



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a cold and snowy week this week! We were pleased to be able to keep the school open, despite the wintery weather. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Year 5 initial visit to The Oaks care home this week for safety reasons, we will try and rearrange it ASAP.

Thank you to the parents / carers of pupils in Years 1 and 2 who came into school this week for their Phonics Workshop (Y1) and Travel and Transport Showcase (Y2).

B30 Foodbank

Chris from B30 Foodbank telephoned after collecting the fabulous donations last week. Colmers Farm Primary School collected 182.6 kgs which is fantastic! They were so impressed with the continued generosity of our parents/carers and children and wanted me to pass on their thanks.



Cash For Kids

We have been selected as one of only 10 schools to take part in the Cash For Kids School Challenge to help fundraise for our school. We will get to keep every penny we raise but the top 3 fundraising schools will receive extra rewards from the Cash For Kids Charity including a whopping £5000!

We will be doing a variety of fundraising events in school to help us reach our target and hopefully receive one of these extra rewards including a Christmas Bake Sale along with a Christmas Raffle.

We would be very grateful if parents / carers were also able to donate and share our page with their friends and family.

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



Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December, 2024.

A reminder that we are collecting any unwanted Christmas tops/jumpers you may have at home. These can be dropped into school anytime and on Monday 2nd December parents can come into school and select one of these donated jumpers for their child to wear on Christmas Jumper Day. We currently don't have any donations, please check if you have any at home over the weekend.



Rags 2 Riches

As a school we are committed to reducing waste and helping the environment as much as possible. We have organised for Rags 2 Riches to come into school on Monday 9th December to collect donated clothes/shoes/accessories or jewellery.

To do this, we are asking parents/carers to use the bag sent home this week with your child to donate any unwanted clothes/shoes/accessories or jewellery you may have at home. With Christmas fast approaching this could be the ideal time to have a clear out.

Bags can be dropped off to the main reception office from Monday 25th November up until Friday 6th December as the collection will be first thing on Monday 9th December.

As a school we will receive 50p per kg of donated items collected by Rags 2 Riches and the money raised will go directly back into funding for provisions and items for the children.

If you would like more information about what happens to the items once they have been collected, please visit the Rags 2 Riches website:

<http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk>



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 25 th November	Year 2 Open Morning	8:55am – 10am
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 3 Open Morning	8:55am – 11:15am
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 4 Open Morning	8:55am – 11:15am
Wednesday 27 th November	Professor McGinty Workshop	Year 6
Wednesday 27 th November	SATs Meeting	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Thursday 5 th December	Panto	Year 1, 2 and 3
Monday 9 th December	Year 6 Open Morning	8:50am – 12pm
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

- Rags 2 Riches letter
- SATs Meeting letter
- Year 4 Open Morning letter
- Year 3 Open Morning letter
- Year 1 Open Morning letter
- Cash For Kids letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Narin	RJ
Marcello	1K
Noah	2M
Ruby	3P
Louise	4HN
Paige	5F
Mariam	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Hunter	RJ	Lilah	RL	Ada	1W
Kenisha	1K	Teddy	2M	Ramaya	2L
Kian	3S	Ava-Grace	3P	Bogdan	4J
Poppy	4HN	Alex	5E	Tiegan	5F
Isabelle	6B	Ma'Laysia	6B		








