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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear parents / carers,

Merry Christmas!

As we reach the end of the first term, we want to thank parents and children for all their hard work and support. We managed to raise a total of £2426.22 on our **Cash For Kids** page, which guarantees us a bonus £1000! We will find out in January if we were the top 3 schools and if we get any additional money too! With this money raised we will be able to have our very own beach installed at Colmers Farm – hopefully in time for the summer term! A huge thank you to Mrs Buchanan, our Office Manager, for organising all of this.

End of Term Celebrations.

Children enjoyed their class parties on Thursday afternoon, and all looked fabulous in their party clothes!

Children in Hawkesley House (Red) won the house point challenge this half term and came to school in their own clothes today. This is the second time they have won – come on Frankley, Cofton and Tessall... they can't win again next term!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 96%. This term we have only achieved 92.4%

Class	Attendance
RJ	91.0%
RL	93.3%
1K	91.0%
1W	93.2%
2L	90.3%
2M	93.2%
3P	93.0%
3S	87.8%
4HN	95.8%
4J	94.9%
5E	93.6%
5F	94.7%
6B	89.7%
6G	88.0%

This needs to improve – and quickly! Children need to come to school to ensure they have the best learning opportunities possible as well as the opportunity to make friends.

How has your child's class done this term?

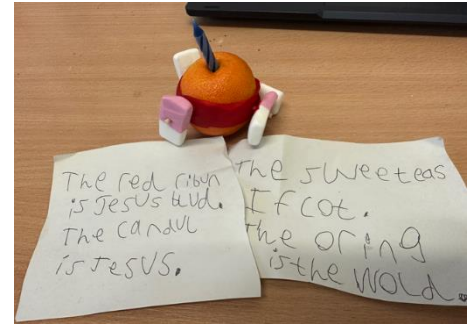
Well done to RL who just managed to win the Colmers Cat prize for this term with 93.3%!

Well done to 4HN who have an almost target attendance of 95.8%

Christmas Traditions

We have been teaching the children about many different Christmas traditions across lots of cultures.

Natasha, 1K, made a fantastic Christingle at home after learning about Christian advent traditions. It looks amazing! Well done Natasha.



And finally...

We hope that you all have a safe and restful two weeks away from school, enjoying time with those close to you.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2025!**

Thank you as always for your continued support.

E. Young.

Mrs Young
Head of School



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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
Tuesday 7 th January	School re-opens 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

- 5F Christmas Film letter
- Year 6 Head Pupil letter
- Science Club letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Luna	RJ
Conor	1K
Freya	2M
Jack	3P
Umar	4J
Kealan	5F
Ma'Laysia	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Albie	RJ	Haizar	RL	Micaiah	1W
Hollie	1K	Esshac	2M	Harper	2L
Sophia	3S	Louis	3P	Brooklyn	4J
Myah	4HN	Kayla	5E	Sean	5F
Lucas	6B	Amelia	6G		



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	270	313	325	300

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	4701 	4433	4337	4054



S **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

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Elsie	RJ	5	Nadine	3S	8	Hope	5F	10
Demi-Lea	5E	10	Isabella	6G	11	Kerry-Lyn	1W	6
Ava-Leigh	2L	7	Hollie	5E	10	Tori	2M	7
Louise	4HN	9	Blake	1K	6	Ava	1W	6
Efah	1W	6	Elijah	3S	8	Aayden	RL	5
Millie	6B	11	Robyn	5E	10	Jaxson	RJ	5
Jacob	1W	6	Richard	3S	8	Elsie	2M	7
Felicity	2M	7	Max	6G	11	Theo	1W	6

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 is your favourite song from our show? Why?

Year 1: What is the nativity story?

Year 2: How can we help somebody to feel confident?

Year 3: What has been your favourite moment of 2024? Why?

Year 4: What do you know about the mountains in the UK? Can you name any?

Year 5: What were the Persian wars?

Year 6: What are the features of a letter?



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

Bake a cake for someone/ people within the community that have to work over Christmas! A small gesture goes a long way!

Aiming for Higher Things

Access Mathematics EVERY DAY over Christmas! How many points can you score in total?



Getting Active



Create your own fitness video over Christmas! We need to burn off all the Christmas treats off!

Explore the Arts

Bring the new year in with a BANG by creating a fireworks piece of artwork.

Make 2025 one to remember!



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 1-4



A Christmas No Outsiders story

Years 5 and 6



Challenging Racism



**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 12



You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it





	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	6G	258,135
2 nd	5E	115,304
3 rd	6B	62,409

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Lorelei (5E) 96,288
2 nd	Euan (6G) 70,116
3 rd	Michael (6G) 65,935
Highest one week score this year	
Timothy (6G) 1,276,163	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	38,473,414
2 nd	4HN	17,785,330
3 rd	4J	9,818,178
4 th	5E	8,832,694
5 th	5F	4,727,506
6 th	6B	3,998,740
7 th	1K	3,751,712
8 th	2L	1,490,380
9 th	2M	1,047,662
10 th	1W	699,417

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Alfie (6G) 16,817,632
2 nd	Valentina (5E) 10,351,928
3 rd	Godpower (4J) 9,450,000
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	



	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	6G	17,094
2 nd	6B	4,780
3 rd	5F	3,431
4 th	4HN	2,944

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 4,210
2 nd	Euan (6B) 2,490
3 rd	Louie (6B) 1,623
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6G) 10,1620	



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](#).