

Dear Parents and Carers,

5th January 2018

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back after a restful Christmas break... ready to start the Spring Term 2018.

Values

This month we will be focusing on the value of Trust. At Cold Harbour we believe in the goodness of everybody. This helps us to see the best in everybody and show trust.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take” Proverbs 3: 5-6

A Prayer for trust


This day is a new day
That has never been before.
This year is a new year,
The opening door.



Staffing

We are pleased to welcome new teachers Miss Hannah Kara to Flamingo Class, Mrs Christine Richardson to Puffin Class and Mrs Wendy Robinson (cover teacher). Miss Rachel Ellis is currently on teacher placement at another school until February.

Young Voices

 The young voices are visiting the Genting Arena in Birmingham on Wednesday 10th January. This is our second year of attending and we are looking forward to another magnificent performance. The children have mastered the songs and we would like to send a special thank you to Miss Horvath for all her hard work and dedication.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre took place in December and was a great success. The children loved seeing Santa and everyone enjoyed themselves. The funds raised on the day will be allocated by the committee and The Friends of Cold Harbour appreciate everyone who supported the event.



Kaleidoscope Room

I would like to inform you that we have now introduced Kaleidoscope sessions at Cold Harbour CE School. Goldfinch class has been split into two groups (year 1 and year 2). These 30 minute sessions are currently run on a Wednesday afternoon in the Kaleidoscope room with Mrs Ryan.

Kaleidoscope provides a safe place to be – using music, lights and warmth. Colour and light is used to set the ambiance as a vehicle for expression where words are too difficult and often tangled in emotion.

The programme will run for the half term and involves relaxation, visualisation (mental rehearsal), expression through colour, movement/laughter/fun, self-esteem building, exploration through natural materials and positive affirmation.



Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

At the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) primary schools are required to assess pupil's achievements according to a National Standard. It is compulsory to assess children at the end of a Key Stage. Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 are invited to an information meeting outlining the assessment process.

Information Meeting



Parents of **Year 6** children are invited to an information meeting on **Monday 15th January at 5.30pm** and parents of **Year 2** children on **Monday 29th January at 5.30pm**. Please could you contact your child's class teacher by Dojo or the school office to let us know if you will be attending so that we have an idea of numbers.

Applications to Cold Harbour School September 2018

Applications for children who are five during the school year (born between 01 September 2013 and 31 August 2014) are open to apply for a place, please apply on line or return a paper copy by the closing date **Monday 15th January 2018** by 5pm. Places are allocated in line with the Council's admissions criteria. The council will inform you in April 2018 to confirm which school your child has been allocated for September 2018.

For further advice about admissions please telephone the Pupil Support section of Milton Keynes Council (01908 253338) or email primaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day 2018 will take place on **Monday 5th February**, (please note the change of date from Decembers Newsletter as year 1 & 2 are on a school visit on Tuesday 6th February), with the theme “Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you”. **Safer Internet Day** is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the **safe** and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. We will be working with the children in the afternoon learning about safer internet usage. We will send a letter home with more information for parents.

RSPB's Big School Birdwatch 2018



We would like to become involved in the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2018. We will be setting aside some time to count the birds to submit our data to the RSPB. Counting will take place between **3rd January and 9th February 2018**. We would very much appreciate any donations of bird feeders, food etc over the cold winter months to entice the birds in prior to the counting period.

You can also take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch at home. This is the world's biggest bird survey and regularly attracts nearly half a million participants. The records from people counting birds in their gardens provide a vital snapshot of the UK's birds each winter. The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2018 takes place on the weekend of the **27th to 29th January 2018**; <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 20th February 2018 between 3.30pm - 5.00pm** and **Thursday 22nd February 2018 between 5.00pm and 8.00pm**. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. A letter will be sent home nearer the time to arrange appointments.



Grandparents and Ladies Afternoons

We would like to welcome grandparents into school on **Friday 9th 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 be followed by refreshments. All ladies are also invited into school on **Friday 9th March at 1.30pm**.



Yours sincerely

Christine Ryan
Mrs Christine Ryan
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9 th January	Badminton Tournament for Years 3 & 4 (selected children)
Wednesday 10 th January	Young Voices Concert - Birmingham
Wednesday 10 th January	E Safety Visit from Safety Centre for Year 6
Monday 15 th January	5.30pm end of KS2 (Year 6) SATs information meeting.
Friday 19 th January	EFL Kids Cup Football for Years 5 & 6 (selected children)
Saturday 27 th January	Strictly Milton Keynes Competition
Monday 29 th January	Indoor Athletics at Denbigh School for Years 5 & 6
Monday 29 th January	5.30pm End of KS1 (Year 2) SATs information meeting.
Monday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 th February	National Space Centre Visit for Years 1 & 2
Friday 9 th February	1.30pm Grandparents afternoon
Friday 9 th February	3.15pm Break up for half term
Monday 19 th February	School re-opens
Monday 19 th February	Dodgeball SBE Competition for Years 5 & 6
Monday 19 th February	Holy Trinity Week
Tuesday 20 th February	3.30pm – 5.00pm parent consultations
Thursday 22 nd February	5.00pm – 8.00pm parent consultations
Tuesday 27 th February	Netball Tournament for Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 28 th February – Thursday 1 st March	Y4 Caldecotte Experience Residential
Friday 9 th March	1.30pm Ladies Afternoon
Wednesday 21 st March	Netball Tournament for Years 3 & 4
Friday 23 rd March	3.15pm Break up for Easter
Monday 9 th April	School re-opens
Monday 23 rd April	Swimming lessons start for Year 3 (letter to follow)