

Friday 25th October 2019



Dear Parents

We've reached the end of what has been a very exciting, although very long, 8-week half term at Colmers.

On Tuesday this week, we had a small group of Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in a basketball competition at Green Meadow Primary School against the other 3 schools in our MAT. Although we did not win the competition on this occasion, the children played with enthusiasm and a great sense of fair play. They were really good ambassadors for the school. Well done! A big thank you to Mr Lynch and Miss Hadasi for taking the children to this event. Our next MAT sporting competition will be a football competition for Year 3 and 4 children on Thursday 14th November.

A big thank you to all of the parents who were able to take part in the Reception phonics inspire workshop on Tuesday this week. It was wonderful to see the hall so full. I hope that you all found this session useful and that you now feel more equipped at home to support your children with their learning in this area. If you were unable to attend, you will be sent the PowerPoint from this meeting. If you have any questions about this or if you require any additional advice about how you can help with your child's learning, please speak to your child's teacher. They will be happy to help you.

Parents' evenings are straight after half term. Please book your slot using the online system that you have received details about this week. As a school, we do expect 100% attendance. If you are unable to attend on the two dates, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Our children are all still looking very smart in their school uniforms. I am however noticing a few children in trainers. Although I understand that sometimes shoes are lost, outgrown or damaged and that trainers are a very short-term solution to this, can I remind you all please that shoes must be worn as part of our school uniform. We expect all children to return in school shoes after half term. Thank you for your support with this.

We are having a few wet books coming into school at the moment due to water bottles being carried in book bags. Please can you take care that this does not occur in the future.

Half time is a fantastic time to spend some quality time with your child. One way that you can do this, is to make a model, with your child, of something for their current topic. This is something that I would really like you to do as I am going to be displaying some of these outside of my office after the holidays. I cannot wait to see how creative you have been.

On Friday this week, Year 5 had their Ancient Greek day. It was lovely to see so many children entering the spirit of this day and coming to school dressed up for it. Thank you parents for your support with this.

Please be aware that the classrooms will change for Years 3 and 4 after the holidays, as our heating engineers will be moving into these classrooms to begin their work in these sections.

I hope that you have a wonderful half term break with your children and on behalf of all of the staff at Colmers Farm, I would like to say thank you for all of your support this half term.

Mr Williams

**Don't forget to put your clocks back
this weekend.**



NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

95.3%

This time last year our whole school attendance percentage was **94.6%**

Please try to send your child to school everyday

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School attendance and punctuality are a high priority. As a school we are legally required to accurately record children's attendance and reasons for absence or lateness.

The doors to school open at 8:35am. **All children are expected to enter school via a playground door between 8:35am and 8:45am.** After this children will need to be brought through main reception where staff will ask for a reason for lateness. **We kindly remind parents to be polite and respectful to staff when asked about lateness and absence.**

		This week		So far this year	
		Attendance	No of Lates	Attendance	No of Lates
Rec	RW	94.5%	2	96.5%	16
	RC	91.3%	8	94.8%	29
Year 1	1KF	94.9%	4	94.1%	26
	1HF	97.9%	3	95.0%	12
Year 2	2H	95.9%	6	97.0%	27
	2B	92.4%	3	96.4%	10
Year 3	3B	93.1%	5	94.5%	24
	3G	96.3%	10	94.0%	30
Year 4	4M	98.1%	7	95.6%	29
	4J	98.6%	5	97.2%	13
Year 5	5TM	98.7%	0	98.2%	8
	5S	93.0%	2	95.2%	12
Year 6	6A	94.4%	8	94.8%	31
	6B	95.2%	0	96.3%	5

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

Well Done
1HF in KS1 and 5TM in KS2 for the highest attendance and to 2B & 6D for the fewest lates



DIARY DATES

Teachers' Training Day

Tuesday 5th November

Children back to school

Bonfire Themed School Lunch

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 6th November

Yr 5 – Parents' Inspire Workshop

Tuesday 12th November

Y2 Trip – All things Wild

Yr 4 – Parents' Reading Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 13th November

Yr 2 – Parents' Inspire Workshop – 2.00pm

Thursday 14th November

Yr 1 – Parents' Phonics Inspire Workshop

Thursday 21st November

Immunisation Team - Flu Vaccine

Tuesday 26th November

Yr 6 – Parents' Writing Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 4th December

Yr 2 – Showcase Assembly 2.00pm



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Kaelynn Reception, Effy Yr1, Yassin in Y2, Kasie and Abigail in Y4, Charlie in Y5 and Toby in Yr 6



WELL DONE

Who won the 100% raffle ticket?

In this week's KS1 Assembly, Savannah was the lucky girl to win the prize, and Reilly in Year 6 was also this week's lucky winner.

KS1 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Regan, Wanny and Rio in Y1, Khloe, Oscar, Yassin and Akeem in Y2



Well Done!