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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear parents / carers,

The results are in... Cash for Kids schools' challenge!



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Colmers Farm came third in the Cash for Kids Schools' Challenge, raising a huge £2451.32! For coming third, we will also receive a bonus £2000 and we also won an additional award for being the most creative with our fundraising which brought in a further £500.



Our grand total was £4951.32! Thank you to everyone in our school community who helped us achieve this – watch out for improvements in the outdoor area coming soon!

Lunchtimes.

We have become increasingly aware of parents who are coming to collect or drop nursery children off at lunchtime shouting through the gate to get their child's attention. Please can we ask parents to refrain from doing this as it can cause upset for children and distract children when they are running around and playing – potentially causing an accident. Thank you for your co-operation in this area.

Studybugs

In case you don't know already, Colmers Farm uses an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

We are asking all parents to download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us if your child's ill and unable to attend school. Here's the link:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



Supporting your Child's Mental Health

We all know that children's mental health is important. Please visit this NHS website (by clicking the link below) for some great tips and advice about how you can support your children with this.
<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

Ways to support a child or young person



Be there to listen

Regularly ask your child how they're doing, to help them get used to talking about their feelings, and know there's always someone there to listen. You can get tips on [Young Minds: How to talk to your child about mental health](#).



Support them through difficulties

Pay attention to how your child is feeling or behaving and try to help them work through difficulties. It may not be easy facing challenging behaviour, but try to help them understand what they're feeling and why. Learn more from [the Maudsley Charity on difficult behaviour](#).



Stay involved in their life

Show interest in their life and what's important to them. It not only helps them value who they are but also makes it easier for you to spot problems and support them.



Encourage their interests

Support and encourage your child to explore their interests. Being active or creative, learning new things and being a part of a team helps connect us and boost our mental wellbeing.



Take what they say seriously

Listening to and valuing what they say makes them feel valued. Consider how to help them work through their emotions in constructive ways. [Anna Freud Centre's guide on ways to support children and young people](#) has more on this.



Build positive routines

Try to have structure around regular routines, especially around healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also important, so have a fixed time for going to bed and getting up. The [Sleep Charity has relaxation sleep tips for children](#).

Topping up accounts on Arbor

Don't forget to top up your child's meal account each week so that they can continue to enjoy the wonderful new menu here at Colmers Farm.

If your child attends breakfast club and/or after school club, you must book your places in advance. Any child who is not booked in will be unable to attend these additional wraparound clubs.

If your child has a school trip coming up, please could you log into Arbor and make a payment under the trips section – without parent contributions we aren't able to organise these wonderful experience for the children and run the risk of having to cancel them which is very upsetting and disappointing for the children.

And finally....

We thought you might like to see some of the fabulous new meal options the children have been enjoying. We are so proud of the children for also trying so many new food options.



Thank you as always for your continued support.

E. Young

Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 22nd 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
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day	
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 6 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

- PE: Grip socks for gymnastics letter
- Year 6 Spring Newsletter
- Safer Internet Day letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Ralph	RL
Lowki	1K
Harper	2L
Hazel	3P
Carter	4HN
Tyler	5F
Kayleigh	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Noah	RJ	Camarah	RL	Meghan	1W
Willow	1K	Jayden	2M	Ivy	2L
Logan	3P	Lincoln	3S	Emmett	4J
Lily	4HN	Ellis	5E	Sophie-Mae	5F
Zahara	6B	Euan	6G		







HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	237	267	260	214

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	509	552	574	497

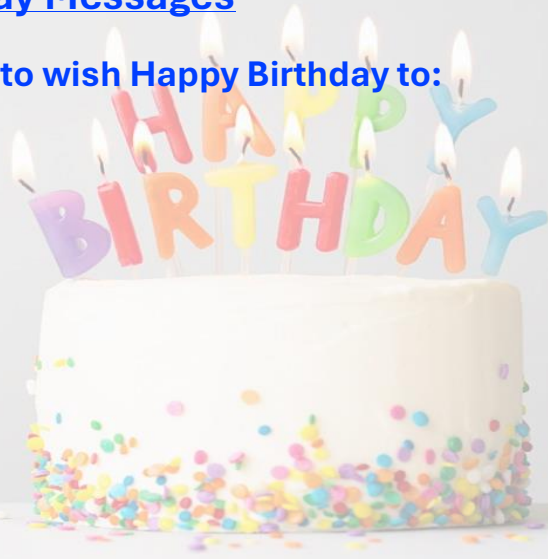


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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Owen	4J	9
Valentina	5E	10
Aisha	4J	9
Josh	4HN	9
Ayaan	RJ	5
Kelsey	2L	7
Isaiah	5F	10
Rosie	3S	8



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: How do the Three Bears make porridge?

Year 1: What is a postcard?

Year 2: What communities do you belong to?

Year 3: What can you tell me about rocks?

Year 4: What is the tallest mountain in the UK? What country can it be found in?

Year 5: Who did the Ancient Greeks worship?

Year 6: How do you divide a fraction by a whole number?



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

Please see the following for more information: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



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

'BEAT LAST WEEK!' ★

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

Our current school attendance to date is 92.5% - let's get this up to 96%!

Class	% present	
	Last week	This week
RJ	92.9%	94.6% ★
RL	97.0%	91.7%
1K	92.1%	97.0% ★
1W	90.9%	93.4% ★
2L	94.0%	93.0%
2M	97.9%	96.3%
3P	90.8%	90.0%
3S	86.6%	87.9% ★
4HN	96.0%	95.8%
4J	93.8%	89.7%
5E	92.4%	91.8%
5F	96.3%	97.0% ★
6B	92.4%	96.0% ★
6G	91.3%	89.6%



CLASS AWARDS:

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



1K - 97%

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



5F - 97%

SAGE Award for KS2



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This week we have opened our digging area as part of OPAL. The children are allowed to wear waterproof clothing and wellies and dig, dig, dig!

This is a great opportunity for the children to learn new skills, get a little bit messy, relieve any stress or worries and enjoy the outdoors.



Your child/ children may come home a little bit dirty! They are only allowed to dig if they are wearing the waterproofs.

Please remember that your child/children have had fun and have learnt new skills along the way!

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.

Years 1-3



A pale penguin with yellow feathers has been spotted among the hundreds of thousands of black and white King penguins on the beach at South Georgia.

Scientists have been debating how the penguin looks so different.

Years 4-6

This photo was taken on a platform at a London over-ground train station.

At the end of last year, London train maps had 6 new names added. Train lines have been renamed or rebranded.



**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.

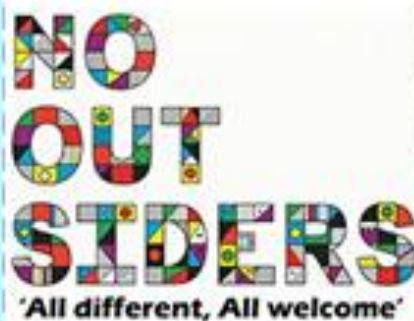


Article 14



You have

the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right or wrong, and what is best for you.



	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	6G	139,251
2 nd	4J	79,500
3 rd	6G	64,015

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3S	42,707,789
2 nd	4J	35,003,884
3 rd	6G	25,382,211
4 th	3P	17,473,720

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	4J	12,857
2 nd	5F	11,226
3 rd	6B	7,360
4 th	6G	5,828

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (6G) 51,938
2 nd	Isabella A (6G) 44,073
3 rd	Oliver (5F) 37,372
Highest one week score this year	
Skye (4J) 55,139	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Skye (4J) 34,205,218
2 nd	Hudson (3S) 20,508,660
3 rd	Kian (3S) 17,570,506
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 6,160
2 nd	Bogdan (4J) 5,000
3 rd	Wayne Wai In (4J) 4,100
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 110,350	



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](#).