



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now half way through this first Spring Term and today it has been lovely seeing the sun shining. Learning at school is going well and I hope all of you who are supporting learning at home are getting into the routine of things now. Please do get in touch with your child's teacher if there is anything we can support you with.

Headteacher's Friday Fun Challenge

From next week, for children who are working at home, we will be starting our Friday afternoon 'Headteacher's Friday Fun Challenge'. This will always be a practical activity so that the children can try something new away from a computer screen and if you are available, it would be great if you could join in doing something different with them!

Next Friday's challenge will involve making bird feeders so in preparation, it would be great if you could gather some recyclable materials such as toilet roll tubes, plastic cartons, egg cartons, milk cartons, netting that fruit comes in, squash bottles and some string or wire. In addition, you will need some things to feed the birds such as bird seeds, pumpkin seeds, lard, porridge oats, cooked pasta or rice, boiled potatoes, cheese or some old fruit. Runny honey would help too. Don't worry if you cannot get all of these items as there will be a variety of activities on offer.

Finally, without giving everything away, it would be great if you could sign up for the Big Garden Birdwatch (although this is not a necessity) which is due to take place next weekend. You can do so by clicking on this link: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/packrequest/>



The Headteacher's video link will be posted to all classes on Friday morning. I hope you and your children find these challenges an enjoyable way to end the week and please make sure you post the fruits of your labours online!

Google classroom

Well, America has done the job and our IT glitch has been fixed. Next week, our IT technician will be setting everything up for us and the teachers will be receiving some training in its use. The switch won't happen overnight but I just wanted to keep you updated and let you know that it is on its way at long last. Thank you everyone for your patience with this.

Laptop Donations

We have been informed that Network Rail are updating their Windows 7 laptops and are donating any suitable ones to schools for pupils to use. If you work for Network Rail, and would be happy to nominate Cold Harbour to potentially receive some of this stock, that would be lovely! Thank you!

Taking a Covid Test - A reminder to parents of children currently in school

If you, or a member of your household, have symptoms of Covid 19 or if, for any reason, you or a family member has to take a Covid 19 test, your child should not be brought into school until a negative result has been received. Once we have had confirmation of the negative result, your child may return. Thank you.



Lateral Flow Testing for School Staff

You may have heard on the news, school staff are now being offered lateral flow tests which are quick and easy to administer and give an indicative result within 30 minutes. This is a positive move forward and will help in the identification of asymptomatic cases. Our staff will begin using these from next week.

Book exchange

We have decided to go to just a Monday book exchange as this will be more manageable as most parents are collecting packs anyway. So on a Monday you will be able to return and collect a new book as the station will be manned by a member of staff.

I hope that you all enjoy a lovely weekend!

Claire