

25th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Flooding

Well, last Friday afternoon's torrential rain surprised a lot of people and caused a few waterfalls in school! Unfortunately, our Foundation classrooms were completely flooded and so our younger pupils have been temporarily spending their lessons in our nurture room. That is why you were not sent a newsletter last Friday and I would like to thank our parents for their patience whilst we dry everything out and replace the carpets. We have been in touch with the Local Authority to see what can be done to avoid this happening again. I was sorry to hear that it had also affected a number of our families too - typical British weather!!



School Photographs

Your child should have brought home their school class photograph proofs. Year 6 also have leaver proofs and children in the Reception class have individual photograph proofs. All orders must be done online at orderphotos.co.uk or by phoning **01202 692433**. Please note the deadline of **Wednesday 30th June 2021**. Any orders received after this date will be sent to your home address and be subject to a £4.00 post and packaging fee.

New Classes

You may be aware that it is often our policy to split the classes at the end of each year and re-combine the children to make new classes for the next year.

Over the next few weeks, we will be putting lots of time and thought into creating the new classes, taking into account our knowledge of the children, their friends and their working groups. We will be ensuring that each class represents a fair mix of boys and girls as well as a balance of differing abilities and strengths. We will also be taking into consideration the children's views and their preferences regarding friendships.

Mixing the classes will allow the children to develop new friendships and to experience working with a different range of individuals. This is a valuable life skill. The children will still have plenty of opportunities to mix at playtimes and during their lunch break, as well as some lessons.

All our teachers and teaching assistants are involved in discussions regarding new classes. They know your children well and will make decisions taking all the factors mentioned above into account. You will be informed of the new classes on **Tuesday 6th July**.

Cuffley Camp Residential Visit

A reminder of the deadline for responses for our current Year 5 children if they wish to attend the proposed residential visit to Cuffley Camp next June. **Replies must be received in school by Tuesday 29th June at the latest** so that a decision can be made as to whether the trip can go ahead or not. Thanks.

Night Owls and Breakfast Club Bookings



Please may we remind you that if you make a payment for either Night Owls or Breakfast Club, this needs to be accompanied by an email stating which day this is for, and in the case of Night Owls, what time you wish your child to attend until. **Please note:** At present, there are two choices for Night Owl bookings, either a mini session up to 4.00/4.15pm for £3.00 or a full session up to 5.00/5.30pm for £7.50. All bookings must be paid in advance, before your child attends the session. Emails must be sent to



breakfastclub@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk or [\[keynes.sch.uk\]\(http://keynes.sch.uk\)](mailto:nightowls@coldharbour.milton-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Parent Survey

We are keen to gather your views on what you feel we are doing well, and to hear of any areas where you think we could do better. We started the school year with a focus to improve Maths and English teaching, to improve the quality of provision so that SEN and Pupil Premium children make better progress, to ensure the wider curriculum is progressive and to develop relationships with all stakeholders in the community. What we didn't know then though, was that a second Covid wave would strike!

We do value your feedback - by working together we can really help improve the educational experiences for our children and to that end, I would like to invite you to complete this parent survey to help us shape the school's direction for the coming year. You can access the survey by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/YqdFGmeyobDudja16> Thank you for your support.

Leaver's T-Shirt Orders

Orders are still being taken for Year 6 Leaver's T-Shirts. The cost is £6.99. These white T-shirts will have LEAVERS 21 printed in bottle green on the front (with the children's names printed within the 21) and the school logo printed on the left of the chest. All orders must be **emailed to the school office** and **paid for on Parent MailPMX by 4.00pm on Thursday 1st July 2021.**)

Cold Harbour Book Day - Dress up as a book character!

We are excited to share the date of Cold Harbour Book Day on **Friday 16th July**. We missed celebrating World Book Day together this year, so as promised we have added this special event to the calendar as something to enjoy before the end of term! We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and we will spend the day reading and responding to a range of texts. Additionally, we will host a 'books over breakfast' session where for a small donation your child can come to school to share stories over breakfast. More details to follow.

Hot Chocolate Friday

I loved the visit from the children who joined me for a cup of hot chocolate and a chat today. They were a very happy, smiley bunch who have embodied the school values this week. They should all be very proud of themselves!



Have a lovely weekend - let's hope we see some sunshine.

Claire