



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school

Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a good half term break with your families. It was great seeing everybody back on Monday.

B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank

Before the holidays, as part of our well-being week, we carried out a food collection for the B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we managed to donate 75.9kg of food. This will help to make a difference to local families in crisis. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Training Days for 2024/2025

Please see the dates below for next academic year when school will be closed for staff training days:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Parental Questionnaire Responses

Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed and returned a parental questionnaire before the holidays. These are always useful and the results from these will be used to shape future school improvement. The results of these questionnaires have now been published on the school website. (Our School/Parents' Views of Our School/Results from our end of year parental questionnaire and CFPS responses – June 2024).

Kenilworth Castle

Today Year 4 went on a trip to one of my favourite places, Kenilworth Castle. This was part of their castle topic and here they got to explore this spectacular castle ruin and to learn about its features. They also learned about Robert Dudley and how he tried to impress Queen Elizabeth I by creating for her a special garden at the castle. Our pupils also found out about the mysterious death of Lady Dudley who 'fell' down a flight of stairs in circumstances which have often been described as suspicious. A real scandal of the time. Our Year 4s has a wonderful visit and they represented our school very well. Well done!

Hayden and Lucas

Congratulations to Hayden (in class 5E) and Lucas (in class 4J) who entered the Judo in House Championship. Lucas achieved a gold and silver finish and Hayden achieved a silver and bronze finish. This is a fantastic achievement, and it is thanks to all your hard work and dedication towards practising this sport. Well done boys, we are all very proud of you.



And finally...

A huge well done to our Year 2 pupils who have been working hard on their Secret Agent Tests this week (also known as SATs tests). The teachers have been delighted with the way that their classes have tackled these and with how well they have done.

Our Year 4s have also been taking tests this week as they have started completing their multiplication tables check. This is a rapid 25 question online test, which test pupils recall of their times tables. Pupils will be completing this in small groups over the next few weeks. Well done to those pupils who have already completed this.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 10th June	VR Experience at Green Meadow School	Year 5
Tuesday 11th June	VR Experience at Green Meadow School	Year 5
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

Noah	1W	6
Godpower	3B	8
Esmee	3B	8
Syeda	2P	7
Remi	RJ	5
Charlie	2M	7
Ayaana	1W	6
Kayden	3B	8
Summer	3F	8



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:** What do you see on your way to school?
- Year 1:** What coins could you use to make 30p? (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p)
- Year 2:** Name an ocean habitat and tell me what lives there.
- Year 3:** What does it mean to take a fraction of a group of things?
- Year 4:** What was the most interesting thing you learnt about at Kenilworth Castle?
- Year 5:** Can you explain why athletes took the knee before matches, what did this mean?
- Year 6:** Can you explain the difference between a push and pull factor for a migrant?

**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%!

At Colmers Farm Primary School it is important that every child feels that they belong to their class and to the school. 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	86.8% ★
RJ	97.4% ★
RL	89.5% ★
1K	94.4% ★
1W	95.4%
2M	88.3%
2P	93.3%
3B	95%
3F	93.75% ★
4J	97.5% ★
4V	87.5%
5E	94.2% ★
5S	88.4%
6B	93.3% ★
6H	92.1%

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:



RJ – 97.4%

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



4J – 97.5%

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Lowki	RL	Wayne	3B
Hailee	1W	Kayla	4J
William	2P	Michelle	5E
Wayne	3B	Millie	5E
Evelyn	3F	Sujaan	6H
Kayla	4J		
Michelle	5E		



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



There wasn't a celebration assembly this week but keep an eye on this page next week to see who received their celebration certificate.



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week	269	194	210	244

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	4664	4684	4724	4912



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



BIRMINGHAM
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 non-fiction 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	3B	26,001,324
2 nd	3F	21,993,236
3 rd	5E	2,446,564
4 th	4V	669,979
5 th	1K	250,864
6 th	5S	21,000
7 th	4J	0
8 th	6B	0
9 th	6H	0
10 th	2M	0
11 th	2P	0
12 th	1W	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Tim (5S) 93,851
2 nd	Danielle (4V)
3 rd	Kaydi-Anne(4V) 8,379
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,421,858	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5S	116,065
2 nd	4V	31,249
3 rd	3B	27,879
4 th	3F	17,041
5 th	4J	1,763
6 th	6B	1,594
7 th	5E	723
8 th	6H	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Theo (3F) 11,979,010
2 nd	Godpower (3B) 10,410,000
3 rd	Riley (3B) 9,918,000

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points this week
1 st	5E	38,124
2 nd	3B	15,700
3 rd	4J	3,412
4 th	2P	2,232
5 th	5S	1,930
6 th	2M	1,713
7 th	4V	1,420
8 th	6H	280
9 th	3F	79
10 th	6B	0

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (5E) 35,180
2 nd	Scarlet (3B) 13,400
3 rd	Lucas (4J) 1,890
Pupil with the highest total 2023-2024	
Scarlet (3B) 366,476	