

Dear Parents and Carers,

8th September 2017

Welcome back to a new school year at Cold Harbour C of E Primary School. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break.



Prayer for the Start of the school Year

Lord Jesus,

We ask for your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen

School Email Address

The school email address has now changed to office@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Please note this change of email. Other forms of communication through dojos have remained unchanged. Additionally, ParentMail PMX, the website

www.coldharbourschool.org.uk and this monthly newsletter will provide information of many up and coming activities which will be taking place during this half term and some further dates for your diaries. Please keep a watch in book bags for notices and ParentMail PMX for any amendments or updates. Each week you will still receive a celebrating achievements newsletter as before.

Staffing

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to school and are sure that they will enjoy being part of the Cold Harbour family. Miss Reoch will be teaching in Sparrow class, Mr Ripley joins Hummingbird class as their new teacher. We welcome back Miss Burgess and Miss Clarke from maternity leave. We also welcome Mrs Youngworth to our office staff.



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.**

These **core values** define how we want to behave with each other in our community; help us to resolve any hidden conflicts, remove stresses and give us a firm direction in life. Each month we will be focusing on a value in depth for aspiration, to helping us move towards solutions and away from problems.

As we welcome our new children into school, this month we shall be focusing on **nurture.**

Caldecotte Xperience Meeting

We will be holding an information meeting for parents of children attending this trip on Wednesday 13th September at 5.30pm. We have a representative from Caldecotte attending who will provide all the necessary details. We expect the meeting to last about 30 minutes.

Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH)

We will be discussing fundraising opportunities for the year. If you would like to become involved or just want to come along to find out about what we do, you are very welcome to join us at **6.00pm Wednesday 13th September** in the Jungle Room for our first FOCH meeting of the year.

Nut allergies in school

We have a few new children in school who have severe nut allergies and carry an EpiPen. If they come into contact with nuts the results could potentially be life threatening therefore, we respectfully request that you do not send any products which contain nuts to school for your child's snack or in their lunchbox. Thank you for your understanding.

Coffee morning welcome

The newly appointed School Council will be hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 29th September at 9.30am** in the Jungle Room in support of the McMillan Biggest Coffee Morning. We have had a fantastic start to the new year and I look forward to meeting you and hope as many of you as possible are able to join me over a cup of coffee.



Celebration Worship

We take great pride in celebrating all achievements including those achieved outside of school. We welcome any awards, medals or certificates in school as part of our celebration worship which takes place **every Friday** morning in our Celebration Worship at **9.00am**. Where possible, please ensure any achievements to be celebrated which are brought from home are in school by the end of the school day on a **Wednesday**. If you would like to share in your child's achievements, please contact the class teacher.

Curriculum Enrichment

Year group's 3 to 6 enrichment will take place every **Thursday** afternoon from **2.15 – 3.00pm**.

Year groups 1 and 2 enrichment will take place every **Friday** afternoon from **2.15-3.00pm**. During this time, our pupils will have the opportunity to further enhance their skills in additional areas to the National Curriculum. This extended time offers our pupils the chance to broaden their range of skills and access additional learning opportunities, e.g. dancing, sewing, drawing, outdoor skills, gardening etc. Please contact the school if you are able to offer any support in these enrichment activities or have skills you would like to share!

Back to School Disco. Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH)

The beginning of a new academic year is a very special time. Our Back to school Disco will be held on **Friday 29th September**. This is an opportunity to build new relationships, catch up with friends and welcome new families to our school community.

5.30-6.30pm: Early Years & Key Stage 1 (Cygnet, Duckling, Sparrow, Goldfinch & Robin)

7.00pm – 8.00pm: Key Stage 2 (Flamingo, Macaw, Hummingbird, Puffin, Kingfisher & Penguin classes). Further information will follow from the FOCH team.

September 2018 Admissions

We will be holding Open Afternoons on **Tuesday 26th September at 1.30pm** and **Thursday 9th November at 2.15pm** and an Open morning on **Thursday 5th October and Thursday 7th December at 9.30am**.

This is an opportunity for parents wishing to consider Cold Harbour C of E Primary School for prospective September **2018** intake (children born between 01 September 2013 and 31 August 2014).

Supporting your child's learning and understanding.

You are warmly invited to join us to see how the current curriculum is delivered in the core areas of English and Maths. These sessions are aimed to provide you with strategies to further support your child in reading, writing and maths skills. The following half terms you will be invited into the classroom where the children will share with you their love for learning. These will take place in the morning when the children have been dropped off and will last for approximately 30 minutes.

Baby Birds (Early Years)

Tuesday 26th September 3.00 – 3.20pm

KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Monday 25th September 2.45 – 3.15pm

KS2 (Year 3 - 6)

Friday 15th September 2.45 – 3.15pm Maths

Tuesday 19th September 2.45 – 3.15pm English

Harvest Festival

9.15am Tuesday 3rd October: Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Cygnet, Duckling, Goldfinch, Robin and Sparrow classes) – hall

1.00pm Tuesday 3rd October: Key Stage 2 (Flamingo, Hummingbird, Macaw, Kingfisher, Penguin and Puffin) - St. Mary's Church Bletchley.

