

6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Values

This month we will be focusing on the value of **Honesty**. At Cold Harbour we believe that to earn trust and respect from each other, we must be honest and open to others and ourselves.

### A Prayer for honesty

God, I know you delight in people who tell the truth.  
Please help me to be someone who you can delight in.  
Amen. (*Proverbs 12:22*)



### Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to let you know that we raised £108.00 this year as a school for the Poppy Appeal, thank you to all those that contributed.



### RSPB's Big School Birdwatch 2018



As previously mentioned we were involved in the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2018 and have counted the birds and submitted our data to the RSPB. We are grateful for the donations received for this.

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 between 3.30pm -5.00pm** and **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 between 5.00pm and 8.00pm**. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. A letter has been sent home to arrange appointments; please could you return your slip as soon as possible this week to enable appointments to be notified to you.



## First Day Response

It is important that if your child is unable to attend school due to illness you phone school and use the messaging system before **9:30am** each day to advise us of their absence. If we do not hear from you then you will be contacted directly to check the whereabouts of your child and the circumstances of their absence. We are required to report on attendance every half term. In order to prevent the spread of infection we would like to draw your attention to the recommended period for children to be kept away from school for:

- Diarrhoea/vomiting – **48** hours minimum from last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting
- Chicken Pox – 5 days from onset of rash (or until all scabs are dried)
- Impetigo – 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment or until lesion are crusted and healed
- Whooping Cough - 5 full days on antibiotics before return to school (cough may still be evident)

## Grandparents and Ladies Afternoons



We would like to welcome grandparents into school on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 1.30pm**. This afternoon will provide an opportunity for grandparents to see their grandchildren in the classroom, meet the class teacher and share in Enrichment games and activities. This will followed by refreshments. All ladies are also invited into school on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm**.



## World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** this year. More information will be provided by Miss Brago ... look out for the next message!



## Strictly Competitions



Our children took part in the Strictly competitions last weekend and we are very pleased to tell you that Years 1&2 and Years 5&6 took third place on the day and will now be returning to the semi finals in June. Well done to all the children who took part and worked very hard preparing for this competition and also to Mrs Woods for all her hard work and organisation!

## School Nurse Clinic

The school nurse team are running termly clinics within school and will be available to meet with families to discuss health issues that are impacting on the child's education and general well-being. The clinic is a confidential health clinic which can cover a variety of topics such as bed-wetting, soiling, behavioural issues, poor attendance, sleep disturbances and dietary issues.

The next clinic will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018** during the morning. The nurse will see you by appointment only for a 30 minute slot, so if you would like to meet with the school nurse **please let the school office know so that they can book an appointment for you.**

## Easter Service



Following our successful Christmas Service at St. Mary's church for our **Key Stage 2** children (years 3-6) we are currently awaiting confirmation of dates for our Easter Service. We are anticipating this will be either Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We would very much like you to join us. Mrs Borner will be providing an update on dates and times once these have been received.

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Foundation to year 2) Easter service will be held in the school hall and the date will be provided.

## Mobile Phones

We are receiving an increasing number of children's mobile phones in school. I would like to remind you that mobile phones should **only** be brought into school in exceptional circumstances. Children are reminded that their mobile phone is named and handed into the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day.



## Principles of Restorative Practice

Our Behaviour Policy draws attention to the use of Restorative Practice. Mrs Borner has provided staff training and I have discussed the process with the children. Mrs Borner is very much interested in providing parents with further information and looking into either inviting parents in or providing a leaflet on the actions taken in school to implement this practice. You may be interested in *The TED talks Restorative Practices to Resolve Conflict/Build Relationships* (Katy Hutchison). This is very thought provoking and provides an insight into this process <http://www.tedxwestvancouvered.com/talk/restorative-practices-resolve-conflictbuild-relationships/>

Please contact Mrs Borner if you would like further information.

Wishing you all a good half term and we will see you on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Christine Ryan  
Headteacher.

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>1.30pm</b> Grandparents afternoon
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>3.15pm Break up for half term</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School re-opens</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Dodgeball SBE Competition for Years 5 & 6
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>No teacher led, Premier Sports or Julie's Dance Clubs this week</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Trinity Week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>3.30pm – 5.00pm</b> parent consultations
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>5.00pm – 8.00pm</b> parent consultations
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball Tournament for Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y4 Caldecotte Experience Residential
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>1.30pm</b> Ladies Afternoon
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	School Nurse Clinic (by appointment only)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Netball Tournament for Years 3 & 4
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>3.15pm Break up for Easter</b>
	Easter Service for KS2 (Years 3-6) date to be confirmed
	Easter Service for EYFS & KS1 (Reception to Year 2) date to be confirmed
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School re-opens</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Swimming lessons start for Year 3 (letter to follow)