



# Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



## Dr Bike in school

Dr Bike will be visiting us on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November to give our children's bikes a free safety check and to carry out any minor repairs. Bring your bike into school on this day to take advantage of this.



## Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family are well and that you have had an enjoyable week.

On the 1st November, Phoebe (in 5A) was invited to the Royal Mews, within the grounds of Buckingham Palace, to have a private tour of the stables alongside the Park Lane Stables team. Park Lane stables was due to be closed unless they raised 1 million pounds. Phoebe contributed to cause by selling jokes raising £90. She had a great time seeing the royal carriages, cars and some of the wonderful horses. Well done Phoebe – A great piece of evidence towards your SAGE award.



This week we have had our delayed parents' evenings. We hope that you have found these and the interim reports that you have received useful. Please note that the parents' evenings for 3H and 5A will take place later in this term due to new teachers being in these classes.

Our head pupil candidates launched their election campaigns this week. Each candidate has created an election poster. We have photocopied these posters for the candidates, and they have displayed them around school where they think they will be most seen. Good luck to all our candidates in next week's election where we will select our two new head pupils. Our head pupil candidates are

Aiden (6B)	Carol (6B)	Demi (6B)
Emaan (6B)	Glauken (6B)	Lucy (6B)
Maisey (6B)	Roxanne (6D)	

On Tuesday this week, our Year 5 and 6 football team took part in the finals of the Kings Norton FC tournament. Although they did not win this, they put in some valiant performances and they showed great resilience. They also showed great sportsmanship throughout. Well done boys for getting to the final and for representing our school so well. We are really proud of you all.

## DIARY DATES

15/11/21  
Final day for Christmas card competition entries

15/11/21  
Odd sock day – Anti bullying week

18/11/21  
Rights Respecting Day. Wear something blue.

19/11/21  
Children in Need Day - Own clothes

23/11/21  
School closes at 1:15 to all pupils for Miss MacDougall's funeral

**Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?**

Contact:  
[safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)

Alternatively contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website this week?



Year 2's visit to the Black Country Museum photos (News)

[www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](http://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)

I know that some parents have asked about making donations in memory of Miss MacDougall. If you wish, this money can be given to the school office. Miss MacDougall's parents have requested that this money should be used by the school to purchase something that we can remember her by.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Mr Williams Headteacher

**Please follow us on Twitter!**  
 Our feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning opportunities we provide for all of our pupils everyday!  
**@Colmers\_FarmPS**

## Happy Birthday Messages

For next week, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

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|--------------|-----------|
| Lucy W       | 6B Age 11 |
| Paige M      | 5A Age 10 |
| Reagan S-M   | 4J Age 10 |
| Euan S       | 3H Age 8  |
| Sophie-Mae G | 2H Age 7  |
| Eden F       | 1F Age 6  |
| Isabell A    | RC Age 5  |
| Louis M      | RF Age 5  |



## e-safety – Keeping your children safe online. Does your child know these rules?

<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: pink;">S</h1> <p><b>Stay Safe</b></p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: green;">M</h1> <p><b>Don't Meet Up</b></p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: blue;">A</h1> <p><b>Accepting Files</b></p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: orange;">R</h1> <p><b>Reliable?</b></p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: yellow;">T</h1> <p><b>Tell Someone</b></p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p>
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### Pupil e-safety challenge

As we use the internet for more and more things we have to now use lots of passwords. Which of these passwords is the safest?

1. password
2. MrWilliams
3. 123456
4. I@mHere2D@y
5. qwerty

This week's answer = 4 - Try to use a mixture of capital letters, lower case letters, numbers and special characters in your password. Never use your name, a sequence of numbers or letters on your keyboard as your password. Did you know that 'password' is one of the most common passwords in the world? This makes it easy to guess by hackers!

# Gary Sambrook M.P.'s Christmas Card Competition

**Can you design a Christmas card for our  
Member of Parliament?**

Entries should be returned to  
school by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.



They must:

- be a single sheet of A4 paper;
- Have the child's full name, class, class teacher and school written clearly on the back.

The winner's card will be sent to the Prime Minister!

One of our children was a runner up in this competition last year. Can we go one better this year?



