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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Introducing... Studybugs



You will have received a letter this week regarding 'Studybugs', a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness. Online reporting of absence will stop parents

needing to call through to the school office, which sometimes can take a while due to busy phonedlines. It will also ensure Arbor accurately reflects reasons for illness. Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)



Visiting Pantomime.



On Thursday 'Chaplains Pantomime Company' came into school and performed to all pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3. The children laughed throughout the performance, and it really got us all in the mood for Christmas.

Christmas is coming!

Key dates next week:



9th December – drop off any Rags 2 Riches donations before 10am

11th December – Cake donations to be brought into school

12th December

- ✓ Christmas Jumper Day
- ✓ Christmas Dinner
- ✓ Cake Sale – lower hall after school



After School club

This is to remind parents about our After School Club which runs from 3:30pm until 5:30pm and cost £5 per child per session. All places MUST be booked as we have a limited number of places. If your child is not booked in we may need to contact you to collect your child if the club is at full capacity.

The After School club is a great opportunity for the children to be creative and explore lots of different activities as you can see from James (4HN) fantastic volcano he created – Well done James!



And finally...

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

<p>Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7 Nhs.uk/mental-health</p>	<p>Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7 Papyrus-uk.org</p>	<p>Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours Samaritans.org</p>
<p>Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234 Mind.org.uk</p>	<p>Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19 Giveushout.org</p>	<p>Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858 Thecalzone.net</p>

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

Christmas can be a tough time of the year for lots of people, please reach out for support if you need it. If you find yourself in need of a Foodbank voucher this festive season, please contact Mrs Taylor or Mrs Young in confidence.



Thank you as always for your continued support.

E. Young

Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 9 th December	Rags 2 Riches final day to donate	
Monday 9 th December	Year 6 Open Morning	8:50am – 12pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Cake donations drop off	
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 12 th December	School Christmas Dinner	
Thursday 12 th December	Cake Sale	3:30 – 4:30pm
Monday 16 th December	The Oaks visit	Year 5
Monday 16 th December	EYFS Eye Screening	
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

- EYFS Nativity Performance letter
- EYFS Christmas PJ Day letter
- Studybugs launch letter
- Stranger Danger letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Freddie	1W
Elijah	2L
Frankee	3P
Evelyn	4HN
Sean	5F
Lilah	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Narin	RJ	Harper	RL	Khadija	1W
Luka	1K	Jace	2M	Kelsey	2L
Elijah	3S	Ruby	3P	Isbah	4J
Jenson	4HN	Daniel	5E	Kaylica	5F
Kaiden	6B	Michael	6B		



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	360	356	285	277

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	4228 	3890	3781	3520



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.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Please follow us on Twitter!
Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!
@Colmers_FarmPS

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Hollie	1K	6
Ollie	RL	5
Aydin	1W	6
Nonso	4HN	9
Esshac	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: What made the scraping noise under the floor?

Year 1: What are the signs of winter?

Year 2: How can you help someone body who is feeling lonely?

Year 3: Can you name 3 significant rules of Ancient Egypt?

Year 4: What is the earth made of and why is it useful to know this?

Year 5: What planets are in our solar system and how do they move around the sun?

Year 6: How do you add and subtract fractions with the same denominator?

**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%**!

Can you beat this % next week?

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!' ★

Class	% present	
	Last Week	This Week
RJ	90.7%	86.4%
RL	91.4%	84.8%
1K	92.7%	93.7% ★
1W	96.2%	95.2%
2L	87.6%	91.7% ★
2M	92.0%	92.1% ★
3P	92.9%	95.7% ★
3S	81.0%	90.4% ★
4HN	96.5%	95.2%
4J	93.3%	98.7% ★
5E	91.4%	95.7% ★
5F	91.1%	91.5% ★
6B	90.0%	93.4% ★
6G	90.0%	94.6% ★

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 95.2%

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



4HN – 98.7%



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

Regularly supporting a younger sibling listening to them read. Can you read with your sibling every day for a week?

Aiming for Higher Things

Entering an external competition e.g. poetry, story writing etc

Getting Active

Write a set of instructions on how to play a sport of your choice. How can you encourage children to take part in a sport?

Explore the Arts

Create a No Outsiders poster. Add information around what No Outsiders means to you, illustrate your poster and use a variety of colours.

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.

Years 1-3

Finley- Jay is 8 years old and he got an idea to do something kind for other people when he heard about a random act of kindness.



Years 4-6

The photos show Raymond Lloyd on the left and Sophie Lloyd on the right. They are the same person.



**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.



Article 10



If you live in a different country than your parents do, you have the right to be together in the same place.



SILVER - RIGHTS AWARE

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	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	6B	222,788
2 nd	6G	173,309
3 rd	5F	101,465

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Evelyn (6B) 169,441
2 nd	Isabella (6G) 48,803
3 rd	Euan (6G) 25,378
Highest one week score this year	
Evelyn (6B) 1,090,097	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4HN	52,8536,298
2 nd	6G	16,721,966
3 rd	4J	7,822,754
4 th	6B	6,601,432
5 th	1K	2,275,220
6 th	2L	1,818,416
7 th	2M	1,647,884
8 th	1W	1,237,092
9 th	3P	934,184
10 th	5F	75,104
11 th	5E	382,084
12 th	3S	232,276

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Theo (4HN) 39,163,412
2 nd	Ellis (6G) 8,573,668
3 rd	Godpower (4J) 7,410,000
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,824,822,305	

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	6B	8,396
2 nd	4HN	5,980
3 rd	6G	4,270
4 th	4J	3,968

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 7,620
2 nd	Jacob (4HN) 2,188
3 rd	Bogdan (4J) 1,450
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 93,130	

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](#).