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	415	458	421	442

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	3443 	3100	3083	2924

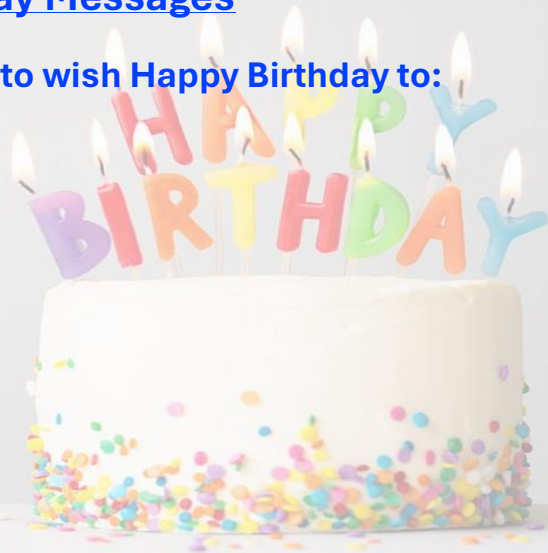


<h1 style="color: #FF69B4;">S</h1> <h2>Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #008000;">M</h1> <h2>Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h2>Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FF8C00;">R</h1> <h2>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>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; display: inline-block;"> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> </div>	<p>Please follow us on Twitter!</p> <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:

Kryo-Rain	5E	10
Jaylen	3S	8
Harley	5F	10
Kaicee	6B	11
Mason	4J	9
Noah	RJ	5



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 were the Owl Babies feeling?**
- Year 1:** **How many countries are in the United Kingdom?**
- Year 2:** **What are the seven life processes?**
- Year 3:** **Can you greet your family in French?**
- Year 4:** **What is the most interesting thing you've learnt about Roman Britain?**
- Year 5:** **Can you tell me what an expanded noun phrase is and give an example?**
- Year 6:** **What is an inherited characteristic**

**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%!

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!' ★

Can you beat this % next week?

Class	% present	
	Last Week	This Week
RJ	89.3%	83.7%
RL	92.4%	86.9%
1K	93.3%	81.0%
1W	92.8%	90.0%
2L	92.8%	80.0%
2M	96.0%	87.3%
3P	90.6%	88.7%
3S	88.2%	83.4%
4HN	93.2%	93.2% ★
4J	94.0%	92.7%
5E	94.8%	88.1%
5F	95.9%	92.2%
6B	95.5%	93.5%
6G	93.5%	87.5%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 90%

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



4HN – 93.2%



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 and deliver it to a local hospital, police station or to the nearest fire station.

Aiming for Higher Things

It is Geography awareness week. Have you completed your poster or leaflet?

Getting Active

Do you have a dog at home? Have you taken your dog for a walk this week? Even if you do not have a dog, fresh air and a long walk is good for you!

Explore the Arts

Create a pointillism Christmas card and deliver it to someone special!

Remember to take photographs and send them in.



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.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2



Design activists Brian Glenney, Sara Hendren and Tim Ferguson Sauder were unimpressed by how passive the wheelchair user looked in most symbols for wheelchair accessibility. Instead, they created their own icon and stickered accessibility signs across Boston, USA as an act of protest. They released their symbol free of charge and it is now used throughout the world.



**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 8



*You have the right to an identity-
an official record of who you are. No
one should take this away from you.*



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

unicef 
UNITED KINGDOM

SILVER – RIGHTS AWARE

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Multi Academy Trust



	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	6G	289,879
2 nd	6B	232,375
3 rd	5F	106,968

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	53,123,884
2 nd	6G	26,941,284
3 rd	3P	10,669,728
4 th	1K	4,858,822
5 th	4J	4,788,998
6 th	5F	3,817,310
7 th	2L	3,738,400
8 th	2M	2,007,088
9 th	4HN	1,872,654
10 th	1W	1,002,668
11 th	3S	922,359
12 th	5E	199,994

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	6G	7,149
2 nd	4J	5,191
3 rd	6B	4,200
4 th	4HN	2,651

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (6G) 109,473
2 nd	Evelyn (6B) 77,489
3 rd	Lucas (6B) 49,852
Highest score this year	
Timothy (6G) 938,550	

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 3,180
2 nd	Bogdan (4J) 3,180
3 rd	Lilly (4HN) 1,290
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 81,350	



Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryker (6B) 20,136,000
2 nd	Tahmid (6B) 9,772,272
3 rd	Alfie (6G) 9,019,272
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	



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](#).