



Colmers Farm Primary School

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been fantastic to have a full school this week, with our new Reception children in school and ready to learn. All children have settled well and are clearly showing our 3 school rules of

**READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.**

### **KS2 School Parliament.**

This week the children in Years 3 to 6 democratically voted for their school Parliament members. Congratulations to those children who have been elected – Mr Williams and I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas. The School Parliamentarians have a very exciting start to their role and will be travelling to London on Thursday next week where they will visit the Houses of Parliament and 10 Downing Street.

### **KS1 School Council.**

Children in KS1 have voted for their class School Councillors and Vice-Councillors this week too. The KS1 School Councillors will work with Mrs Rayment and the KS2 School Parliament to make sure their voices and ideas are heard too.

### **After School Clubs.**

Letters will soon start to come home with information of after school clubs that children will be able to attend. At Colmers Farm, we take pride in our wide range of clubs, which this year also includes Young Voices Club which is open to children in Years 3 to 6. The children will work hard and practice ready to perform at Resorts World Arena, as part of the world's largest children's choir, in early 2025.



### **Arrival at school safely.**

As always, we are grateful to Morrisons for allowing parents and carers to park in their carpark at the start and the end of the school day. It is essential that the disabled parking bays are only used by parents / carers who are displaying a blue badge, and not just for convenience. Understandably, those with a blue badge require those parking bays to always be available. Concerns have also been raised regarding children being driven to school not in appropriate car seats or wearing seatbelts. Please see the guidance below with regards to this safeguarding matter.

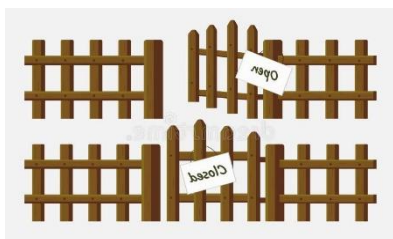
UK CHILD CAR SEAT LAW - HEIGHT			
Baby	Baby and toddler	Toddler and child	Child
			
Newborn to 85cm (From 0 to 15-18 months old)	Newborn to 105cm (0 to 4 years old)	61cm to 105cm (15 months to 4 years old)	100cm to 135cm (4 to 12 years old)
AVIS <a href="http://www.avis.co.uk">www.avis.co.uk</a>			



### **Attendance and punctuality.**

Attendance remains a high priority for Colmers Farm Primary School pupils. The first week back has seen a whole school attendance of 94% which is a good start, although we aim to have 96% attendance and will continue to push to achieve this. Holidays in term time have a huge impact on pupils' attainment and friendships as well as on whole school attendance and should not be booked.

The gates to the playground are closed promptly at 8:45am. After this time children will have to enter school through the main school office and must be signed in electronically by the adult who has brought them to school. Although we understand that sometimes lateness cannot be avoided, children should not regularly be arriving late to school as they will then miss the start of their learning for the day.



### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

There's still plenty of time for parents to help us in securing a £1500 grant towards our OPAL sandpit. If you shop at Tesco Rubery at any point and ask for a blue token you can then vote for us by posting your token into our OPAL Sandpit slot in the Tesco Stronger Starts box which is located by the exit doors of the store.



Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Young**  
**Head of School**

#### **What's new on the website...**

- Young Voices letter
- Year 3 and Year 5 First Aid course letter
- Year 1 and Year 2 French Club letter
- PE Days

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming – 4J only	Every Friday for 7 weeks
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	First Aid Training	Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Houses of Parliament Trip	School Parliament members
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Speak out, Stay safe assembly	Whole school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Open Day & Evening	9:30am – 10.30am 5pm – 6pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Big Arts Week	Whole School
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair	3:15pm – 4pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening	Whole School
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening	Whole School
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Residential Trip	Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week	Whole school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali Assembly	Year 3
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Safety Seymour & CO2 Workshops	Year 2 & Year 5
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Roman Britain Showcase	Year 4
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos	Whole school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Family Photo's	3:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Travel & Transport showcase	Year 2
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Governor Award Assemblies	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance	EYFS
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance	EYFS
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day	Whole school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Ancient Greece Showcase	Year 5
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Whole school
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Governor Award Assemblies	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Transition Day	Whole school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	School Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Explores Showcase	Year 1
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports Sent Out	Whole school
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Performance	Year 6
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Disco	Year 6
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Governor Award Assemblies	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Kanisha	1K
Elijah	2L
Rosie	3S
Tori – Lei	4HN
Kyla-May	5F
Wanny	6B



