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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th December 2024



Dear parents / carers,

Open Mornings.

We had the last of our open mornings this week. All year groups have welcomed their parents into their lessons this term and the feedback we have had from parents has been really positive. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their special visitors too! This is something that we will be doing each term so if you couldn't make it this term, don't worry- there will be further opportunities.

Christmas Raffle.

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Raffle raised £636 and the Christmas Cake Sale raised £213.20. This puts us up to £1882.86 on our **Cash For Kids** page. If we can get to £2000 by 12 noon on Monday, we will be awarded a bonus £1000!

In an effort to hit our £2k target - children are able to come into school on Monday 16th December wearing their own clothes for a donation of 50p. If every child can donate, we will easily hit our target.

NOTE: Year 5 will need to come to school in their full school uniform but can wear a festive jumper as they are visiting The Oaks Residential Home.

If you would like to make an online donation, please click the link below which will take you to our **Cash For kids** page – come on Colmers Farm, we can do this!

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/cash-for-kids-schools-challenge-midlands-2024/fundraisers/colmers-farm/>



It's Santa!

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Colmers Farm with us having Christmas Dinner in our Christmas jumpers on Thursday – we even had a visit from Santa! Next week the children will have their Christmas parties on Thursday – they can wear their party clothes; however, they will still be going out to play so please make sure they are warm enough and in sensible shoes.



End of Term Celebrations.

Children will be told which house has earned the most house points this half term on Monday. The children in the winning house will be able to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 20th December.



Children who have an attendance of 96% or above this term will receive their attendance certificate next week. The dates used will be up until Wednesday 18th September (72 school days). Attendance badges will be given out in the new year as they are unfortunately delayed.

And finally...

<https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING CHRISTMAS 2024
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

- HERBISON'S**
Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.
- GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**
Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.
- SAINSBURY'S CAFES**
Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11.30am every day.
- ASDA**
Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.
- WHITBREAD INNS**
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.
- BEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult.
- TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN**
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free.
- SIZZLING PUBS**
Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.
- TOI FRIDAYS**
Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App).
- PRETO**
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms.
- ENBER INNS**
Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends).
- COCONUT TREE**
One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 25th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.
- LAS IGUANAS**
Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanans. Niños get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.
- BELLA ITALIA**
Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays.
- TABLE TABLE**
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult.
- THE DEAL GREEK**
Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.
- PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm.
- IKEA**
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am.
- HUNGRY HORSES**
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays.
- FUTURE INNS**
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Thank you as always for your continued support.

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Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 16 th December	The Oaks visit	Year 5 – full school uniform with a festive jumper
Monday 16 th December	Own clothes Day – Cash For Kids	50p Donation
Monday 16 th December	EYFS Eye Screening	
Tuesday 17 th December	Governor Award Assemblies	
Wednesday 18 th December	Nativity Performance	EYFS
Thursday 19 th December	Nativity Performance	EYFS
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 6 th January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 22 nd January	Nutritional Workshop	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 30 th January	Young Voices	
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day	Whole school
Monday 10 th February	Ancient Greece Showcase	Year 5
Monday 10 th February	CBSO and Library visit	Year 6
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 26 th February	Black Country Living Museum Trip	1K
Thursday 27 th February	Black Country Living Museum Trip	1W
Thursday 6 th March	Attwell Farm Visit	RJ
Friday 7 th March	Attwell Farm Visit	RL
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Whole school
Thursday 10 th April	Governor Award Assemblies	

Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April	Easter Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	May Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 25 th June	Beach Trip	2M
Thursday 26 th June	Beach Trip	2L
Wednesday 2 nd July	School Transition Day	Whole school
Thursday 3 rd July	School Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 9 th July	Explorer Showcase	Year 1
Friday 11 th July	School Reports Sent Out	Whole school
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers Performance	Year 6
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers Disco	Year 6
Thursday 17 th July	Governor Award Assemblies	
Monday 21 st July	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- Year 4 Gurdwara trip letter
- Christmas Party Day: Yr 1 – Yr 6 letter
- Christmas Party Day: EYFS letter
- New Meal provider letter
- First Aid process letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Keyla	RL
Margot	1K
Ryan	2M
Chae	3S
Ethan	4J
Ethan	5F
Lucas	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Gabriel	RJ	Keyla	RL	Corey	1W
Harrison	1K	Kade	2M	Reggie	2L
Ruby	3S	Enah	3P	Esmee	4J
Josh	4HN	Valentina	5E	Arnold	5F
Ryker	6B	Darcie	6G		








