



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a good week.

SEND Parental Workshops

On Monday, we held a coffee morning for parents with experts from CAT (Communication and Autism Team) and PSS (Pupil, School Support). Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend this. We hope that you were able to ask the questions you wanted to ask and that you found this useful.

Tennis Festival

On Monday, we took some KS2 children to Kings Norton Tennis Centre for a tennis festival. They played games against other local schools to gain experience and to develop their skills and knowledge of tennis rules.

Good sportsmanship was shown throughout and our PE values were also on display. These are determination, passion, respect, honesty, self-belief and teamwork.



Slack Lines

On Monday, we opened our new slack lines for our pupils to use at dinnertime as part of our OPAL provision. All our pupils had a special assembly regarding the safe use of this and this equipment is supervised during our dinnertimes. This equipment is dinnertime use only so please can I ask parents to not allow or encourage their children to use this equipment, or any other OPAL equipment before, or particularly after school. This is to prevent possible accidents to pupils and damage to this equipment. Thank you for your support with this.



Women in Maths Competition

A huge thank you for all the Women in Maths Competition entries that have been coming into school over the last week. We have been very impressed with the entries we have received. Here is Chelsea's (6H) entry. She has researched more information about Florence Nightingale and beautifully presented this information. Well done Chelsea!



Parental Questionnaires

I would just like to say thank you to all of you who completed and returned a parental questionnaire over the last two weeks. It has been wonderful reading these and seeing how much we have improved as a school, since I first started sending these out here at Colmers Farm in 2019. Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support.

We will publish the results from these after the holidays.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week the children have enjoyed a variety of activities for Mental Health Awareness week. Thank you for your generosity in sending in food items for our food collection for B30 Food Bank. As always, we are blown away by how much our parents and carers donate.



Football Academy Success

We want to say a huge congratulations to Cuba on his football academy success. Cuba has been signed as an under 9's academy player at West Bromwich Albion. Cuba has worked so hard over the last 2 seasons as a pre-academy player to reach this position. Well done Cuba!



Class photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos

On Monday 3rd June we have a new photography company coming in to do our class group photos as well as our Year 6 leavers photos. Please can you ensure your child is sent into school in full school uniform on this day. If your child usually has PE on a Monday please send in their trainers/pumps to change into.

EYFS School Fundraising

Our EYFS children recently drew some fantastic self-portraits which can be turned into a tea towel, tote bag, coaster set or cup. To order, please use the link and PIN number on your child's order form. If you have lost this form or need any support with this, please feel free to contact the school office who can assist. The closing date for all orders is the 28th June.

And finally...

You will have received a letter today about my new role as Head Teacher of Colmers Farm and Turves Green Primary. Although I will be at Colmers Farm less from September, we have a fabulous team of staff at Colmers Farm, led by Mrs Young, who will ensure that we keep travelling in the right direction with our journey.

I hope that you have a lovely week break with your children. We look forward to welcoming everybody back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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	In school transition day	All years
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
Thursday 4 th July	Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
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
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers events – cinema, bowling and disco	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
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 4 th September	School re-opens	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



Lali-Bella	3B	8	Hayley	RJ	5
Makonnen	3F	8	Reggie-Jay	2P	7
Aliza	6H	11	Scarlett	4J	9
Micaiah	RG	5	Cash	3F	8
Is-Haq	2P	7	Isbah	3B	8
Corey	RG	5	Shea	2M	7
Logan	2P	7	Kye	6H	11
Charlie	1K	6	Haleen	4V	9
Willow	RL	5	Noah	1W	6

What's New on the Website?

- Colmers Farm and Turves Green Head Teacher letter
- Year 6 Behaviour letter
- Year 1 Fred the Frog Day letter
- Uniform expectations 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 to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning in school.

- Reception:** Can you use the word 'sparkling' or 'peculiar' in a sentence?
- Year 1:** Can you count in 2's, 5's and 10's?
- Year 2:** Can you tell your grown-up what time it is? How do you know?
- Year 3:** How can you represent data?
- Year 4:** What job role would you have like to have in a Norman Castle? Why?
- Year 5:** What was Martin Luther King's dream and what would yours be?
- Year 6:** What is refraction?

**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 is **92.8%** - let's get this up to **96%**!

Can you beat this % next week?

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!'

Class	% present
RG	82.1%
RJ	94.7%
RL	85.3%
1K	87.6%
1W	97.3% ★
2M	88.7%
2P	94.3%
3B	95.3%
3F	93.7%
4J	90.8%
4V	97.3% ★
5E	91.1%
5S	88.5% ★
6B	87.1%
6H	96.3%

The children have just one more half term left to try and earn an attendance badge. Remember these can be earned for the first time each term so keep trying!

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 97.3%

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



4V – 97.3%

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Brayden	RL
Camille	1W
Desmond	2P
Josh	3F
Ella-Mae	4V
Michelle	5E
Clara	6H



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Marigold	RG	Willow	RL	Freddie	RJ
Hunter	1W	Olivia	1K	Isla-rose	2P
Danae	2M	Ethan	3B	Sara	3F
Ellis	4J	Hope	4V	Lucas	5E
Gibbah	5S	Chelsea	6H	Khloe	6B



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	197	138	140	166

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	4395	4490	4514	4668



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.

The logo for the National Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NSPCC), featuring the text 'NSPCC' in white on a green background.

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.



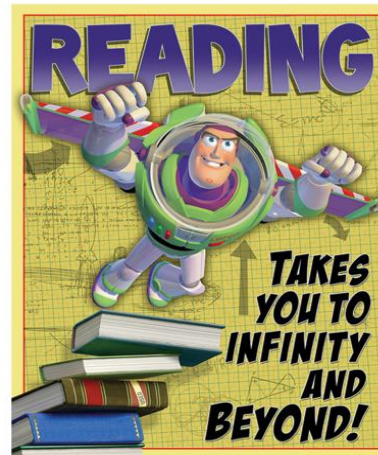
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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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Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5E	863,567
2 nd	3B	523,470
3 rd	4V	466,671
4 th	5S	465,985
5 th	4J	375,848
6 th	3F	197,370
7 th	6B	55,608
8 th	6H	27,823

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Evelyn (5E) 726,343
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 63,521
3 rd	Danielle (4V) 111,448
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,421,858	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3F	97,249,208
2 nd	3B	59,436,210
3 rd	1K	20,616,906
4 th	5S	2,511,240
5 th	4V	551,238
6 th	1W	526,646
7 th	6B	223,931
8 th	4J	196,222
9 th	5E	76,622
10 th	2P	55,464
11 th	6H	0
12 th	2M	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Theo (3F) 58,392,122
2 nd	Godpower (3B) 50,994,000
3 rd	Manuel (1K) 20,400,000
Highest score this year	
Martin (3F) 136,399,032	

	Class Name	Number of Points this week
1 st	5E	30,690
2 nd	3B	21,077
3 rd	6H	11,572
4 th	4J	6,795
5 th	5S	2,404
6 th	2P	1,542
7 th	3F	1,277
8 th	2M	688
9 th	4V	0
10 th	6B	0

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (5E) 27,230
2 nd	Scarlet (3B) 17,960
3 rd	Sujaan (6H) 9,506
Pupil with the highest total 2023-2024	
Lucas (5E) 313,265	