# This week's congratulations assembly recipients...

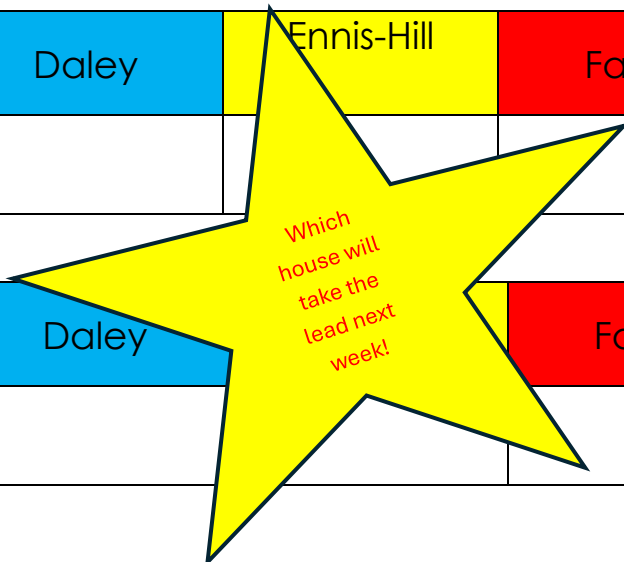








Logan	1W	Hayley	1K
Zacharias	2M	Julia-Anna	2L
Abeerah	3S	Charlie	3P
Mason	4J	Gracie-Mae	4HN
Nevaeh	5E	Emily	5F
Rainy	6B	Lilah	6G



## House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week				
This term's total				

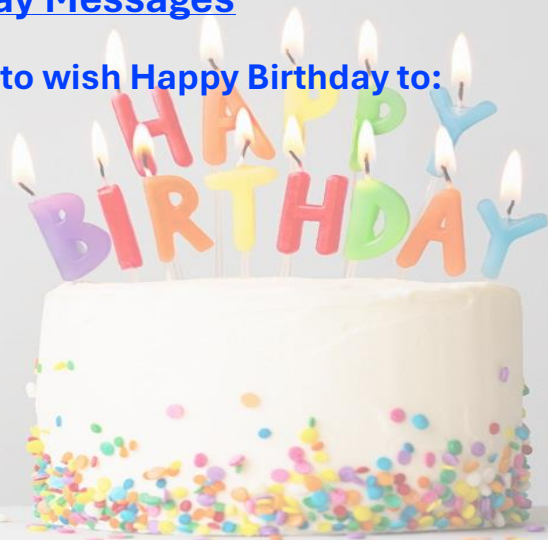


<p><b>S</b></p> <p><b>Stay Safe</b></p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<p><b>M</b></p> <p><b>Don't Meet Up</b></p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<p><b>A</b></p> <p><b>Accepting Files</b></p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<p><b>R</b></p> <p><b>Reliable?</b></p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<p><b>T</b></p> <p><b>Tell Someone</b></p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> 	<p><b>Please follow us on Twitter!</b></p> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p><b>@Colmers_FarmPS</b></p> 
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## Happy Birthday Messages

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

Isabelle	6B	11
Kian	3S	8
Margot	1K	6
Scarlet	6G	11
Sara	4HN	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 in order to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning about in school.

**Reception:** What was your favourite activity this week?

**Year 1:** What is a noun/ What is a verb?

**Year 2:** What does it mean to travel?

**Year 3:** What does 'No Outsiders' mean and why is it important at Colmers Farm?

**Year 4:** How do you think the Celts would have felt when meeting the Roman soldiers?

**Year 5:** What countries in the Mediterranean can you name?

**Year 6:** What is a complex sentence?



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	147,870
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5F	19,618
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4J	8,190
4 <sup>th</sup>	5E	4,946
5 <sup>th</sup>	4HN	3,878
6 <sup>th</sup>	6B	689
7 <sup>th</sup>	3S	0
8 <sup>th</sup>	3P	0

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G	18,714,030
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4J	16,722,738
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5F	5,694,966
4 <sup>th</sup>	6B	4,772,020
5 <sup>th</sup>	4HN	694,908
6 <sup>th</sup>	3S	388,934
7 <sup>th</sup>	2L	236,140
8 <sup>th</sup>	3P	206,656
9 <sup>th</sup>	2M	154,504
10 <sup>th</sup>	1K	128,171
11 <sup>th</sup>	5E	33,520
12 <sup>th</sup>	1W	32,660

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	3P	16,005
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3S	15,470
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6B	12,089
4 <sup>th</sup>	6G	10,284

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Timothy 98,823
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mariam 18,221
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kaydi-Anne 4,370
Highest score this year	
Timothy 98,823	

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Godpower - 4J - 16,275,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Moonshine - 6G - 6,510,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Euan - 6G - 4,991,272
Highest score this year	
Godpower - 4J - 16,275,000	

Last week's top scorers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lucas (6B) 10,490
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scarlet (4J) 4,730
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wissam (3S) 2,589
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 10,490	

# 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](mailto: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 letters 'NSPCC' in white on a green square background.

**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](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).