

Dear Parents,

The first three weeks since our return to school have whizzed by, but in that time we have been working hard to improve our school. Many of the areas we have been working on were suggested by you, as parents, from your parental questionnaires (completed before the holidays). We have:

- purchased lots of additional playground equipment for children to use at dinnertimes, so they are more active and are less bored;
- stopped children taking their lunch boxes outside at dinnertime, which helps to prevent lunches being damaged or lunchboxes being lost;
- introduced a smart new uniform and ties for Years 5 and 6 (which look fabulous!);
- began redesigning our school curriculum to improve our children's enjoyment of it;
- created and provided all children from Years 1-6 with knowledge organiser sheets for their topics, which provided them with knowledge about their topics and additional homework opportunities. The work that has been produced for this at home is stunning;
- worked hard to find more exciting and more numerous trips and visitors to support our curriculum and to inspire our children!
- planned to introduce individual year group newsletters, the first of which you will receive next week. These will outline what your children will be learning this term and will provide you with a list of important dates for events – giving you more time to arrange to attend these;
- purchased brand new interactive whiteboards for classrooms, so that children can now see the work displayed on them;
- reintroduced a range of clubs for children for after school;
- recruited a sports coach, who helps in the teaching of PE and also organises games for the children at lunch and dinnertimes;
- moved last year's Year 4 teachers up with the same classes into Year 5 to provide some much needed consistency for this year group;
- ensured that each class has a Colmers teacher at the start of the year.

We still have lots more to do, but I'm sure that you will agree that this is an impressive start.

Please can I remind you all to put your children's names on any school uniform they may have. At the end of each break and dinnertime, we seem to have a collection of blue jumpers (in particular) which are left behind, and names in them are very helpful in returning them to their rightful owners.

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

Mr. Williams
Head Teacher

Friday 20th 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' evenings



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



Dear Parents,

You should have received a welcome text message or email inviting you to install our new school app. **All communications, such as school closures due to adverse weather will now be delivered via this app. It is important to install it as soon as you can. From next week we will no longer issue a printed newsletter. It will be delivered via the app instead, where you will also have access to historic newsletters.** A help guide to installing the app is available from our school reception.

If you need any assistance or encounter any issues please email:

app@colmersfarm.bham.sch.uk

NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

94.1% - Well Done

This time last year our whole school attendance percentage was **93.8%**

Please try to send your child to school everyday

		This week		So far this year	
		Attendance	No of Lates	Attendance	No of Lates
Rec	RW	99.7%	0	69.3%	0
	RC	98.6%	1	71.9%	1
Year 1	1KF	91.7%	6	92.4%	13
	1HF	94.3%	0	96.0%	3
Year 2	2H	97.7%	1	97.4%	3
	2B	98.6%	2	98.0%	5
Year 3	3B	94.5%	2	96.3%	6
	3G	89.7%	5	89.7%	10
Year 4	4M	97.4%	5	96.0%	12
	4J	97.8%	2	97.8%	3
Year 5	5TM	99.3%	3	98.8%	7
	5S	96.2%	3	97.0%	6
Year 6	6A	96.0%	3	94.7%	10
	6D	94.0%	1	96.7%	4

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

Well Done
RW for the highest attendance
and to RW for the fewest lates



Coatathon Event

A fun community day with something for everyone

Saturday 2nd November, 10am-3pm @ St Chads Hall, Rubery Village



Come along and enjoy the fun:

- *traditional prize game stalls and a few new ones...
- *free soft play to amuse the little ones
- *catch up with people in your local community, whilst treating yourself to a scrummy cake (or two!)
- *take part in Rubery Rocks painting
- *find out more about Foodcycle
- *chat to a Fire Officer about their free fire safety checks for your home

But remember...Jack Frost is on his way!

So please come and choose your FREE, preloved children's coats, school shoes and trainers at the event if your children need one 😊 they just don't stop growing 😊

Donations

Any donations of preloved coats, school shoes, trainers and wellies are very gratefully received (and as always, any school or extracurricular uniform too). If you could wash any coats before donation this would really help us.

If you would like to donate any prizes for our stalls that would be brilliant too...bottles for the tombola, sweets, chocolates, smellies, any unwanted gifts, gift vouchers etc.

Donations can be dropped off at CC Balloons Shop in Rubery Village anytime leading up to the event

We really hope to see you there 😊

Together, we can make things happen!



**COLMERS SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**

**Open Evening for prospective Pupils
and their Parents/Carers
Thursday 26th September, 2019
7.00pm to 9.00pm**

**If you are unable to attend the
Open Evening, we will be delighted
to see you on the morning of
Wednesday 25th or Friday 27th
September.**

**Contact the school to arrange a visit
for the Wednesday or Friday.**