



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Science day

Thank you to all our parents who have donated seeds, bulbs, plants and cut flowers for our Science Day. Our pots and gardens are going to look glorious in the Spring! We have had a fantastic day taking part in planned activities focussed around biology, physics and chemistry.



Blue Peter Badge

This young lady from Goldfinch Class has been working hard at home to earn her first Blue Peter badge - well done! Did you know there are eight different badges that you can earn? You can earn them by sending in interesting stories, poems and ideas or for doing something to help the environment, there are also badges for music, sports and much more! Find out which badge would be perfect for you to work towards by visiting this website link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges?collection=blue-peter-badges>

It would be great to see more Blue Peter Badge holders around the school.



Christmas gifts

St.Mary's has been very generous to the school this year and some of our families may wish to contribute to their collection of gifts for children & families across Bletchley.

If anyone in your school wishes to donate a gift they are asking for gifts to come already wrapped this year, with a tag/card attached with the details of the gift. Then a smaller team than usual will match the collected gifts with the families on the lists, ensuring they are allocated to the correct age group.

Example for providing a gift

All wrapped nicely with a tag that reads:

Lego Dinosaur (What the gift is)

Boy aged 6-8 years (Who the gift would be best suited)

Once the gift has been allocated to a family, our team will write new tags for all. Please can all wrapped gifts be delivered to St. Mary's between 6th and 12th December. Thank you.

Safeguarding Update - WhatsApp Disappearing Messages

During November, WhatsApp will be rolling out 'disappearing messages' functionality. The feature will allow WhatsApp users to enable disappearing messages on chat conversations between friends, to automatically delete messages after seven days. Wiping will also apply to videos and photos.

Whilst WhatsApp's minimum user age is 16, many children and young people have accounts. Parents, please be aware that auto-deleting entries could increase the risk to younger users as evidence of any issues may not be available. Please be vigilant with your child's use of technology and ensure this setting is not enabled.

Dobbies Garden Centre

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Dobbies Garden Centre for donating a Christmas tree. The tree has been placed on the path outside Goldfinch class leading to the playground. We will be adding decorations and hopefully lights, soon.



Children due to start school for the first time in September 2021

If you have a child, or know any children who are due to start school for the first time in September 2021 (born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017), please may we remind you that the deadline for applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**. You should apply directly to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Start and finish times - January 2021

I wrote to you back in October to say that we are looking to alter our start and finish times in order to maximise the learning opportunities for our lovely children. Therefore, these will be our new start and finish times when our children return to school after the Christmas break on **January 5th 2021**.

Reception = 8.30am - 2.50pm
Years 1 & 2 = 8.30am - 2.50pm
Years 3 & 4 = 8.40am - 3.00pm
Years 5 & 6 = 8.50am - 3.10pm

To support our families, siblings can be dropped off with the earliest child and picked up from school with the latest child. Our Early Birds breakfast club will be open from 8.00am for those who need to use it. We can offer a 50% discount for those children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. If you would like to book a place, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist you.

Night Owls will continue to run until 5.30pm if you wish to book a place.

You will receive confirmation of your child's timings within the next week.

Pupil Premium

I know that some of our families will have been affected by changes in their jobs as a result of the coronavirus. If you think you could now be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

How do I apply?

Please contact us for details of how to apply or go directly to the following link:-
<http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Have a lovely weekend,

Claire.