

Dear Parents and Carers,

4th May 2018

Values

This month we shall continue to focus on the value of **Tolerance**. At Cold Harbour we believe that God created us all as equals. We should always try to understand and respect our differences.

A Prayer for Tolerance

Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the Courage to change the things I can,
and the Wisdom to know the difference,
grant me Patience with the changes that take time,
appreciation of all that I have,
tolerance of those with different struggles,
and the strength to get up and try again,
one day at a time.



Staffing

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Smith at the end of May (Half term). Mrs Smith has been a teaching assistant at Cold Harbour School for over 20 years but has been associated with the school for over 30 years as her children attended here. Mrs Smith has worked tirelessly to help many children over the years and has taken part in many trips and events. We wish Mrs Smith all the best for the future!

Classes next year



A number of parents have been asking which class their children will be in for the next academic year starting in September. Class allocations will not be made until the latter end of June and you will be notified in early July.

When creating the class lists for a new academic year the school staff and I are keen to do what is educationally best for the children. As you will be aware, the curriculum and expectations placed on schools and children are constantly evolving and we need to be adaptable to this in order to give the best possible education to the children in our care.

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.



Uniform



We are expecting delivery of a flyer from our uniform providers United School Wear (Talk2Me) which will detail ordering instructions. The deadline for orders to be made Free of charge and delivered to school is **1st July**. After this date orders will have to be either a home delivery (FOC on orders over £35.00) or their new click and collect service (again FOC on orders over £35.00). All items ordered will be named for you.

You can also use an alternative provider <https://www.tesco.com/direct.ues/> who stock items embroidered with our school logo. Every order earns commission for the school as well as clubcard points for yourself. There is a delivery charge of £3.00 and orders will be delivered in approximately 14 days. If you use this service please could you ensure that all items are labeled with your child's name.

Caldecotte Xperience

Year 4 children finally got to take part in their postponed Caldecotte Xperience residential visit this week. Although cold, the children had a fantastic time participating in lots of activities. Thank you to all the adults who supported them on this trip.



Pick up and drop off



Please may we remind you that if you have to bring your car down Highland Close when picking up or dropping off your children, please be aware of your speed and surroundings as some children step off of the kerb unexpectedly. Also when opening your doors please ensure that the road and pathways are clear before doing so.

There is no turning circle near the school so please try to park along Kincardine Drive or Kinross Drive to avoid the ever increasing traffic flow along Highland Close. Please do not mount the pavements at any time as this is becoming a more regular occurrence and is potentially endangering our children.



Kingswood Residential Visit – Year 6



Our visit to Norfolk is getting nearer and we are making final preparations. Please could you complete and return all consent and medical forms by next Friday 11th May at the latest. We will be holding a parents meeting on **Tuesday**

22nd May at 5.30 – 6.00pm where we will be handing out kit lists, telephone tree etc.

Key Stage 1 assessment

The end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2 pupils) will also be sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests over two weeks starting in the week beginning **Monday 7th May**.



End of Key Stage 2 assessment

The end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6 pupils) will be sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests during the week beginning **Monday 14th May**.



During these assessment periods it is essential that children attend every day. All children registered at a school are required to sit the end of key stage assessments. If your child is ill on the day of the test: If it is something minor, we would suggest for your child to come in and sit the test, before returning home. It can be arranged for your child to take the tests away from other pupils if this is required. For more serious cases where it is clear the child cannot attend school, we apply to the DfE for your child to sit the test on a different day to their peers.

Royal Wedding Family Picnic



We would like to invite parents to join us to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on **Thursday 17th May at 2.00pm**. Please bring along your own picnic and blanket to sit on and feel free to wear your red, white and blue or bring a flag to wave and join the whole school as we celebrate.

Walk to school week from 21st to 25th May

We, as a school would like to raise your awareness of the national annual walk to school week starting 21st May. If possible please try to walk to school for this week. Children that walk to school arrive more alert and ready to start the day, walking can also have a positive effect on your child's well-being for the day. Walk to school week is about recognising the benefits of being active in our bodies and our minds. We realise that it isn't possible for all our children to walk to school, but hope as many of you will as possible.



School Class Photographs



Just a reminder that class photographs and Year 6 leavers will be taking place on **Friday 25th May**.

Bring a Man to School



We look forward to inviting our men into School **on Friday 15th June at 1.30pm**. To help us with our catering arrangements, please let the school office know if you will be attending. Thanks for your help.

School Nurse Clinic

The school nurse team run 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 **Tuesday 19th June 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**.

Strictly Dancing 2018 Final



Strictly Dancing final will take place on Saturday 23rd June for our children. They are continuing to practice very hard with Mrs Woods & Miss Brago, more details will follow and we wish them every success in the competition.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Ryan

Mrs Christine Ryan
Headteacher.

Dates for your diary: Summer Term 2018

Week beg. Monday 7 th May	Year 1 SATs
Week beg. Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
Thursday 17 th May	2.00pm Royal wedding family picnic
Friday 18 th May	Year 5 & Year 6 LMS football
Monday 21 st May – 25 th May	Walk to school week
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 3 & 4 MK Dons girls football
Tuesday 22 nd May	5.30pm-6.00pm Kingswood meeting for parents
Wednesday 23 rd May	Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming Gala
Friday 25 th May	Class & year 6 leavers photographs
Friday 25 th May	Break up for half term
Saturday 9 th June	West Bletchley Carnival
Week beg Monday 11 th June	Year 1 phonics screening week
Wednesday 13 th June	Year 3 & Year 4 Sealife visit
Wednesday 13 th June	Year 5 & Year 6 Boys cricket
Wednesday 13 th June	7.00pm Information meeting for 2018 Early Years parents
Thursday 14 th June	Year 5 & Year 6 Girls cricket
Friday 15 th June	1.30pm Bring a man to school
Tuesday 19 th June	9.00am-12.00pm School Nurse Clinic (by appointment only)
Tuesday 19 th June	Year 3 & Year 4 Tri golf
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th June	Year 6 Residential Kingswood Overstrand Hall Trip
Saturday 30 th June	Forest School/Rota Kids Project Day and Rota Kids BBQ – TBC
Sunday 1 st July	Deadline for school uniform orders (FOC & delivery to school)
Monday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Thursday 5 th July	Whole school transition day
Thursday 5 th July	KS1 Athletics Festival
Friday 6 th July	Reserve Sports day
Saturday 7 th July	FOCH Summer Fayre
Tuesday 10 th July	1.30pm Year 5 & Year 6 performance
Thursday 12 th July	5.30pm Year 5 & Year 6 performance
Friday 13 th July	Early Years visit to Woburn Safari Park
Friday 13 th July	6.00pm – 8.00pm Year 6 leavers prom
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 5 & Year 6 visit to Legoland
Friday 20 th July	9.15am Year 6 leavers assembly to parents