

Dear Parents

This week, I had the absolute pleasure of taking the school council to London. Although it was a 13 ½ hour day for the children (and staff), we had a fantastic time. We had a guided tour of Westminster Abbey (where we visited the tombs of many of England's kings and queens); we were given special permission to have our photos taken outside of 10 Downing Street (we even met the Prime Minister's cat – Larry); we had a tour of the Houses of Parliament and got to stand in the chambers of the House of Commons and the House of Lords; we visited Horse Guards Parade; we had dinner opposite the Millennium Eye and finally we had our photos taken outside of Buckingham Palace. The school council represented the school magnificently and they learned a lot about all of the places they visited.

When Colmers Farm became part of Excelsior MAT, myself, Mr Smart and Mrs Pulley were approached by many parents to tell us that they were not happy with the trips that the children were going on or the lack of them. We understood this, as good quality trips are often something that children remember forever and they really support their learning across the curriculum. This year, we have planned some really high-quality trips and visitors, such as Year 6 going to the Warner Brother Studios to experience the Making of Harry Potter, Year 5's Greek workshop and Year 4 going to Warwick Castle to name but a few. The trips, in particular, are expensive and although the school covers some of these costs, we cannot afford to provide these high-quality trips unless parents contribute also. Instalment payments are always welcome. We welcome your support with this and thank you for it

A list of after school clubs was sent out to parents last week. If you are interested in your child attending one of these, please return the form or speak to the school office as soon as possible. Places at many of these clubs are filling up fast. School clubs are something we are hoping to provide more of this year at Colmers, as both children and parents really like these.

Today, Year 5 had their Greek workshop day. Here they learned about the roles and lives of men and women in Ancient Greek society; what it was like to go to school and how this was very different to what children experience today and they also learn about the Greek army and some of the battles they fought. Year 5 really enjoyed this – I could hear a lot of laughing throughout the day coming from the hall, where this took place. Please talk to your child about this.

Please keep the topic homework coming into school, myself and the teachers have been stunned at the quality of work being produced. Keep it up!

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Williams
Head Teacher

Friday 13th September, 2019

DIARY DATES

Friday 20th September

Year 3 Swimming

Monday 7th October

Flu Vaccination Reception – Yr 5

Monday 14th October

6A – Harry Potter Trip

Thursday 17th October

6D – Harry Potter Trip

Friday 25th October

School closes for half term

Tuesday 5th November

Children back to school

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November

Parents' evening



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have a child in school with a severe nut allergy.

We request that parents do not send any nut products in their child's lunch box.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and for supporting us with this situation.



Parent App

Thank you for your patience and feedback regarding the parent app. We have identified teething issues and will be working to resolve these during the course of next week.

Please Note:

When you are collecting your child from school, can we please ask that you stand well back from the windows as it is currently very difficult for the teachers and children to see their parents.

NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

96.3% - Well Done

This time last year our whole school attendance percentage was **95.0%**

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

		This week		So far this year	
		Attendance	No of Lates	Attendance	No of Lates
Rec	RW				
	RC				
Year 1	1KF	92.8%	9	92.8%	9
	1HF	95.0%	3	95.0%	3
Year 2	2H	98.1%	2	98.1%	2
	2B	98.3%	3	98.3%	3
Year 3	3B	97.7%	4	97.7%	4
	3G	90.3%	7	90.3%	7
Year 4	4M	96.0%	7	96.0%	7
	4J	98.1%	1	98.1%	1
Year 5	5TM	98.1%	4	98.1%	4
	5S	97.1%	13	97.1%	13
Year 6	6A	94.7%	7	94.7%	7
	6D	98.3%	3	98.3%	3

Well Done

6D & 1HF for the highest attendance and to 4J for the fewest lates