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	203	230	231	234

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	4431 	4120	4012	3754



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF00FF;">Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #008000;">M</h1> <h2 style="color: #008000;">Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h2 style="color: #0000FF;">Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FFA500;">R</h1> <h2 style="color: #FFA500;">Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF0000;">Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; color: green; text-align: center;"> Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online! </div>	<h2 style="color: #0000FF;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p>@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

For this week we would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

Ava-Grace	3P	8
Rayne	2L	7
Sawyer	2L	7
James	4HN	9
Sara	6B	11
Skye	4J	9



ORACY Questions to ask your child.

To further develop ORACY skills for children here at Colmers Farm, we would encourage all parents to ask their child the below question to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning about in school.

Reception: **What happened to stickman?**

Year 1: **What happens to the day length during Winter?**

Year 2: **Is 3x2 the same as 2x3? Explain how you know.**

Year 3: **How are shadows formed?**

Year 4: **How are mountains formed and what is the largest mountain in the world?**

Year 5: **Would you rather live in Ancient Athens or Ancient Sparta? Why?**

Year 6: **How were the finches adapted on the Galapagos Islands?**

**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 **93.1%** - 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.

This year we will continue to challenge the children to see whether their class's attendance can

'BEAT LAST WEEK!' ★

Class	% present	
	Last Week	This Week
RJ	86.4%	87.9% ★★
RL	84.8%	94.1% ★★
1K	93.7%	91.7%
1W	95.2%	96.2%
2L	91.7%	86.1%
2M	92.1%	91.0%
3P	95.7%	92.0%
3S	90.4%	85.4%
4HN	95.2%	97.4% ★
4J	98.7%	95.3%
5E	95.7%	94.6%
5F	91.5%	95.9% ★
6B	93.4%	92.4%
6G	94.6%	88.1%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 96.2%

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



4HN – 97.4%



SAGE Award for KS2



Here are a few ideas as to how you can contribute towards your SAGE Award over the weekend.

Please email any evidence (photographs) to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Serving the community

Regularly supporting a younger sibling listening to them read. Can you read with your sibling every day for a week?

Aiming for Higher Things

Can you create a detailed poster outlining all the Rights Respecting Articles you know?

Getting Active

Play a sport outside with your sibling. If you do not have a sibling, try and get an adult to join in. You could create your own obstacle course. Be imaginative!

Explore the Arts

Create your own Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh



Weekly Assembly

Ask your child to tell you about the story behind the pictures we looked at in assembly this week and how it relates to British Values, Rights Respecting articles and No Outsiders.

Ks1 and Ks2



Felix Klieser is a German professional hornist. He plays in orchestras all over the world and is touring with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Felix plays the French horn in a different way.



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



Rights Respecting Article

At Colmers Farm we promote children's rights in all areas of our curriculum. We want to ensure that ALL children understand their rights so that they are healthy, happy and safe.

Look at the article below and talk about what the article means.



Article 11



You have the right not to be taken out of the country.





AcceleratedTM
Reader

	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	6G	248,157
2 nd	6B	166,424
3 rd	5F	67,430

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (6G) 142, 243
2 nd	Evelyn (6B) 107,041
3 rd	Michael (6G) 42,084
Highest one week score this year	
Timothy (6G) 1,216,813	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	2M	17,671,885
2 nd	4HN	14,681,264
3 rd	5E	10,750,426
4 th	6G	10,243,800
5 th	6B	7,418,094
6 th	2L	1,505,102
7 th	1W	1,380,206
8 th	3S	1,148,115
9 th	5F	626,754
10 th	4J	414,482
11 th	1K	381,824
12 th	3P	9,000

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Esshac (2M) 17,323,107
2 nd	Valentina (5E) 10,570,280
3 rd	Theo (4HN) 8,353,496
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	



	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	4J	6,906
2 nd	6B	5,536
3 rd	6G	2,620
4 th	5F	2,097

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 4,280
2 nd	Bogdan (4J) 2,733
3 rd	Oscar (4J) 1,876
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 97,410	

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:



Mrs Young
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Care
Deputy DSL



Mrs Smith
SENCO
Deputy DSL



Mr Williams
Headteacher
Deputy DSL

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](#).