



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas at Cold Harbour

This is one of the most exciting times of the year for children and we have begun to put up our Christmas decorations. However, some of our Christmas trees are looking a bit forlorn, as our baubles have gone missing over the years! If anyone has a few spares baubles or pieces of tinsel they could spare us, I know our Christmas Trees, and the children would appreciate it - thank you!



With the ongoing pandemic and Covid-19 restrictions, we have had to redesign some of the activities that we usually do with the children around Christmas time. Unfortunately, it is not possible to do Christmas concerts as usual but we have come up with several different ideas to ensure the children, and you as parents, are able to share in some of the festivities usually undertaken in school. Your class teachers will let you know more.

Christmas cards

A post box is now available in year group bubbles for children to post Christmas cards to friends within their year group.

Online Christmas pantomime - Rapunzel - Wednesday 16th December

The 'Come and Sing' Company have partnered with Milton Keynes Music Hub and the Norfolk Music Hub to provide this opportunity to schools. Each year group will watch the panto in their classes. Children will be invited to come into school wearing their favourite Panto costume/character costume if they wish to do so to help create that lovely pantomime atmosphere.

Christmas jumper day

On the last day of term, **Friday 18th December**, children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school. If they don't have one, then they can throw a bit of tinsel around themselves to get into that Christmas spirit.

Blue Peter Badge

We'd love to share another Blue Peter Badge success story; this young lady from Flamingo class was awarded a green blue peter badge for saving a terrapin from a local river and painting a picture reminding people to look after the environment.!



UK Parliamentary Education Lesson

Today Puffin, Kingfisher and Penguin classes took part in a really interesting online lesson with the UK Parliamentary Education team. They learned about the role of the government, political debates and the voting system. We are now ready to be active citizens!

Start and Finish Times for January 2021

You should all have received a ParentMail today advising you of your family's specific start and finish times from 5th January 2021. Please make a note of the times so that things will run smoothly on our return. Thanks for your support with this.

Meal orders for Christmas and New Year

Our Chartwells Christmas Lunch will be on **Wednesday 16th December** so if you wish to order please do so by **2.00pm on Tuesday 8th December** at the latest. The menu is now live for the New Year up until February half term.

We have a School Census on **Thursday 21st January** and would appreciate it if any families with children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** or families entitled to Free School Meals would place an order for that day as this generates funding for the school for the children. Meals would need to be ordered by **Tuesday 12th January** for Census day. If you are unsure as to whether your family qualifies for Free School Meals you can apply using the link <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Absence Notifications

Please may we remind you that if your child is absent from school you should notify the school office each morning **by 9.00am**. You can either call on **01908 270377 Option 1** or **ParentMail via the absence tab**. Thank you for your support with this.

School Business Manager

I am pleased to let you know that we have recruited a new School Business Manager, Dawn Green, who takes up her role on 4th January. She will be a welcome addition to our team.

St Mary's Church

Although St Mary's Church haven't been able to share their services with us, they are still supporting us remotely and thinking of us. If you are passing the church, do take a moment to have a look at the brilliant illuminated star on top of the bell tower.



Have a lovely weekend,

Claire.