



**COLD HARBOUR**  
C of E Primary School

## GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

My first term as Headteacher of Cold Harbour has drawn to a close and I would like to say what a pleasure it has been getting to know the parents, staff and children at this lovely school. Everyone has made me feel so welcome and it's fantastic that we are all pulling together to give your children the best possible educational experiences - after all, your children are at the centre of everything we do.



Of course, educating children in the middle of a pandemic has been a little more challenging but everyone is doing their utmost to ensure the children catch up on missed learning in the Summer Term. I would like to thank all the staff for their support and hard work and to you all for making sure your children come to school every day.

This week came the news that none of us wanted to hear - the closure of three classes at our school due to Covid-19. I know it was disappointing but we really did do incredibly well to get this far without a case and I would like to thank all of you for your support during that time. It is super to see that children were accessing their work at home so that they did not miss vital learning during this last week.



Children still at school were very busy with their learning and joining in with the Christmas festivities we had planned. On Wednesday morning, Flamingo, Macaw and Hummingbird class all made individual Christingles and took part in their own Christingle services. It was wonderful to see their proud faces as they held their candles and were reminded that 'Jesus is the light of the world.'

Following Christmas lunch, the whole school thoroughly enjoyed taking part in 'Rapunzel' a hilarious online pantomime - 'Oh yes we did!' There were certainly some wonderful costumes to be spotted across the school.



On Thursday, Puffin, Kingfisher and Penguin class reminded us about the true meaning of Christmas through their wonderful Carol Service. Although we missed our families joining us at St. Mary's, it was lovely to see the mature way the children told the Christmas story through prayer, lessons and carols.



Finally, we reached our 'jolly' end of term, with the odd bit of tinsel and some colourful Christmas jumpers.

### Track and Trace

You will have received a letter yesterday about notifying the office email up to and including **Sunday 20th December** if any child tests positive for COVID for Track and Trace purposes. If a child tests positive after Christmas day, it is still imperative, you let us know before your child returns to school. Thank you.

### Start/Finish times 2021

Just to remind you all that the new start and finish times for the children come into effect on **Tuesday 5th January 2021** when we return to school. You have all been notified via ParentMail PMX on 4th December of your family's times, so please ensure that you are aware of the new times so that we can continue to stagger the entry and exit from school and the children all arrive and leave at their correct times. If you need to book a place for Breakfast Club or Night Owls, please email the teams as soon as possible so that these can be booked. Email addresses are [breakfastclub@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk) and [nightowls@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:nightowls@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 8.30am to 2.50pm

Year 3 & year 4 8.40am to 3.00pm

Year 5 & Year 6 8.50am to 3.10pm

Siblings will start school at the earliest sibling time and leave at the eldest sibling time so that families can arrive and leave together.

### Vodafone

We have a small number of Vodafone SIM cards that will provide 3 months of 30GB data for free if there are any families in need. Please contact the school office for more information.



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### **School fundraising**

A huge thank you to Mrs Maling and Mrs Holmes for their amazing raffle, which with your support has raised a tremendous £475.00 for the school.

### **School lunches**

If you have not yet done so and you wish to order meals for the new term, the deadline is by **2.00pm on Tuesday 29th December** at the latest for the first week back. You can order up to half term, Friday 12th February if you wish. Don't forget, when you order, it would help us if you ordered for School Census day on Thursday 21st January 2021. Thanks.

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals, please visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>  
You will receive an immediate response regarding eligibility after you have completed your application.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a big thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts received - it's very much appreciated.

With very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and peaceful New Year from everyone at Cold Harbour C of E School.

**Claire.**

