

Colmers Farm Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy new year to you all! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas holiday and have had a good start to the new year. It has been great to see all of the children back in school re-energised and ready to learn.

A new term, means all of the children in Years 1-6 will be starting their new topics. Look out for your child's year group's newsletter, which should be out next week. This will give you an overview of what is being taught this term. It will also let you know about any important dates coming up for that year group.

It was great to see the homework that has come in school for the different topics. We are very fortunate to have so many parents who are working hard to help inspire their children in these topics and to help improve their knowledge within them. Please keep the homework coming in.

The children continue to look so smart in their uniforms and the ties in Years 5 and 6 really are popular with children and visitors to our school. They really help our older children to feel more grown up (and they have all learnt the skill of how to put a tie on 😊). Towards the end of the term, we did start to have a small number of children coming to school in trainers. As it was coming to the end of the term, we were relaxed about this as Christmas can be an expensive time of the year for you all. School shoes are however a must at Colmers and we would appreciate your support with ensuring that your child/children wear these each day.

Our new trim trail is now open which is brilliant news. All of our children are very eager to use this and the use of this at playtimes and dinnertimes has been timetabled so that all of the children have an opportunity to use this safely. We have however asked the children not to use this when a member of Colmers staff is not present, especially before and after school. We would appreciate your support with ensuring that children do not go on the trim trail at these times as we want to keep the risks of any accidents to a minimum and to prevent any potential damage to the trail itself. Thank you.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Due to some children's school attendance, 8 families already have had to be referred to the Birmingham Attendance Team, who deal with any legal action that has to be taken.

Every child has a right to an education and this is something that Colmers Farm feels very passionate about.

Give your child that right!

IMPORTANT TO ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS

The closing date has passed for the forms to be completed for applying for your child's new secondary school.

If you have not yet completed this and you are not sure how to go about it, then please contact us and we will try our best to help.

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	96.7%	1	94.6%	41
	RC	98.9%	3	92.8%	87
Year 1	1KF	93.8%	2	93.3%	66
	1HF	98.9%	0	95.0%	24
Year 2	2H	97.8%	6	96.2%	83
	2B	98.9%	3	95.5%	22
Year 3	3G	96.3%	0	93.8%	72
	3B	97.8%	0	94.7%	59
Year 4	4M	97.6%	2	94.7%	56
	4J	98.2%	3	95.6%	45
Year 5	5TM	97.8%	0	97.5%	16
	5S	100%	2	94.8%	43
Year 6	6A	96.0%	4	94.3%	86
	6D	93.8%	1	96.8%	12

Well Done

5S for the highest attendance last week

Well Done

1HF, 3G, 3B and 5TM for the fewest lates this week.



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Elizabeth in Reception, Bobby in Yr1,
Sophie in Year 3, Loushus in Yr 4,
Freya in Yr 5 and Cian in Yr 6

Well Done

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As from Monday 24th February,
school dinners will be increased to
£2.25 per day, a total of £11.25 per
week.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school
each day with a clean filled **water** bottle. The
contents of the bottles must **only** be water.
Thank you

Who won the 100% attendance
raffle ticket?

In this week's raffle, Jax in Year 1 was the
lucky boy to win the KS1 prize and in Year 5
Inayat was also this week's lucky winner

WELL DONE!



DIARY DATES

Friday 17th January

Year 5 – Swimming

Friday 24th January

5S – Trip to Blakesley Hall

Tuesday 28th January

5TM – Trip to Blakesley Hall

Tuesday 4th February

Nurses in school for height and weight –
Reception classes

Wednesday 5th February

Nurses in school for height and weight –
Year 6 classes



NEW SCHOOL MENU



MONDAY

Roast Chicken Fillet
Or
Cheese & Potato Pie

Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Broccoli

Forest Fruit Sponge

TUESDAY

Tex Mex Beef
Enchiladas
Or
Stand & Stuff
Vegetable Fajitas

Wholemeal Rice
Carrots
Cauliflower

Mixed Fruit Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey
Or
Broccoli & Cauliflower
Cheese

New Potatoes
Cauliflower
Peas

Fruit Cocktail

THURSDAY

Spaghetti Bolognese
Or
Vegeball & Arrabiata
Sauce

Garlic Slice
Pasta
Mixed Vegetables

Melting Moments
Biscuits

FRIDAY

Pizza Margherita
or
Fish Fingers

Chunky chips
Sweetcorn
Bakes Beans

Frozen Mousse Tub

Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option