

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday last week with your children. It was great to see everybody back in school safely on Tuesday.

The heating repairs are continuing to go well. Over half term, the new piping for the heating system was tested and the heating was turned on. This is a huge step forward for everybody at Colmers Farm. Work continues in the Year 3 and 4 classrooms, but the rest of the classrooms are now complete. We are still on track to have all of the building work completed by early January.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the parents' evenings this week. I hope that you found the new summary reports and the meetings themselves useful. If you were unable to attend on one of these dates, please see your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting. It is really important that you attend a parents' meeting so that we can work in partnership to enable your child to reach their full potential.

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 held their Parents' Inspire Workshop. It was great to see so many parents there. Hopefully you all found it useful and will use the ideas shown to enhance your child's learning at home. If you did miss this, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will be able to give you the information that you missed.

Thank you for all of the topic homework that was brought in, that has been completed over the holidays, for me to display. They were really impressive.

Next week, we will be taking part in Antbullying Week and Children in Need. Antbullying Week will involve some lessons and assemblies about bullying where we will reinforce what bullying is and what to do if children encounter it. We will also have an Odd Socks Day on Tuesday, where children will be encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks. Children in Need will take place on Friday and the children will be allowed to wear their pyjamas to school on this day for a suggested minimum donation of 50p. All money raised will go to this charity. Hopefully, we can raise a good amount for this very worthwhile charity and I thank you for your support with this.

At Colmers Farm we have a fantastic staff, who really do their best to go above and beyond for all of the children at this school. The hours they work and the commitment they show for your children is incredible. I understand at times, as parents, you may occasionally feel frustrated about, for example, an event that may involve your child. I do however ask that all of my staff members and other parents are always spoken to in a respectful and considerate manner. Thank you to all those parents who always do this. An effective school/home partnership is essential for your children to reach their potential.

If you are going to or are hosting a firework display over the weekend, please take care and remind your children of the safety rules for this. I hope that you have a lovely and safe weekend. Thank you for your continued support

Mr Williams (Headteacher)

Friday 8th November 2019

DIARY DATES



Tuesday 12th November

Y2 Trip – All things Wild

Odd Sock Day

Yr 4 – Parents' Reading Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 13th November

Yr 2 – Parents' Inspire Workshop – 2.00pm

Thursday 14th November

Yr 1 – Parents' Inspire Workshop – 2..00pm

Friday 15th November

Children in Need Day

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

Eden in Reception, Effy Yr1, Callum in 2H,
Tyson in Yr 4 and Kyla-Rose in Yr 5



Well Done!



WELL DON

Who won the 100% raffle ticket...

In this week's Raffle, Ashar in Year 5 was the lucky boy to win the KS2 prize, and Harley in Year 2 was also this week's lucky winner.

The School Nurses from the Immunisation Team will be in school on:

Thursday 21st November,
to administer the flu vaccine (nasal spray) to all pupils whose parents have given consent.



NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

95.8%

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	96.5%	2	96.7%	18
	RC	95.6%	4	94.7%	33
Year 1	1OF	97.2%	3	94.3%	29
	1HF	93.1%	1	94.9%	13
Year 2	2H	96.6%	2	96.8%	29
	2B	99.4%	1	96.3%	11
Year 3	3B	93.3%	2	94.7%	26
	3G	97.2%	2	94.3%	32
Year 4	4M	98.1%	2	95.7%	31
	4J	97.6%	0	97.2%	13
Year 5	5TM	100%	0	98.3%	8
	5S	98.3%	1	95.6%	13
Year 6	6A	93.3%	5	94.6%	36
	6D	97.3%	0	97.5%	5

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

Well Done

2B in KS1 and 5TM in KS2 for the highest attendance and to 2B & 1HF and 4J, 5TM and 6D for the fewest lates



DON'T FORGET

Odd Sock Day – Tuesday 12th November – children to wear odd socks to school

Children in Need – Friday 15th November – children can come to school in their pjs for a 50p donation



Stay safe on Bonfire Night

Never touch fireworks

Stand well back from the bonfire

Never go near a firework after it has been lit

Only one sparkler at a time

Wear gloves when holding a sparkler

Keep pets indoors

