

Dear Parents and Carers,

6th October 2017

Values

In our school community, many school rules are set based on expectations from our agreed set of **values** which we believe are an important aspect of personal growth.

These values are traits or qualities which represent our highest priorities and which we deem important.

Trust, Honesty, Thankfulness, Respect and **Faith** are our core values. Alongside these, in learning and achieving together we further develop our Christian values; **Nurture, Tolerance, Forgiveness** and **Guidance**.



This month, we shall be focusing on our value of **thankfulness**. At Cold Harbour CE we believe in giving thanks and praise for all our gifts and talents. We always show gratitude to others when they help us.

Prayer for Children

Let every child
Laugh and play
Love and smile
Everyday

Amen.

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Batt was blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Rosa in August. Congratulations to the new family.



Medication

Please can we remind parents to ensure that any medication which is being left at school i.e. Epipens, eczema cream and inhalers etc are **in date**. It is parents' responsibility to note before bringing the medication to school, when they will need to reorder new supplies.

Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH)



A huge thank for supporting our extremely successful “Back to school Disco”. It was fantastic to see so many families joining us in celebrating being back to school. This provided an opportunity to meet up with families and a welcome to all new families who have now joined Cold

Harbour School. The next FOCH event will be the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December from 12.00 to 3.00pm** in the school hall

Please enquire if you would like to know more about the FOCH and what they do and how you can support the school.

McMillan Coffee Morning

The coffee morning hosted on **Friday 29th September** was the first event planned by the new school council supporting the McMillan Biggest Coffee Morning. This was a great success. We would like to thank you all for your very generous donations and hard work and hope that you enjoyed the morning. In total we raised a fantastic **£348.12**.



Applications to Cold Harbour School September 2018

Our next open afternoon for parents wishing to consider an application for September 2018 is on **Thursday 9th November at 2.15pm** and next open morning is on **Thursday 7th December at 9.30am**. Applications for children who are five during the school year (born between 01 September 2013 and 31 August 2014) opened on 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

Transfer to Secondary School 2018

Pupils who live outside Milton Keynes LA should apply directly via their own authority. All parents and carers are encouraged to make an application online as you will be able to view, update and check the status of your application and receive an email on national offer day (1st March 2018) informing you of the place that has been offered.

Every year a number of families fail to make an application on time. This often leads to a pupil not being allocated any of their preferences or their catchment school and causes

distress for the pupil and family. The closing date for online applications is **midnight Monday 31st October 2017**.

Late applications received between 1 November 2017 and 31 March 2018 will not receive notification of their offer until end of April 2018. Applications received during April 2018 will not be offered until mid May 2018. Thereafter, offers will be made weekly.

Harvest Festival



Thanking everyone for their donations and for attending services, both here and at St. Marys Church. All donations were greatly received and will be given to the Food Cupboard St Mary's Church and the MK Lions Rotary Club. A special thank you for St. Mary's Church for holding the service a week earlier than planned due to their full diary for forthcoming Harvest week.

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, eight of our Year 3/4 children went to Stantonbury Leisure Centre and competed in a swimming gala. There were twelve schools competing and we finished in ninth place, which is fantastic as we have never entered a swimming gala before and the swimmers had never swum competitively before. The children swam 25m freestyle and backstroke, and 20m breaststroke. We would like to thank our parents that came along to support us, the atmosphere was amazing and your cheering really helped the children. We were unaware that there were coaches from the City of Milton Keynes Swimming Club at the event and they have invited one of our children to trial for the team, well done Cameron. We have started our sporting year off with a fantastic result and I cannot wait for the next competition.



RotaKids Club

Our RotaKids have started the year with big plans and they are raring and ready to go. Next week they will celebrate their birthday and welcome new members. If anyone would like to join us it will be in the hall at **4.05pm on Thursday 12th October**, this is a great opportunity to find out what the RotaKids do and what we plan to do this year.

Night Owl Payments



Please can we ask that all Night Owl payments are given directly to Night Owls staff and not via the school office. We will be issuing the next half term booking form on **Monday 9th October**.

Flu Vaccinations

The nasal flu vaccination will take place on **Wednesday 6th December - 9.00am to 3.00pm**, for children in school years EYFS through to and including Year 4. We are aware that nativity performances are planned for this day and our vaccination providers will work around that. Permission forms will be sent out shortly.



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 **Wednesday 15th November** 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.**

Parent Consultations

You should have all received letters for making appointments for Parent Consultations, please return your slip so that the teachers can notify you of your appointment details. All classes will be **between 5.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17th October and between 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 19th October.**



On the day of your appointment children are welcome to wait in the Shared Area but we request that they are not present during the discussion, unless particularly invited to do so by their teacher. There will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's books before and after the meeting.

Up-dating information

Please could we ask parents, if not yet done so, to return the data collection sheet, home school agreement, off site learning permission slip and E-safety acceptable use rules letter that were issued in September. Please check, amend as necessary, sign and return as soon as possible to allow us to have the correct and most up-to-date information.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 10th October** for individual, group and family photos.

Colder weather

Although we have had a lovely September, autumn and winter are around the corner!

Please make sure that your children bring coats to school **every day** in anticipation of a change in temperature. **All** clothing should be labelled – especially hats, gloves and scarves. We do expect them to go outside at break and lunchtime – they need a little fresh air to keep them awake for learning!

Half Term

School closes for half term on **Friday 20th October** and re-opens on **Tuesday 31st October**. Please see forth coming dates at the end of the newsletter.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing holiday ready for another busy half term in the build up to Christmas.

And Finally!

Please find attached a list of dates for your diary over the next term. Further information will be provided where necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Christine Ryan

Head Teacher

Autumn Term 2017: Academic year 2017 – 2018

Week commencing Monday 9 th October	Nurse Screening for Reception and Year 6 pupils
Tuesday 10 th October	School photographs – Individuals/Family/groups
Tuesday 17 th October	5.00pm – 8.00pm Parent consultations
Thursday 19 th October	3.30pm – 5.00pm Parent consultations
Friday 20 th October	2.00pm – 3.15pm EYFS parents invited for bug hunt
HALF TERM	23TH OCTOBER 2017 – 27TH OCTOBER 2017
Monday 30th October	INSET – School Closed
Tuesday 31st October	School Opens
Thursday 9 th November	2.15pm Open Afternoon for 2018 Early Years
Wednesday 15 th November	9.00am – 12.00pm School nurse clinic for parents
20 th – 26 th November	Road Safety week (further information to follow)
Tuesday 5 th December	5.30pm Candlelit Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
Wednesday 6 th December	9.00am – 3.00pm Flu vaccinations (EYFS to year 4)
Wednesday 6 th December	9.30am Early Years Nativity - hall
Thursday 7 th December	9.30am Open morning for 2018 Early Years intake
Saturday 9 th December	12.00 – 3.00pm FOCH Christmas Fayre – Hall
Wednesday 13 th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party.
Friday 15 th December	Break up for Christmas