

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

This week has been a busy week at Colmers.

On Monday and Tuesday we had an Excelsior MAT review of Colmers Farm. This was to see how the school has progressed since it joined Excelsior in April 2019. I am delighted to say that they were really pleased with what they saw. They were particularly impressed with the children, who were engaged, eager to learn and able to talk confidently about their learning. They also said that the children they spoke to loved being at Colmers, that they feel happy and safe, that they thought highly of their teachers and that they were really well mannered. The behaviour of the children was a key strength also. Hopefully, as parents, you will recognise many of these improvements. There were a range of other positives and some areas for us to develop further. This is a really good first step for Colmers, although we still have much more to do. We however have a great team of staff who have been working really hard and who I know will continue to do so, to get us to where we want to be. Thank you to the staff at Colmers for their hard work and to you as parents for your support.

On Tuesday, it was great to see our Year 1s dressed as African animals for their topic day. They looked amazing. We had elephants, giraffes, lions, zebras and many other animals. A big thank you to their parents for their efforts here. Our Year 1s really enjoyed the day.

Year 6 SATs are rapidly approaching and on Wednesday, the Year 6 teachers held an inspire meeting to talk to parents and children about what they can do to prepare for this. We had a good turnout of parents overall and I hope that they found this event useful. If any Year 6 parents (or Year 2 parents) would like any additional advice, help or support about helping their child prepare for the SATs please speak to your child's class teacher.

On Wednesday evening, some of our Year 4 children went over to Colmers Secondary School to compete in a gymnastics competition against local primary schools. We finished a very impressive 3rd (although I'm counting it as 2nd as the two teams who finished above us were both from one school. Well done for representing our school so brilliantly and a big thank you to Mr Latham (our MAT sports lead) and Miss Hidasi (our sports coach)

On Thursday, Year 3 had a special day making new friends with a range of animals from the Amazon rainforest (their topic for this term). These included stick insects, millipedes, a rather large spider and many more. Our very brave Year 3 pupils however showed no fear and were all very eager to handle and touch these animals. They found out about the animal's features, what they do and eat and where they can be found in the rainforest canopy. The children really enjoyed this event.

On Thursday we also held our relationships education parents' consultations (one in the morning and one just before the end of the school day), which included the chance to see resources for the NSPCC Pants lessons and the No Outsiders scheme. Thank you to all of those parents who came. We really appreciated your positive comments about what you saw.

Please note that if parents allow their children to use the trim trail when there are not Colmers members of staff present i.e. before and after school, we can't be held responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur. I strongly advise that this is not used during these periods (as per the instructions on the clearly displayed signs).

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams



## Parent Support Group Communication Autism Team

The sessions run on:  
Fridays 9:15-11:15am

Friday 7th February, 2020  
Friday 6th March, 2020  
Friday 3rd April, 2020  
Friday 15th May, 2020  
Friday 12th June, 2020  
Friday 10th July, 2020



at GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre  
213 Trittford Road  
Billesley  
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

As from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Year 1 and Year 2 children will be leaving school from the lower hall.

Please ensure sure you are stood well back so that teachers can see you easily and release your child/ren safely to you.



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, a special trainer will be in school to teach Reception children, how to ride a bike. They will be taught to balance and how to stay safe while cycling.



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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As part of our School Policy, Colmers Farm expect our children to be coming to school in full uniform and wearing proper school shoes, of which most of our children do.

However, there are still a number of children who at times are wearing inappropriate footwear and school uniform. Children who are not wearing school jumpers or cardigans, will be given replacements from our lost property to wear until their own can be replaced. For those who do not wear the correct footwear, they will be asked to wear their school pumps.

We are aware that there are occasions when school shoes need to be replaced, as do jumpers and cardigans and we are aware that parents/carers can't always replace these items immediately. However, we would urge you to do this as soon as possible as it benefits the children by giving them a sense of belonging and promotes a good attitude to learning.

# NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

**95.1%**

This time last year, our whole school attendance percentage was **93.4%**

**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	<b>RW</b>	97.6%	<b>1</b>	95.0%	<b>46</b>
	<b>RC</b>	92.0%	<b>10</b>	92.7%	<b>116</b>
Year 1	<b>1KF</b>	97.5%	<b>6</b>	93.9%	<b>82</b>
	<b>1HF</b>	94.0%	<b>1</b>	95.0%	<b>34</b>
Year 2	<b>2H</b>	96.7%	<b>9</b>	96.3%	<b>103</b>
	<b>2B</b>	99.3%	<b>3</b>	95.9%	<b>27</b>
Year 3	<b>3G</b>	97.9%	<b>6</b>	94.2%	<b>90</b>
	<b>3B</b>	92.4%	<b>2</b>	94.7%	<b>72</b>
Year 4	<b>4M</b>	96.2%	<b>4</b>	95.0%	<b>72</b>
	<b>4J</b>	91.8%	<b>6</b>	95.4%	<b>59</b>
Year 5	<b>5TM</b>	95.5%	<b>0</b>	97.3%	<b>17</b>
	<b>5S</b>	94.7%	<b>7</b>	95.0%	<b>56</b>
Year 6	<b>6A</b>	98.3%	<b>7</b>	94.4%	<b>110</b>
	<b>6D</b>	96.7%	<b>2</b>	96.7%	<b>16</b>

**Well Done**

**2B** for the highest attendance last week

**Well Done**

**5TM** for the fewest lates this week.



## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Roseanna Y1, Savannah Y2  
Naomi Y4, Miyah Y5  
And Oscar in Y6

Hot chocolate



WELL DONE

## This Weeks KS1 Celebration Assembly



Luke and Alfie in Year 3,  
Carla and Corey in Year 4,  
Freya and Mason in Year 5  
Dylan and Jessica in Year 6

Who won the 100% attendance  
raffle ticket?



In this week's raffle, Chris in Reception was the  
lucky boy to win the KS1 prize and in Year 3  
Isabelle was this week's lucky winner.

WELL DONE!

## DIARY DATES

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Nurses in school for height and weight –  
Reception classes  
Year 2 Maths Workshop

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Nurses in school for height and weight  
5TM – Trip to Blakesley Hall

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

5S – Trip to Blakesley Hall

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3 Workshop 9-10.15am

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

School Closes

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Children back to school

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evening

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

6A - Trip to RAF Cosford

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

6D - Trip to RAF Cosford



## NEW SCHOOL MENU

### MONDAY

Turkey Burger with  
Pineapple Salsa  
Or

Quorn Burger with  
Pineapple Salsa (V)

Herby Diced Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables

Jaffa Shortbread Slice

### TUESDAY

Sausage with  
Yorkshire Puddings  
Or

Quorn Sausage with  
Yorkshire Puddings

Mashed Potatoes  
Sweetcorn  
Carrots

Chocolate Crunch

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken  
Or  
Cheese & Onion Pasty

New Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Peas

Fruit Jelly

### THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala  
Or  
Vegetable Samosa

Rainbow Rice  
Carrots  
Cauliflower

Chocolate Cracknel

### FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza  
Or  
Battered Pollock  
Fillet

Chunky Chips  
Beans  
Sweetcorn

Ice Cream



Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option