



Colmers Farm Newsletter



Friday 14th February 2020



Dear Parents

On Monday this week, Year 6 had a special assembly led by West Midlands Police officer PC Rob Pedley MBE. This assembly was part of a project called 'Precious Lives' which has reached over 100,000 young people across the West Midlands since its launch in 2011. The aim of the project is to de-glamourise guns, knives and gangs and present the real dangers faced by young people if they choose to carry a weapon or associate with a gang. Our Year 6s listened intently to the content and asked really good questions. Most importantly though, they learned that every choice they make has a consequence (good or bad).

Parents evening will be happening on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February, look out for letters coming home with further information.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 pupils welcomed into school many of their parents for a parent and child workshop about their topic. Here they got to work together to create animal face masks and some Henri Rousseau inspired artwork. The feedback from the parents' evaluations were really positive, and they seemed to really enjoy doing the activities with their children. It was great to have so many parents attend. Thank you to all of those parents who were able to attend this and thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants in Year 3 for organising and leading this session.

On Wednesday, it was the turn of our Year 2 parents to join their children in class. Year 2's parents were invited in to take part in a maths lesson with their children. This was focused on solving problems using concrete, pictorial and abstract methods (CPA), part-whole diagrams, number lines and bar models. The objective for this session was to familiarise parents with some of the strategies that we use in school to solve problems so they can support their children at home with these. The session also covered the importance of children solving problems in different ways and the importance of them explaining their methods, both verbally and in a written format. We were really pleased with the number of parents who attended this. Thank you for coming. Hopefully you found this useful and you could see our high expectations for your children within maths. Thank you also to the Year 2 staff for their efforts with preparing and delivering this.

After school on Wednesday, it was my pleasure with our sports coach Miss Hidasi to go and watch two teams from Colmers consisting of our Year 5 and 6 pupils (The Colmers Crusaders and the Colmers Comets) taking part in a basketball competition against several other local schools at Colmers Secondary School. Considering many of them had not played much basketball before, they were fantastic. Their energy, passing and movement were very impressive. Although we did not win, everybody really enjoyed the competition and they represented the school fantastically. I was so proud of each of them. Well done!

Our final parents' workshop of the week took place on Thursday. This was for our reception parents to attend. This focussed mainly on developing children's writing skills and developing children's phonics skills. Again the parental attendance was good and lots of ideas were shared which parents found to be helpful. Thank you for your support parents and also to the EYFS staff who set up and ran this workshop.

If as parents, you require any additional support for helping your child with their learning at home, please see your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help you.

After school on Thursday, our Year 5 & 6 played football against St. John Fisher School at Colmers. The result was 3-0 to St. John Fisher. We may have lost, but well done everybody on the Colmers team for representing our school and playing your best.

I hope that you have a wonderful half term with your children. We look forward to seeing everybody safely back at school on Monday 24th February.

Mr Williams



If you're raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person, you might be eligible for a grant from Family Fund

Follow the link to find out more:

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>



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Family Fund is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people.

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Free Milk in Years 1 and 2

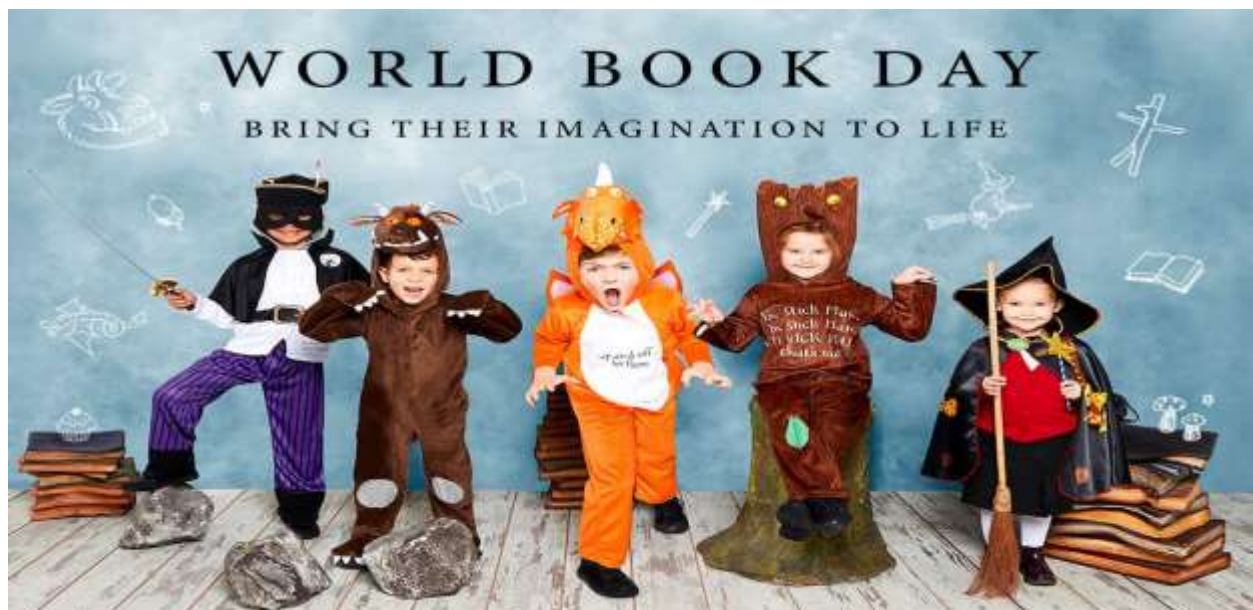
Currently we provide free milk to our Year 1 and 2 children. Due to financial pressures, and the fact that many of our children do not drink it, unfortunately the school is unable to sustain this. This will cease from week beginning 9th March. If you would like your child to receive milk after this date, you will need to pay for this through parent pay at 19p per day.

