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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear parents / carers,

The votes are in!



This morning five of our Year 6 pupils stood up in assembly to explain to the children why they should be voted as one of our Head Pupils. At Colmers Farm Primary School each year, 2 Head Pupils are elected by the other children in school. Tiegan, Niamh, Timothy, Hayden and Gabriel were shortlisted by Mrs Greep and I and they will find out next week in assembly who has been successful. All the children were outstanding and regardless of the outcome should be very proud of themselves- well done!

Lost Property

Despite school's best efforts, sometimes children's belongings go missing. Sometimes these can be innocently taken by a child and end up at home with your regular washing or on a coat hook or in a drawer / bag. Please can you check that all items that you have at home belong to your child, and if you happen to find anything that has mistakenly made its way home, please may it be brought back to school ASAP. We are still looking for a black Next coat with a fluffy hood, a Lakers bobble hat and 1 Nike trainer (right foot size 2), see pictures below of similar items.



School Attendance Procedures – Birmingham City Council

All schools in Birmingham must follow the procedures laid out by the city council. This procedure includes writing to parents when children hit certain triggers. We understand that these letters can cause upset when children have been genuinely ill, however they

must go out. We appreciate your understanding. The Government has brought in changes due to concerns about the decline in attendance linking to a deteriorating attainment and progress levels for children over the last few years. There is more information for parents here:

[National changes to education penalty notices - September 2024 | School attendance, advice for parents | Birmingham City Council](#)

Well done

Meadow in Year 2 plays for Kings Norton Rhinos U7's as the only girl in a team of 15 boys.

On Sunday 19th January, Meadow was awarded "man of the match" in an away game against Harbury RFC, a fantastic achievement that we're all very proud of. Well done Meadow!



Parents Lottery

We sent out a leaflet yesterday via email about the Parents Lottery which we as a school have now signed up to. Purchase a ticket online in just a few steps and you will be automatically entered into the draw. Every ticket sold helps us provide the enriching education experiences our children deserve.

There will be various prizes up for grabs each week including the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot. 60% of each ticket you purchase goes to us as a school to help with our ongoing fundraising.



[ColmersFarm Primary School](#)

Thank you as always for your continued support.

E Young.

Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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	
Tuesday 11 th February	Ancient Greece Showcase	Year 5
Wednesday 12 th February	Mosque Visit	5F
Thursday 13 th February	Mosque Visit	5E
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Mon 17 th February - Fri 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
Monday 10 th March	Parents Maths Workshop	Year 2
Monday 17 th March	Open Morning	Year 6
Tuesday 18 th March	West Midlands Fire visiting	Year 4
Wednesday 19 th March	Poetry Workshop with Spoz	Year 4 and 5
Monday 24 th March	Open Morning	Year 1
Tuesday 25 th March	Open Morning	Year 5
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Maths Workshop	Year 1

Wednesday 2 nd April	Open Morning	EYFS
Thursday 3 rd April	Pee, Poop and Paper Assembly	Whole School
Monday 7 th April	Open Morning	Year 2
Tuesday 8 th April	Open Morning	Year 3
Thursday 10 th April	Governor Award Assemblies	
Monday 12 th May	International Women in Maths Day	
Mon 14 th April – Fri 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 18 th June	Sports Day	Whole School
Monday 23 rd June	Selly Manor Trip	Year 5
Wednesday 25 th June	Animal Man	EYFS
Wednesday 25 th June	Beach Trip	2M
Thursday 26 th June	Beach Trip	2L
Mon 30 th June – Thur 3 rd July	Book Fair	
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

- After School Club late collection letter
- Year 5 Mosque visit letter
- Studybugs Amazon voucher letter
- Year 5 Ancient Greece showcase letter
- Year 5 Selly Manor visit letter
- Parents Lottery letter

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Romie	RJ
Jayden	1K
Finley	2L
Ryan	3P
Nonso	4HN
Kyla-May	5E
Gibbah	6B



This week's congratulations
assembly recipients...