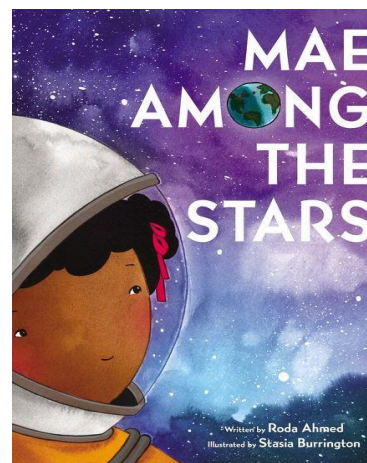
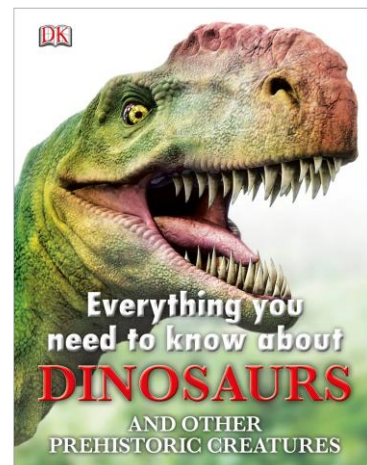
**READ, READ, READ!**

Reading is a key skill which is so important to your child's development at all ages. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

As you know, our children in Years 1-6 have access to thousands of books online via myON. If you need help accessing this, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

**How to Be Reading Stars**

- Select what you read carefully.
- Think about what you read.
- Ask questions to learn more.
- Read each and every day.
- Share what you read with others.



# Accelerated Reader

## Champions League Table



	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 <sup>st</sup>	6D	382056	→←
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6B	368023	→←
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3T	298946	↑
4 <sup>th</sup>	4J	123059	↑
5 <sup>th</sup>	5A	70095	↓
6 <sup>th</sup>	4G	55667	→←
7 <sup>th</sup>	3H	39136	↓
8 <sup>th</sup>	5T	15089	↓

**Well Done 6D**  
 79% of your class completed an Accelerated Reader test this week. This was the highest percentage in our school.

## Well done to 6D!

Our school record holders are 6B – 977007 words in one week (01/10/21)



## Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading  
nonfiction text.

- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

## Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading  
fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

Questions to ask your child when reading to them

## Mathletics

To improve children's fluency and practise in maths skills, every child from Year 2 to Year 6 has a personalised internet account to 'Mathletics'.

Children are set weekly homework by their teacher which they complete at home using Mathletics. After completing homework, children are able access a wealth of other fun, engaging activities including 'Live Mathletics' where they can play people from around the world live.

To access Mathletics, visit the useful links section on the top of the Colmers Farm Website.

If your child has lost their username or password, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help.

Using this program regularly will really help to develop your child's confidence and skills within maths.

	Class Name	Number of points last week
1 <sup>st</sup>	6B	22224
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4J	9691
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6D	6885
4 <sup>th</sup>	4G	6697
5 <sup>th</sup>	2B	6340
6 <sup>th</sup>	3H	5880
7 <sup>th</sup>	2H	5080
8 <sup>th</sup>	5T	5011
9 <sup>th</sup>	5A	4850
10 <sup>th</sup>	3T	3070

**Well Done to our top three Mathletes this week:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hao Xuan (6B) 4028 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sujaan (4J) 3301 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hao Lin (4J) 3120 points**

## Our school record holders

**Hao Xuan (6B) 4028 points in one week (07/11/21)**

**Class 6B – 32060 points in one week (24/10/21)**

# ATTENDANCE



1F  
100%



3H

This week's best attendance prize winners! Well done!

Colmers Farm League Table to date.  
How is your class doing?

Pos	Class	Games played	Points
1	2B	7	19
2	1K	7	18
=	3T	7	18
4	3H	7	13
5	RF	7	12
=	2H	7	12
=	4G	7	12
=	6B	7	12
9	RC	7	10
10	1W	7	9
=	4J	7	9
=	6D	7	9
13	1F	7	8
14	5A	7	3
15	5T	7	0

This week's winners:

5A	vs	6B
1F – 100% ★	vs	1W
3H	vs	4G
RF	vs	RC
2B	vs	2H
3T	vs	6D
5T	vs	4J
1K	AUTOMATIC 3 POINTS	



Wow!  
This week 1F have  
had 100%  
attendance!  
Well done!

# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Archer P	1W
Manisha R	2B
Jake S	3T
Thomas H	4G
Stephania R	5T
Max S	6D



# This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Jackson C RF	Louise H 1W	Lily W 1K	Jenson P-S 1F	Lorelei J 2B
Kaylica L 2H	Jax S 3T	Marian A 3T	Poppy C 3H	Lonnie G 4J
Olivia-Rose L-S 4G		Lillian F 5A	Lily T 6B	Teziah G 6D



You have all demonstrated the key quality of reilience this week.

# This week's house point results

393

Farah

436

Thompson

523

Daley



401

Ennis-Hill

# School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on all of our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school, unless short term with prior agreement.

For details on our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

# Help with School Uniform

Rubery Community Swop Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them FOR FREE. Please visit [www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk](http://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk) or [ruberyswopshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswopshop@outlook.com) for more information.



## TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

**Spend quality time with kids.**  
When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

**Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.**

**Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.**

**When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.**

**Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.**

**If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.**

**Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.**



# Out of School Club Provision

for children from Rubery Nursery School and Colmers Primary School\*

\*up to the age of 8 years old



**Rubery**  
nursery school



Our Out of School Club offers children from 2 – 8 years old a safe and friendly environment with qualified and experienced members from our staff team. Children can choose from a range of activities relevant to their age and ability.

We offer snack to the children during the session. They can choose between cereal or toast for breakfast if they arrive before 8.30am and will receive a biscuit and a drink before 4.15pm. A light tea is offered for children staying after 4.15pm. For more information, please request a prospectus or phone us on the number below.



Breakfast Club is open from **7.30am - 9.am**  
and After School **3.00pm - 5.30pm**

For more information and prices please contact our Reception on  
**0121 464 2158** or visit us at:

**Leybrook Road, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9PB**

[www.ruberyn.bham.sch.uk](http://www.ruberyn.bham.sch.uk)



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# Help for all families in Birmingham



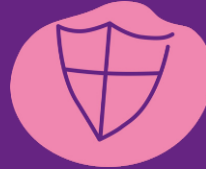
Food  
& Energy



Youth  
Support



Domestic  
Abuse



Emergency  
Funding



Money &  
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's  
Support



School Uniforms  
& Clothing



Parenting



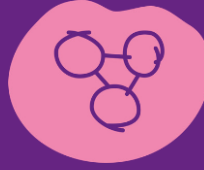
Special Needs  
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual  
Health



Mental  
Health



Play



## Birmingham Children's Partnership



### Edgbaston

EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org  
0121 456 7821

### Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk  
0121 748 8199

### Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk  
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

### Hodge Hill

EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk  
07976 199894

### Ladywood

childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk  
07764 977636

### Northfield

NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org  
07516 918 133

### Perry Barr

PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1900

### Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com  
0121 441 4556

### Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1860

### Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk  
0121 289 4875



# SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

*November 2021*



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### Speaker:

### Amina Mushtaq - From Barnardo's

Join the session to learn what Early Help Offer is and how it can help children and families in Birmingham. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available for parents and children and quick self-referral process.

**Friday 26th November 10:00 - 11:00am**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-26th-november-2021-10am/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.



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**Friday 17th December 10:00 - 11:00am**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-17th-december-2021-10am/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.



TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE BACK

## Can You Help Vulnerable Families This Christmas?

We're raising vital funds to go towards Christmas hampers for 100 vulnerable families by holding an auction

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021 | 1 PM

DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE  
DEELANDS ROAD, RUBERY  
BIRMINGHAM, B45 9RR

MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.TRIDENTGROUP.ORG.UK/EVENTS](http://WWW.TRIDENTGROUP.ORG.UK/EVENTS)

# JUMBLE SALE

PROCEEDINGS GO TO DEELANDS HALL CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN NEED WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

13TH NOVEMBER 2021  
12 PM - 4 PM

DEELANDS  
**HALL**  
RUBERY  
BIRMINGHAM  
B45 9RR



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BRIC & BRAC  
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RAFFLES & TOMBOLA  
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