

1st February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Values

This month we will be focusing on the value of **Honesty**. At Cold Harbour we believe that to earn trust and respect from each other, we must be honest and open to others and ourselves.

A Prayer for honesty

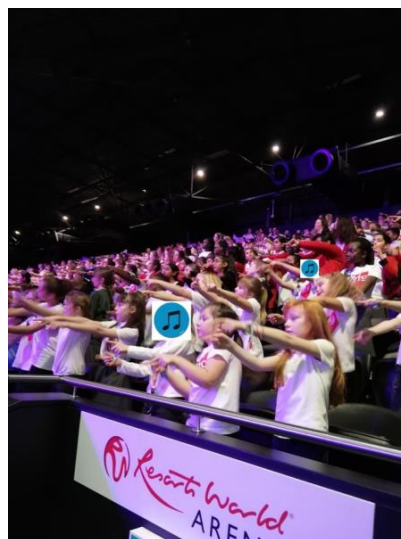
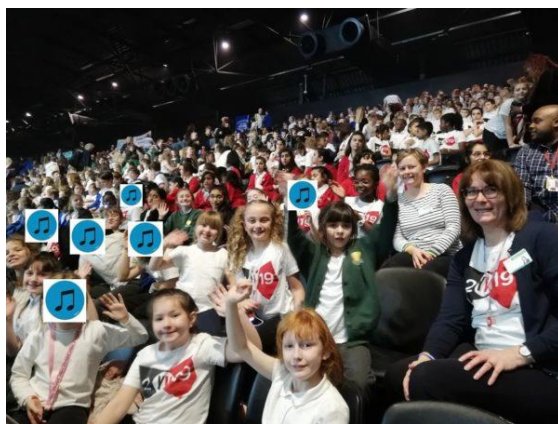
God, I know you delight in people who tell the truth.
Please help me to be someone who you can delight in.
Amen. (*Proverbs 12:22*)



Young Voices



The young voices visited the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham on **Thursday 17th January**. This was our third year of attending and everyone who attended the concert enjoyed themselves very much and the event was a great success. The children sung the songs beautifully and we would like to send a special thank you to Miss Horvath for all her hard work and dedication. We would like to share this email from one of our parents who attended the concert, *“I would like to pass on my appreciation for all the hard work that went into the lead up to yesterday's concert, I can imagine lots of preparation, time and enthusiasm. This was my first time and I really, really enjoyed myself. Getting goosebumps just thinking about it. I hope the school will be in attendance in 2020 as well. Well Done Cold Harbour!!”*.



Strictly Competition

We are very proud to announce that last Saturday the 26th January 2019, our year 5 and 6 Strictly Dancing club took part in the local strictly dance competition. They danced so beautifully and came in third place, meaning they have qualified for the next competition where they will go up against schools from around Buckinghamshire. They had been practising tirelessly and really deserved this. Well done and a massive congratulations. You truly deserve it. Thanks to Miss Reoch for all her hard work preparing for the competition.



Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition

A HUGE Well Done to the 16 members of Year 5 and 6 who took part in the Indoor Athletics Competition at Bletchley College on Wednesday 30th January 2019. The team, who were accompanied by Ms Rusnakova and Ms Lowe, showed great sportsmanship at the event and came an amazing 2nd place. Here they are looking very smart, wearing the brand new 'Sports Team T-shirts' which have kindly been donated to the school by Chris Sanders.



Parent visitor to talk about World War 11

Penguin class were fortunate to have a visitor on Wednesday 30th January 2019. Ms Pickerin came into school to tell the class all about her parents experience of Evacuation during World War II. The class were fascinated to hear the two contrasting experiences of her mother, who was evacuated to Wales, and father, who was evacuated to Devon and experienced life in a Grand House with servants.

This type of oral account is so valuable for the children to experience as it helps them appreciate how our understanding of the past is often formed from these primary sources. We'd love to hear any more tales our school community has to offer.



Parent Consultations



Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 5th March 2019 between 3.30pm -5.00pm** and **Thursday 7th March 2019 between 5.00pm and 8.00pm**. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. A letter will be sent home nearer the time to arrange appointments.

Grandparents and Ladies Afternoons



We would like to welcome grandparents into school on **Friday 15th February 2019 at 1.30pm**. This afternoon will provide an opportunity for grandparents to see their grandchildren in the classroom, meet the class teacher and share in activities. This will be followed by refreshments. All ladies are also invited into school on **Friday 29th March at 1.30pm**.



