



Friday 20th December 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to my final newsletter of the term... My first full term as headteacher at Colmers Farm has whizzed by.

It has been a busy final week at Colmers, with several events happening. Firstly, we had the reception nativity performance. I think those of you that managed to see this performance will agree with me when I say how fabulous they were. This was particularly impressive considering the limited practice time they have had, due to the halls being used by the builders. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved in this.

On Thursday this week, we held our Christmas parties. It was wonderful seeing our children all dressed up and thank you for the donations of food and drink for these. We have also had a range of Christmas activities going on with cards and calendars for the new year being made.

Although certainly not a Christmas activity, Year 6 this week (for their science topic this term) became surgeons and had the 'pleasure' of dissecting lambs' hearts. This is an activity that they will always remember and was a great way of seeing first-hand the features of a heart.

As part of their RE work, Year 5 went on a trip to Birmingham Central Mosque where they were able to tour this place of worship and find out more about this religion and its followers. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to visit somewhere that most of them will never had been before. This links with our promotion of British Values as a school – Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faith and beliefs. Opportunities like these are great at helping to prepare our children to live in multi-cultural Britain. Year 5 really enjoyed this visit and I was really proud of the way they conducted themselves on this trip. Well done!

To finish the week off, we held our first ever Governors' Award Assemblies. A big thank you to our governor - Mrs O'Brien – for coming into school to help give out these awards. Well done to the following deserving winners who were chosen this term. They each received a certificate and a special medal or trophy depending on their award.

	Governors' Award for promoting the well-being of others	Governors' Award for being a fantastic role model	Headteacher's award for attainment and progress
Reception	Paige Clarke	Ethan Kimberley	Reignn McCorley
Year 1	Tylor Houghton	Isabella Atkins	Callum Rebolo
Year 2	Gabriella Fern	Iyanna Makarau	Kye Donnelly
Year 3	Hamza Hussain	Isabelle Peters	Alfie Taylor
Year 4	Calum Moy	Maisey Hyett	Milli-Mae Harvey
Year 5	Robyn Shelton	Abbie Faraday-Ullah	Reegan Sephton
Year 6	Dylan Vickery	Katiemay Groves	Jermiah Brown

Please can I remind all parents that trainers are not to be worn to school as these are not part of our school uniform policy. I have spoken to several children over the last few weeks who have lost, outgrown or who tell me that their school shoes are damaged. Please can you ensure that your child/children arrive in school after the holidays in school shoes. Children are allowed to change into trainers for play and lunchtime.

On behalf of everybody at Colmers Farm, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday with your families and a prosperous new year. I hope to see everybody safely back in school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Mr Williams

NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

95.0%

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	93.4%	5	94.7%	40
	RC	92.7%	10	92.7%	84
Year 1	1KF	91.2%	7	93.4%	64
	1HF	94.0%	3	94.9%	24
Year 2	2H	95.7%	7	96.3%	77
	2B	93.1%	1	95.4%	22
Year 3	3G	94.4%	6	93.8%	72
	3B	88.0%	3	94.7%	59
Year 4	4M	92.5%	6	94.8%	54
	4J	88.2%	5	95.7%	42
Year 5	5TM	99.7%	3	97.5%	16
	5S	92.0%	4	95.0%	41
Year 6	6A	94.0%	9	94.3%	82
	6D	94.8%	1	97.0%	11

Well Done

2H and 5TM in KS2 for the highest attendance last week and **5TM** for the fewest lates last week.

Well Done **2B** and **6D** for the fewest lates this week.



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Kataleya in Reception, Riley in Yr1,
Rennzo in Year 2, Isabelle in Yr 4,
Mia in Yr 5 and Reilly in Yr 6

Well Done



WELL DONE YEAR 4

Year 4 children raised
£118.87 for their Charity
"Acorns"

Thank you to all those who
sponsored them on their Santa
Run

Who won the 100% attendance
raffle ticket?

In this week's raffle, Callum in Year 1 was the
lucky boy to win the KS1 prize and in Year 3
Alfie was also this week's lucky winner.

WELL DONE!



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th January

Children back to school

Friday 10th January

Year 5 – Swimming

Friday 24th January

5S – Trip to Blakesley Hall

Tuesday 28th January

5TM – Trip to Blakesley Hall



NEW SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY

Turkey Burger with
Pineapple Salsa
Quorn Burger with
Pineapple Salsa

Herby diced potatoes
Mixed Vegetables

Jaffa Shortbread
Slice

TUESDAY

Sausage with
Yorkshire Puddings
Quorn Sausage with
Yorkshire Puddings

Mashed potatoes
Broccoli and Peas

Chocolate Crunch

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken
Cheese & Onion Pasty

New potatoes
Broccoli
Peas

Fruit Jelly

THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala
Vegetable Samosa

Rainbow Rice
Carrots
Cauliflower

Chocolate Cracknel

FRIDAY

Pizza Margherita
Battered Pollock
Fillet

Chunch chips
Sweetcorn
Bakes Beans

Ice Cream

Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option