



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

7th December 2018

Values

This month, we shall be focusing on our value of **Faith**. At Cold Harbour CE we believe in the Holy Trinity of: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our faith helps us in all we do.

Prayer

We pray that ...

The love of the Spirit will bind us together,
The joy of the Spirit will uphold us,
The peace of the Spirit will give us rest,
The kindness of the Spirit will be seen in our lives,
The goodness of the Spirit will fill our lives,
The faithfulness of the Spirit will guide our paths,
The humility of the Spirit will inform our choices,
The self-control of the Spirit will always be with us.



Positive Feedback



Thank you to parents for their positive comments surrounding the ongoing changes by our hardworking staff. Parents have commented on changes in their children's attitudes to learning – now demonstrating more resilience to learning and a calm and purposeful environment.



We were delighted the Bishop of Buckingham was able to visit at the beginning of the week. He delivered a wonderful worship to the whole school and then spent the rest of the morning visiting each class who were able to demonstrate their knowledge and views on the true meaning of Christmas. Bishop Alan stated how delighted he was with the children's respectful behaviour. He then met with myself and governors in a pioneering discussion around chaplaincy.



Poppy appeal



I would like to thank everyone who donated to this worthwhile and important cause this year. We raised a fantastic **£179.94** in school and a total of £51,000.00 was raised in the Bletchley area.

We wish to thank everyone for all the hard work that they contributed in preparation for the remembrance morning on Monday 12th November when we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War with a service on the school playground led by our year 6 children. Faith from Flamingo class read a verse from Robert Laurence Binyon's famous poem 'For the Fallen.' We wish to give a special mention to Faith's nanny Jane who created many of the poppies and laid a wreath as our special guest.

On a beautiful sunny morning, the service was a moving tribute to all those who have lost their lives in WW1 and all the conflicts since.

Miss Clarke's Baby

I am delighted to announce that Miss Clarke has had her baby named Florence weighing 7lb 4oz on Thursday 29th November, a new sister for Eliza. Both mother and baby are doing well. We send the family our love and best wishes.



Basketball tournament



Year 6 took part in a Basketball Festival on Monday 19th November and competed for the first time at Shenley Church End School. They worked hard as a team. Well done!

Poetry Week – 12th to 16th November

A huge well done to all children who recited a November poem to their class during Poetry Week. The effort and hard work many of the children went to was very impressive. Children who went through to the semi-final earned two points for their house and finalists earned five points. Our final on Thursday 15th November 2018 had a representative from each house from all phases and they performed their poems to the whole school. The standard was very high which gave the judges a difficult job.



Congratulations to our winners Rian-Ray (Sparrow), Cheryl (Hummingbird) and Hadassah (Kingfisher). Winners received ten points for their houses and a book prize of their choice.

On Friday 16th November 2018, poet Paul Delaney visited Cold Harbour and shared his poems with us all. All classes wrote poems during their English lessons following an inspiring worship from our visiting poet. Paul spent much of the day working on poetry with Kingfishers and

Puffins. Four children (Mckenzie, Zainab, Sharmina and Archie) were chosen to perform their poems at the Bletchley Partnership of Schools poetry festival at Lord Grey Academy on Thursday 29th November 2018. Huge congratulations to Archie & Sharmina who won a prize for performing their class poetry.

Youth SACRE



A New Vision for RE.

For the last two years, Cold Harbour School has attended the Youth SACRE meetings with pupils from upper key stage 2. On 15th November, myself, Miss Reoch, Zainab and Ved



attended the Youth SACRE meeting at Denbigh School. The group

promotes freedom of thought, increased tolerance and respect for others through teaching quality lessons in religion and other worldviews.

We would also like to thank a member from the Zainabiya Islamic Centre, who visited this week. The children were able to compare their understanding of the similarities between Christianity and Islam.

Star Gazing Evening



On Thursday 15th November; Year 5 & 6 were treated to a Star Gazing Evening run by the Milton Keynes Astronomical Society to support their studies this half term. The children had the opportunity to use a telescope to look at the moon and they also learned some of the star constellations.

Everybody had a wonderful evening and finished with hot chocolate and biscuits kindly donated by the PTA.

Paul Dorney (School Library Service) Visit

Water Birds received a visit from Paul Dorney from the School Library Service, on Friday 16th November, who came in to inspire the children with different choices of books. He left each class a box of books for them to read.



