

Friday 6th March 2020

Dear Parents

On Monday, we announced the winners of our head boy and head girl elections. As well as developing further all of our children's understanding of the British Value of democracy, having a head boy and girl is also one of the strategies that we are using to develop further pupil voice within our school. There was a total of 473 votes cast by the children and staff at our school. I am delighted to say that our two winners were:

- Jorja (with 219 votes - 46% of the votes for the girls)
- Pamodou (with 193 - 41% of the votes for the boys).

A huge well done must go to all six of our candidates (Rhys, Nasir, Pamodou, Ava Mai, Jorja, Yanet). They were all fabulous during their campaigns and their parents and families should be really proud of them. Any one of them would have been a very worthy winner.

As a school, we are working to develop the children's Understanding of all of the British values. Many of our know the British Values and can talk about them. In reception and KS1 they are learning hand actions to help remember these. See how many British Values your child knows and can explain the meaning of.



After school on Wednesday, our Year 4s took part in a dodgeball competition at Colmers Secondary School. They represented the school brilliantly. Well done everybody who took part and thank you to Mr Lynch and Mrs Rudge for taking the children to this event.

On Thursday this week, we celebrated World Book Day. It was great to see so many children dressed up for this. The costumes were fantastic. We had The Things (and The Cat in the Hat), Little Red Riding Hood, the Gruffalo, Postman Pat, Mary Poppins, the Queen of Hearts, Peter Rabbit, virtually the whole of Hogwarts and so many more. It was wonderful! Our teachers also joined in the fun and were dressed up as Where's Wally, an oompa loompa, Mary Poppins, Bert (the chimney sweep from Mary Poppins), sleeping beauty and Peter Pan to name but a few. In the afternoon the teachers swapped classes and they shared some of their favourite stories with the children. This was enjoyed by all.

Just to finish with, on behalf of all of the staff at Colmers Farm Primary School I would like to say congratulations and good luck Mrs Chatwin who is getting married over the weekend. We hope that the day goes really well and that you have some good weather for the photos, which we are all eager to see.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams



Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Every Wednesday Evening from 6-9pm for 6 weekly sessions

Starting Wed 22nd April; Wed 29th April; Wed 6th May; Wed 13th May; Wed 20th May but NOT 27th MAY AS HALF TERM and finally Wed 3rd June

At Moseley Hall Hospital, Lecture Theatre, Old Hall, Alcester Rd, Moseley, Birmingham

Are you the parent of a child with special educational needs?

Do you want to meet with other parents and learn about national and local services and what they can offer?

Do you want to feel more confident about working with practitioners and making decisions about your child's journey?

We warmly invite you to a series of evening workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.



For more information please contact Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant) or Sarah Adams (EYIS – Early Support Service)

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To book, please complete and sign attached booking form and consent.



Be Empowered...

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
B13 0ET

For more information please contact:

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Information for Parents and Carers



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 Trust have become involved, communication and my perception of the school has improved.'



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 Development

Succeeding together
Ensuring quality for all
Engaging learning
Aspiring from the start

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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.



WELL DONE

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

This week's Mathematics champions are Khloe in Year 2 and Thomas in Year 3

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.

Open day
Saturday 14 March
10:00am-12:00pm

Where bright sparks are ignited

Find out more about our:

- Outstanding 2019 GCSE results: 66% 8/9 and 41% 9-7
- Excellent 2018 IB Diploma results: 75% of Higher Level subjects graded 7/6 (equivalent to A*/A at A-level)
- Rich extra-curricular programme and impressive facilities
- Scholarships and Assisted Places

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or tel: 0121 415 6066 for more information.

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COME AND JOIN OUR SENCO TEAM FOR A COFFEE

All parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) are invited to a coffee afternoon from 2-3pm on Monday 16th March 2020. Please contact Mrs Evans, Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCO), to book a place if you have not already returned a reply slip to the office.



NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

95.7%

This time last year, our whole school attendance percentage was **94.0%**

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	96.0%	6	94.8%	66
	RC	91.0%	12	93.3%	172
Year 1	1KF	98.0%	13	94.3%	112
	1HF	92.7%	10	94.9%	66
Year 2	2H	98.3%	5	96.4%	141
	2B	97.2%	5	95.6%	37
Year 3	3G	95.7%	16	93.3%	136
	3B	93.4%	11	94.5%	106
Year 4	4M	97.2%	12	95.0%	108
	4J	95.0%	5	95.4%	88
Year 5	5TM	94.8%	3	97.0%	27
	5S	98.7%	13	95.1%	96
Year 6	6A	95.4%	6	94.8%	151
	6D	96.8%	2	96.7%	32

Well Done

2H in KS1 and 5S in KS2 for the highest attendance this week

Well Done

2H and 2B in KS1 and 6D in KS2 for the fewest lates this week



This Week's KS1 Celebration Assembly



Dominic and Lily-May in Year 3
Hao and Violet in Year 4, Maisy and Jaime-
Lynn in Year 5 and
Alfie and Michelle in Year 6

DIARY DATES

Friday 13th March

Sports Relief Day

Monday 30th March

6A - Trip to RAF Cosford

Tuesday 31st March

6D - Trip to RAF Cosford

Friday 3rd April

Year 3 Parents Maths Inspire Workshop

Friday 3rd April

School closes for Easter



Who won the 100% attendance
raffle ticket?

In this week's KS2 assembly, Mia in Year 5
was the lucky 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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Roast Chicken Fillet Or Cheese & Potato Pie	Fish Fingers Or Macaroni Cheese	Roast Turkey Or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese	Chicken Korma Or Vegetable Samosa	Margherita Pizza Or Fish Fingers
Mashed Potatoes Peas Broccoli	Wedges Garlic Bread Carrots & Cauliflower	New Potatoes Cauliflower Peas	Rainbow Rice Carrots Cauliflower	Chunky Chips Beans Sweetcorn
Forest Fruit Sponge	Mixed Fruit Crumble	Fruit Cocktail	Melting Moments	Frozen Mousse Tub



Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option