

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break, even though the weather was pretty awful most of the week. It however has been a great start back to Colmers.

It has been an exciting week in EYFS as their first chicks have begun to hatch from their eggs. We also have had our own 'chick cam' in school, so children in all classes can keep an eye on the progress of our new arrivals.

Our parents' evenings took place on Wednesday and Thursday after school this week. It was great to see so many parents in attendance. Parents' evening is really important and, as headteacher, I really would like every parent to have a parents evening. This is really important for your child, as these meetings enable us to work together to enable your child to reach their potential. If you were unable to attend one of our parents' evenings, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. Thank you.

During the parents' evenings, many of you spared some time to complete some questionnaires about the school. Thank you for taking the time to do this. The responses were really positive and many parents we spoke to could see and appreciated the improvements that the staff have made to our school over the last academic year. Thank you for your support.

Next week, we will be starting our science topics in Years 1-6. If your child is in KS2, you should have received a knowledge organiser for your child's new topic. Please spend some time going through this with your child. This will really help them to make a good start to their topics. I have already seen some lovely homework from 3B about their new science topic (see the fabulous examples below). If you would like to work with your child to produce something for their new science topic, please do so. Your child's class teacher would really like to see what you create.



On Thursday and Friday, we held e-safety workshops for parents. Thank you to those parents who attended. Hopefully you found the session useful and you came away from it with lots of useful tips. If you did miss these meetings, do not worry. We will be hosting another of these later on in the year.

This week, we have been getting ready for our head boy and girl election. We have had campaign posters created by the children displayed around the school and they have all created speeches which were shown in classes before the school wide vote on Friday.

This has been a great way for all of our children to learn about democracy and to see it in action. Good luck to all of the candidates, you would all be worthy winners. We will be announcing who has won next week.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and children may dress up for this as their favourite book character if they wish. This is always a lovely day for them. Please note that if a child does not wish to dress up, they should come to school in their normal school uniform.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams  
Headteacher

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



Colmers Farm  
Primary School

Special  
Educational  
Needs and  
Disabilities  
(SEND)

Information for Parents  
and Carers



Excelsior  
Multi Academy Trust

What do our parents  
say about us?

'Great teachers  
and support staff.'

'If there are any  
issues, I feel I can  
talk to a teacher to  
rectify the problem.'

'The administrative  
staff are fantastic  
and supportive.'

'Since Excelsior Multi Academy  
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communication and my  
perception of the school has  
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Our Vision

All our schools to be  
outstanding beacons of  
equality, where pupils  
succeed in a safe, innovative  
and vibrant learning  
community.

Our Cornerstones  
of School  
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Succeeding together  
Ensuring quality for all  
Engaging learning  
Aspiring from the start

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## 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  
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## World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## WELL DONE



2B, 3B and 5TM for winning the trophies for the most points on Mathematics.

This week's Mathematics champions are Thomas in Year 2 and Poppie in Year 3 and Madeeha in Year 5



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As part of our School Uniform Policy, Colmers Farm expects our children to be coming to school in full uniform and wearing proper school shoes. Most of our children do this.

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 it promotes a good attitude to learning.

### Kidz to Adultz Middle

Wednesday 4th March 2020 9.30am – 4.30pm  
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# NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

**95.1%**

This time last year, our whole school attendance percentage was **94.3%**

**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>	91.7%	<b>2</b>	94.7%	<b>60</b>
	<b>RC</b>	91.3%	<b>16</b>	92.6%	<b>160</b>
Year 1	<b>1KF</b>	95.6%	<b>6</b>	94.2%	<b>99</b>
	<b>1HF</b>	93.3%	<b>8</b>	95.0%	<b>56</b>
Year 2	<b>2H</b>	97.0%	<b>8</b>	96.3%	<b>136</b>
	<b>2B</b>	92.8%	<b>3</b>	95.5%	<b>32</b>
Year 3	<b>3G</b>	88.2%	<b>11</b>	93.1%	<b>120</b>
	<b>3B</b>	89.7%	<b>10</b>	94.6%	<b>95</b>
Year 4	<b>4M</b>	93.6%	<b>15</b>	94.9%	<b>96</b>
	<b>4J</b>	87.1%	<b>9</b>	94.3%	<b>83</b>
Year 5	<b>5TM</b>	93.8%	<b>2</b>	97.1%	<b>24</b>
	<b>5S</b>	95.3%	<b>12</b>	95.0%	<b>83</b>
Year 6	<b>6A</b>	93.3%	<b>10</b>	94.8%	<b>145</b>
	<b>6D</b>	97.1%	<b>2</b>	96.7%	<b>30</b>

### Well Done

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

### Well Done

**5TM & 6D in KS2 and RW in KS1 for the fewest lates this week**



## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Reignn in Reception  
Arley-Jo in Y2,  
Caitlyn in Y5  
And Memma in Y6



WELL DONE

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

No Yr 5 Football After School Club

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

World Book Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Sports Relief Day

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

6A - Trip to RAF Cosford

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

6D - Trip to RAF Cosford



## This Week's KS1 Celebration Assembly



Annabelle-Rose and Louie  
in Reception  
Max and Ellis in Year 1,  
Hao Lin and Aaliyah in  
Year 2

## Who won the 100% attendance raffle ticket?



In this week's raffle, Demi-Lee in Year 2 was  
the lucky girl to win the KS1 prize and Millie in  
Year 5 was the lucky KS2 winner.

WELL DONE!

## LET'S DO LUNCH!!

Colmes Farm will soon be 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 coming soon which will  
provide you with more information.



## NEW SCHOOL MENU

### MONDAY

Beef Burger with  
Pineapple Salsa  
Or  
Quorn Burger with  
Pineapple Salsa  
Herby Diced Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Soft Breadroll 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



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