Harry's Rainbow



This year instead of celebrating Children in Need we supported a local charity called Harry's Rainbow, who support children who have lost a close family member. A big thank you to all our families for supporting us on Friday 16th November with the Harry's rainbow appeal. The children looked amazing in all their bright colours and as a school we raised **£286.75** for the charity. This money is going to be put towards buying a range of books which the charity needs to support bereaved families.

Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH)

This year's Christmas Fete took place on **Saturday 1st**

December and the staff, parents and children involved had a

lovely day. There was a variety of different stalls and of course Santa's Grotto was here too! I'd like to thank everyone who has worked hard to make this a success.



I hope that everyone who attended had a fun time and enjoyed the different stalls and our special visitor!

We would like to say a special thank you to Dobbies Garden Centre, who donated the Christmas tree and decorations for our school hall.

Christmas Performances



Early Years (Duckling and Cygnet classes) nativity took place on **Friday 7th December**, all the children performed and behaved wonderfully, and parents had the opportunity to see how hard the children and staff had worked.

Year 1 and Year 2 (Key stage 1: Sparrow, Goldfinch and Robin classes) Christmas performance will be held on **Wednesday 19th December** at **9.30am**.

Candlelit Carol Service



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You are **all** welcome to join us on **Tuesday 11th December** at **5.00pm** at our candlelit carol service in **St. Mary's Church, Bletchley**. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will guide us through the Christmas Story. This is an opportunity to join in singing carols and celebrating this very special festive time of year. We look forward to seeing you

The Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH) will be providing refreshments and mince pies.



Christingle



On **Friday 14th December** children in years 1 to 6 will be celebrating the Christingle. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to join us, however, if anyone can help in preparing the Christingles with the children, please contact the class teacher.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 14th December**, all children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school. The children should still wear their school uniform underneath with the Christmas jumpers replacing their school jumpers. We are looking forward to seeing all the festive designs.



Eligibility for Free School Meals



Please could you help us (if you haven't already made an application), by visiting the Milton Keynes Citizen Portal to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, if they are this will generate Pupil Premium which is extra money that can be used by the school for the children.

Although children in years Rec, 1 and 2 are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals, please could you still apply to see if they meet the criteria for eligibility for Free School Meals. If they are, this will mean that they will qualify for Pupil Premium and this will continue through their school life.

The process only takes about 10-15 minutes and you will get a response instantly to let you know the outcome.

Please visit https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE

If your child is eligible you will be given a reference number and we would ask you to bring it to the office so that we can make a note of it.

Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)



At the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) primary schools are required to assess pupil's achievements according to a National Standard. It is compulsory to assess children at the end of a Key Stage.

Key stage 1

Date	Activity
May 2019	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2019	Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics paper 3

And finally,

I hope you have a relaxing and exciting Christmas and return to school rejuvenated for a new term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Christine Ryan'.

Mrs Christine Ryan
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 10 th December	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 11 th December	5.00pm to 6.00pm Candlelit Carols at St. Mary's Church
Wednesday 12 th December	Foundation children to perform Nativity songs at Local Care Home
Wednesday 12 th December	Chartwells Christmas Dinner
Friday 14 th December	Christingle service for children only
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17 th December	9.00am Kingfisher class assembly
Monday 17 th December	2.30pm KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 19 th December	9.30am KS1 Nativity
Thursday 20 th December	2.00pm to 3.00pm Messy church Stay and Play session
Friday 21 st December	9.15am Hummingbird Drumming assembly
Friday 21 st December	10.30am – 11.30am KS1 Christmas Party
Friday 21 st December	9.00am – 12.00pm Foundation Christmas Party
Friday 21 st December	Last day of Term
Monday 7 th January	Return to School
Tuesday 8 th January	9.30am EYFS Open Morning
Thursday 17 th January	Year 3 Swimming lessons start
Thursday 17 th January	Young Voices Concert 2019
Wednesday 23 rd January	9.00am Puffin class assembly
Tuesday 5 th February	Years 1 & 2 Rushmere Country Park, Heath & Reach
Wednesday 6 th February	Years 3 & 4 Cadbury World, Birmingham
Friday 15 th February	Grandparents afternoon
Friday 15 th February	Break up for Half Term
Tuesday 26 th February	Return to School
10 th to 14 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood, Staffordshire