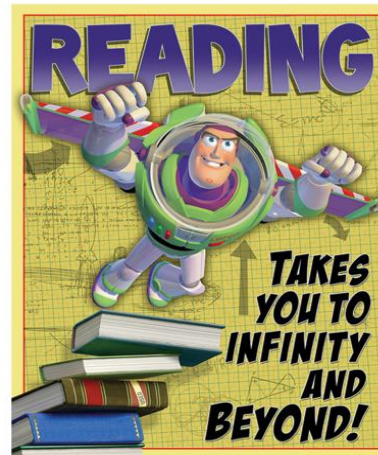
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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READ, READ, READ!

Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

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.



Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.



- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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Questions to ask your child when listening to them reading



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| | Class Name | Number of Points |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| 1 st | 5E | 110,463 |
| 2 nd | 3B | 76,540 |
| 3 rd | 4J | 58,285 |
| 4 th | 4V | 30,125 |
| 5 th | 6H | 13,660 |
| 6 th | 3F | 8,697 |
| 7 th | 5S | 6,734 |
| 8 th | 6B | 0 |

| Last week's top scorers | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 st | Evelyn (5E) 88,827 |
| 2 nd | Skye (3B) 33,749 |
| 3 rd | Sophia (4J) 30,644 |
| Highest score this year | |
| Timothy (5S) 1,335,232 | |

| | Class Name | Number of Points |
|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 1 st | 3B | 64,899,714 |
| 2 nd | 6H | 14,483,534 |
| 3 rd | 5S | 13,170,058 |
| 4 th | 3F | 12,325,583 |
| 5 th | 1K | 5,135,210 |
| 6 th | 4V | 3,814,498 |
| 7 th | 1W | 2,314,314 |
| 8 th | 2M | 405,398 |
| 9 th | 2P | 287,414 |
| 10 th | 4J | 0 |
| 11 th | 6B | 0 |
| 12 th | 5E | 0 |

| Last week's top scorers | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st | Godpower (3B) 3,445,424,441 |
| 2 nd | Riley (3B) 25,101,792 |
| 3 rd | Moonshine (5S) 108,235,194 |
| Highest score this year | |
| Godpower (3B) 3,331,739,441 | |



| | Class Name | Number of Points |
|------------------|------------|------------------|
| 1 st | 3B | 463,117 |
| 2 nd | 5E | 381,679 |
| 3 rd | 2M | 239,899 |
| 4 th | 2P | 178,911 |
| 5 th | 4V | 139,786 |
| 6 th | 6H | 128,231 |
| 7 th | 3F | 109,088 |
| 8 th | 6B | 83,812 |
| 9 th | 5S | 75,836 |
| 10 th | 4J | 53,075 |

| Last week's top scorers | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | Scarlet (3B) 258,714 |
| 2 nd | Lucas (5E) 244,615 |
| 3 rd | Laurie (2M) 51,643 |
| Highest score this year | |
| Scarlet (3B) 258,714 | |