The children will need a packed lunch on this day so please do not order them a hot dinner. We would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods, which can be **delivered to school from Friday 29th September**, please hand them to your child's class teacher. After the event these donations will be given to the Food Cupboard St Mary's Church and the MK Lions Rotary Club.

Parent Consultations

Our first parent consultation evenings are held in the Autumn Term to establish a positive and challenging start to the year for all our children. These will take place on:

Tuesday 17th October 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 19th October 3.30pm – 5.00pm.

Further information will follow for you to indicate times on these days which would be most convenient for you. As far as possible, teachers will try to accommodate your wishes. 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.

Term-time holiday

The Department for Education stipulate that head teachers **may not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. The Milton Keynes Code of Conduct reflects these arrangements and states that a fine can be incurred if a child is removed from school for ten unauthorised sessions (five days). Please note the Secretary of State for Education removed the discretion of head teachers to grant up to ten days leave in term time for holidays. Henceforth, all holidays will be marked as unauthorised and could be subject to a fine of up to £60 if paid in 21 days or £120 if paid in 28 days.

School Uniform

We understand that there have been a few issues regarding uniform delivery during the summer break with our suppliers Talk2Me. In light of this, we are in the process of setting up an additional service via Tesco (F&F embroidered uniforms), once this has been completed we will provide further details.

Please could we remind you that all items of clothing **MUST** be labeled. We already have various unnamed items in our lost property cupboard, so we are unable to reunite them with their owners.

Health & Safety

Early Years (EY) and Year 1/2 doors are opened at **8:45am** every day and gates are closed at **9.00am**. All children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) are asked to assemble before school on the playground where they will be met by their class teacher and taken into school at **8.45am**.

The safety of our children is paramount. As the class teachers are getting to know the parents/carers of their pupils, it may take a little longer for children to leave their classrooms in the younger year groups. Teachers will not release their pupils until they are reassured an adult is available to collect them.

Up-dating information

In order to enable us to keep our records up to date, **please will you check and amend the details on the Data Collection Sheet we are sending you shortly and return it to school as soon as possible in the envelope provided.** People who are listed on your child's contact details must be able to arrive at school within 30 minutes to collect them if needed. Could you also add **any person who has your permission to collect your child from school.** This will help us when checking if someone different has arrived to take your child home.

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, allergies or dietary needs please write the details down on the Medical Conditions section of the Data Collection Sheet.

We also need confirmation concerning any medication required in school for your child i.e., inhalers (are they still required, do they need replacing, is the dosage still applicable, etc...) Guidance from Health & Safety requires parents of children receiving medication in school to complete a "Permission to Administer Medication" form which is available from the school office. All medication brought to school **MUST** be labeled with the child's name and clear instructions for administration. Inhalers and spacers should be collected from the school at the **end of each half term** in order that they can be cleaned or replaced, then returned at the beginning of the next half term.

If your child is unable to come to school for any reason, all absences need to be reported to school. Please could parents either ring the school each day of their child's absence and leave a message on the absence line **(01908 270377 option 1)** or notify us via the school website **(absence notification form)** or via ParentMail PMX. Please do not notify any absence via class dojo as this is not directly picked up by the office staff and may result in an unnecessary call home. In line with our school policy, if your child is unwell with vomiting or diarrhoea we ask that they are absent from school for **48 hours from the last symptoms** i.e. two clear days from the last episode.

And Finally!

Cold Harbour C of E Primary School would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined us this term. 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

11 th – 15 th September	EY group 1 stay for lunch
Wednesday 13 th September	5.30 – 6.00pm Year 5 residential parents meeting :Caldecotte
Wednesday 13 th September	6pm FOCH meeting
Friday 15 th September	3.15-4.00pm Premier Sport Gymnastics Club starts (Yrs 3-6)
Monday 18 th September	EY group 1 Full time
Monday 18 th September	3.15-4.00pm Premier Sport Football Club starts (Years 1 & 2)
Mon18 th – Fri 22 nd September	EY group 2 morning and lunch (finish at 1.00pm)
W/beg 18 th September	Teacher lead clubs start.
Thursday 21 st September	8.45am Yr 1 & 2 Oxford Castle Visit
Monday 25 th September	EY group 2 Full time
Tuesday 26 th September	1.30pm Open afternoon for 2018 Early Years
Friday 29 th September	9.30am -11am MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 29 th September	Back to school Discos – Friends of Cold Harbour 5.30 – 6.30pm EY & KS1, 7.00 – 8.00pm KS2
Tuesday 3 rd October	9.15am Early Years and Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival - hall
Tuesday 3 rd October	1.00pm Key Stage 2 harvest Festival – St. Mary's Church
Wed 4 th – Fri 6 th October	Year 5 residential - The Caldecotte Xperience
Thursday 5 th October	9.30am Open morning for 2018 Early Years intake
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
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
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need Spotacular (further information to follow)
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	9.30am 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