**There was no celebration assembly
this week due to the Head Pupil
election assembly.**








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	318	339	325	254

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	827	891	899	751

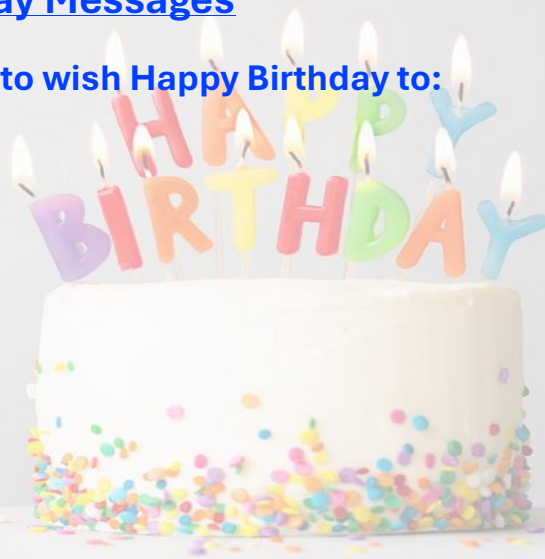


<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF00FF;">Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #008000;">M</h1> <h2 style="color: #008000;">Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online 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 black; 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:

Charlie	RL	5
Lucas	6B	11
Olivia	3P	8
Szymon	4HN	9
Theo	1W	6
Olivia	2M	7



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 did we make gingerbread men?**

Year 1: **What is a carnivore, herbivore and omnivore?**

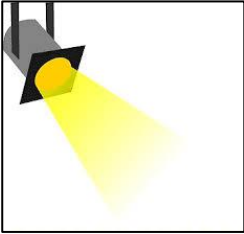
Year 2: **How can we look after our local environment?**

Year 3: **Can you remember how to greet people in French?**

Year 4: **What do you know about solids, liquids and gases?**

Year 5: **Why were Socrates, Plato and Aristotle famous Ancient Greeks?**

Year 6: **How do we form the passive voice?**



SPOTLIGHT ON TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

With the weather outside so gloomy, we may find our thoughts turning to sunshine and holidays. Please read the important information below with regards to term time holidays.

Parents/carers can be sent a Penalty Notice for taking their children out of school in term time for the purpose of a holiday. All families who take an unauthorised absence of five days or more will receive a Penalty Notice unless the circumstances are considered to be exceptional.

- Payment is payable up to £160 per child, per parent, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- From August 2024, only two fines can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three year rolling period.
 - Any second notice will automatically be charge at £160.
- Any Further Offences (within a three-year rolling period) will be referred straight to the Magistrate Court. This could lead to fines up to £2,500 and/or 12 weeks imprisonment.

Class	% present	
	Last week	This week
RJ	94.6%	94.3%
RL	91.7%	97.2% ★
1K	97.0%	96.0%
1W	93.4%	91.6%
2L	93.0%	94.4% ★
2M	96.3%	96.3% ★
3P	90.0%	93.3% ★
3S	87.9%	92.5% ★
4HN	95.8%	99.0% ★
4J	89.7%	93.3% ★
5E	91.8%	92.5% ★
5F	97.0%	92.0%
6B	96.0%	98.9% ★
6G	89.6%	82.3%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 97.2%

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



4HN – 99%

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.

Whole School



Shahida is team captain of a Muslim girls football team in Peterborough. Last month the team won a national football championship and during an interview, Shahida talked about how it felt to be captain of a team where often the players are the only ones wearing a hijab.



**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 15



You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups as long as it isn't harmful to others.



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	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	6G	185,034
2 nd	4J	183,245
3 rd	5F	165,901

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	178,602,981
2 nd	3S	144,322,589
3 rd	4J	77,672,094
4 th	5F	26,040,440

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	4J	14,166
2 nd	6B	7,960
3 rd	6G	7,827
4 th	3S	4,314

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Michael (6G) 87,413
2 nd	Timothy (6G) 46,863
3 rd	Paige (5F) 39,641
Highest one week score this year	
Michael (6G) 87,413	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Moonshine (6G) 124,205,984
2 nd	Skye (4J) 77,098,622
3 rd	Kian (3S) 61,675,560
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Wayne Wai In (4J) 8,764
2 nd	Lucas (6B) 6,390
3 rd	Bogdan (4J) 4,180
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 116,740	



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](#).