We will continue to supply free fruit/veg to our reception, year 1 and year 2 children.



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March, 2020

Your child can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book and in return they will receive a free £1.00 book voucher



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 Tritford Road
Billesley
B13 0ET

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WELL DONE

2H, 4J and 5TM for winning the trophies for the most points on Mathletics.

This week's Mathletics champion is Daniel in Year 2 and Lorendana in Year 6



On Thursday 26th March, a special trainer will be in school for a six week programme to teach Reception children, how to ride a bike. They will be taught to balance and how to stay safe while cycling.

Parent Workshop – Keeping your kids safe online.

Parents of Children in Y3 or Y4: Thursday 27th February 8:50-9:20am
Parents of Children in Y5 or Y6: Friday 28th February 8:50-9:20am

The internet is an essential part of modern life. We use it for shopping, keeping in touch with family and friends, entertainment, learning about new things and so much more. As parents, we try to keep our children as safe as possible in the real world and it's just as important to keep them safe online.

We're not just talking about the internet on PCs or laptops either. The internet nowadays can be accessed from so many devices including smartwatches, games consoles, tablets, mobile phones, TVs, smart home speakers and even some home appliances like fridges and microwaves!

Luckily, keeping your kids safe online is like teaching them how to cross the road. It's something that all parents can do, even if they are not too familiar with technology. It's about teaching your children some basic rules which they must follow to stay safe and to keep an eye on them. The aim of both this workshop and the downloadable guide on our homepage '*Children and technology: A little guide to keep your family safe*' is to help you achieve this.

Even if you already know how to keep your children safe online, please come along still as we have some very useful tips to share with you.

Thank you!

Mr Taylor
CEOP Ambassador & ICT Manager

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%

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	96.4%	6	94.8%	58
	RC	92.3%	17	92.6%	144
Year 1	1KF	95.8%	4	94.1%	93
	1HF	95.0%	5	95.1%	48
Year 2	2H	97.0%	13	96.3%	128
	2B	95.4%	1	95.6%	29
Year 3	3G	80.7%	5	93.4%	109
	3B	97.6%	6	94.8%	85
Year 4	4M	93.9%	5	94.9%	81
	4J	84.6%	9	94.7%	74
Year 5	5TM	95.5%	0	97.2%	22
	5S	95.0%	8	94.9%	71
Year 6	6A	99.6%	11	96.7%	135
	6D	98.4%	5	94.9%	28



Well Done

2H in KS1 and 6A in KS2 for the highest attendance this week

Well Done

5TM in KS2 and 2B in KS1 for the fewest lates this week



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Spencer in Reception
Oscar in Y2, Darcy in Y3
Kacee in Y4, Naomi in Y5
and Dylan in Y6



WELL DONE

DIARY DATES

Monday 24th February

Children back to school

Wednesday 26th and

Thursday 27th February

Parents' Evening

Parent Workshop – Online safety Year 3 & 4
8.50-9.20am

Friday 28th February

Parent Workshop – Online safety Year 5 & 6
8.50-9.20am

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Monday 30th March

6A - Trip to RAF Cosford

Tuesday 31st March

6D - Trip to RAF Cosford



This Week's KS2 Celebration Assembly



Phoebe & Cara in Year 3
Aiden & Zakiah in Year 4,
Jake & Steven in Year 5
Meema & Ethan in Year 6

Who won the 100% attendance raffle ticket?



In this week's raffle, Liam in Year 6 was the lucky boy to win the KS2 prize and Kaiden in Year 1 was the lucky KS1 winner.

WELL DONE!

LET'S DO LUNCH!!

After half term, Colmes Farm are offering children a Pick & Mix Lunchbox. If your child brings in their own packed lunch, but would like the school to provide them with one, then look out for letters after half term, giving more information.



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