

Friday 06th December 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you've had a wonderful week.

As many of you are aware, this year we have introduced prefects at Colmers Farm. These were chosen from children who decided to apply for this role in Year 6. 13 children were chosen. This is a very responsible position for any child to hold. Part of their duties involves them helping our dinnertime staff in the canteen, in the playgrounds and in the corridors. I just want to say what a fantastic job these children are doing around school. Their behaviour choices have been exemplary, and they are setting a fantastic example to all of the children at our school. A huge well done to them all. If you have a child who is a prefect at our school, you should be really proud of them.

When Colmers Farm joined Excelsior Trust, many parents (and children) expressed their frustration over the disrepair of the school's trim trail. This is something that has equally frustrated me. I am very pleased though to announce some very good news about this. Myself and Mrs Pulley have managed to secure some additional funding from our Trustees to have this replaced. Our School Council have already looked at a variety of different designs for this and have chosen the design that they think will be most suitable for our school. Work should begin on this next week (weather permitting), with our new trim trail due to open in January.

It's been a real pleasure this week to see our reception children walking past our office to practise their Christmas performance in amazingly quiet and well-ordered lines. Myself and Miss Kelly have already been treated to hearing some of the songs from this performance, as these have drifted down the corridor to our office. We are both very much looking forward to seeing this performance before the holidays, as I am sure all of the parents with children in this year group are.

West Midlands Police has been made aware of a smartphone app called 'UNICO LIVE' (see below for a picture). This app is publicised as age restricted 12+ (although many children younger than this have been using this) and it is designed for young people to upload videos of themselves performing, singing and dancing etc. It has come to the Police's attention that there is inappropriate content on this platform, involving young people, which is being investigated. The content does not appear to be monitored. This has huge safeguarding implications. I realise that some parents allow their children to use social media apps (most of which are only supposed to be used by children aged 13+). If this applies to you, you must be vigilant against the huge risks these platforms can have (as I have mentioned in some previous newsletters), including potential grooming, the use of inappropriate language, cyberbullying, the loss of control of images shared, the sharing of indecent images etc. It really is important that you monitor you child whenever they are online and that your child tells you if they see anything which is inappropriate.

Keeping children hydrated in school is important, which is why we have our water fountains around school. Please can I remind parents that the best way to keep children hydrated (and by far the healthiest option) is through water. We are fortunate in Birmingham to have some of the finest tap water in the country (which comes from the Elan Valley in Wales). At Colmers we encourage all of our children to drink water in school. Please consider this when sending your child to school with their drink.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams



NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

95%

This time last year, our whole school attendance percentage was **94.2%**

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.**

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

		This week		So far this year	
		Attendance	No of Lates	Attendance	No of Lates
Reception	RW	86.5%	3	94.9%	29
	RC	84.3%	8	92.7%	64
Year 1	1KF	88.2%	7	93.4%	47
	1HF	93.0%	3	94.6%	17
Year 2	2H	95.6%	9	96.4%	61
	2B	91.7%	1	95.7%	17
Year 3	3G	89.3%	6	93.9%	56
	3B	94.3%	4	94.8%	52
Year 4	4M	91.2%	4	95.1%	47
	4J	96.4%	4	96.6%	29
Year 5	5TM	92.0%	0	97.0%	13
	5S	93.3%	4	95.4%	28
Year 6	6A	95.2%	8	94.3%	65
	6D	93.6%	1	97.1%	8

Well Done

2H in KS1 and **4J** in KS2 for the highest attendance and
2B for the fewest lates.



Who won the 100% attendance raffle ticket?

In this week's raffle, Lillie-Rae in Year 1 was the lucky girl to win the KS1 prize and in Year 5 Cian was also this week's lucky winner.

WELL DONE



DIARY DATES



Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December

School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December

EYFS Christmas Nativity Performance

Friday 20th December

Governor Award Assemblies

School closes for Christmas Half Term

Tuesday 7th January

Children back to school

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Jake in Yr1, Charlie in Year 2, Carla in Yr 4,
Daniel in Yr 5 and Oscar in Yr 6

Well Done!



Reminder to all Parents

Please remember to phone the school office if your child is being collected by anyone other than yourself.



We are looking to employ a lunchtime supervisor.

If you are interested, please leave your contact details with the school reception.

Reminder to all Parents

Yr 3 have swimming on Fridays, please ensure your child has their swim wear and towels in school before lunchtime on a Friday.

We are looking to employ a gardener, who can help us with our schools allotment, 5 hours, 1 day per week.

If you are interested, please leave your contact details with the school reception.



THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL MEALS



MONDAY

Pork or Quorn Sausage
Vegetable Roast (V)

Mashed Potatoes

Peas & Carrots

Chocolate Orange
Sponge & Custard,
Fruit or Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Meatballs
Tuna pasta Bake (V)
Cheese & Tomato
Bake (V)

Potato Wedges
Vegetables

Fruit Pot or
Homemade Cookies
Fruit or Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken &
Yorkshire Pudding
Linda McCartney
Vegeballs (V)

New Potatoes
Cauliflower & Mixed
Veg

Muffins, Fruit or
Yoghurt

THURSDAY

Knorr Chicken Curry
Vegetable Samosa
Jacket Potato with Filling

Vegetable Rice
Sweetcorn & Green
Beans

Carrot Cake, Fruit or
Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza (V)
Tempura Fish

Chips or Mash

Beans & Sweetcorn

Ice Cream, Fruit or
Yoghurt

Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option