School Trips

There are numerous school trips taking place throughout the school year; Cadbury World on **Wednesday 6th February**, Rushmere Park on **Friday 8th February**, Dobbies Garden Centre on **Monday 4th March**, Woburn Safari Park on **Friday 7th June**, Kingswood on **Monday 10th to Friday 14th June**, Legoland on **Thursday 20th June** and Caldecotte on **Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th October**. Please ensure that you have completed and returned all relevant paperwork and payments, if required.



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.



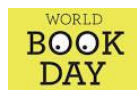
Key stage 1

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

World Book Day



World Book Day will take place on **Thursday 7th March** this year. Children and staff are invited to dress as a book character of their choice.

Class Assembly



There will be an opportunity throughout the school terms to attend your child's school assembly. These assemblies provide parents and carers an opportunity to see what their children have been learning about at school and for them to share with the rest of the school and parents. Please check the calendar dates to find the relevant date for your child's class.

Phone Calls to Parents



During the course of the school day, parents may be contacted by staff members for various reasons. Please may we request that if you notice that you have missed a call from school, you **check if a voicemail message has been left** as you may not need to return the call to school. It will also allow you to let the office staff know who you wish to speak to if you do need to return the call. Please can you ensure that all your contact details are up to date, especially mobile numbers which can change frequently. Thanks for your help.

Snow Procedures

Please contact the school if your child is unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e. adverse weather). The school will still continue to try to contact parents if the office has not received a message from you when the school is open as part of our safeguarding policy.

Please note: the school will notify parents via ParentMail, school website and the MK council school closures if the school is closed.

Fire & Lock Down Safety Emergency Procedure

Your child may have mentioned that a lockdown procedure took place at school on Monday this week. In the same way we have fire drill practise, we also have the Schools Emergency Plan Lockdown Practise. This should be seen as a sensible and proportionate response to any external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and pupils in the school.

Procedures aim to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff. Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, but some of the more typical might be:

- A reported incident / civil disturbance in the local community (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and pupils in the school).
- An intruder on the school site (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and pupils). A warning being received regarding a risk locally, of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc)
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school. The close proximity of a dangerous dog roaming loose.



Our school is committed to the safety and education of all our pupils and our priority is to keep the children safe at all times, which is why we carry out regular safety drills.

Attendance/Punctuality



A polite reminder that children should be in school at 8.45am at the latest. Each session a child is late it is counted as a 5% absence. It is also found that children that are regularly arrive late are not prepared for learning. The children can display anxiety when arriving after registration. This may be due to not being able to prepare with their peers for the daily routines within the classroom. The school gates are open from **8.30am**. There is no expectation for parents to stay with children after 8.40am when staff are available to supervise until they go into class at 8.45am. We are now monitoring pupils who arrive between 8.45am and 9.00am via the school office and persistent lateness will be addressed through parent meetings.

Parking & Dropping Off



Parents, please be aware that we have been informed by the police that they are beginning to do checks on the parking around Highland Close. There have been complaints from the local neighbourhood where residents feel that their access has been restricted by inconsiderate parking. Also, we have noticed a greater number of pupils being dropped off by taxis, if this is the case can we ask that the taxis stop at the top of Highland Close and you walk your child to school. There have been some near misses by taxis and parents turning near the school gates when children are crossing.

Marie Curie - The Great Daffodil Appeal

We have a Marie Curie collection box at the School Office for The Great Daffodil Appeal, Marie Curie care and support families through terminal illness. If you would like to donate, please send in £1.00 with your child for each daffodil badge. The collection box will be in the school office until the beginning of April. Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile cause.



Friends of Cold Harbour

The next meeting for the Friends of Cold Harbour is on **Thursday 28th February at 6.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us to discuss the upcoming events. We have a **Glow Party on Friday 8th February; EYFS & KS1 is 5.30pm to 6.30pm and KS2 is 7.00pm to 8.00pm**. **Family Bingo night on Friday 29th March, arrive from 6.30pm for a prompt start at 7.00pm** and the **Summer Fete is planned for Saturday 6th July from 12.00pm to 3.00pm**. More information will follow regarding these events.

School Uniform



Tesco uniform provider now operates under the following link www.myclothing.com and this link is an updated version of the existing one. This has also been updated on the school website for your reference.

Willen Hospice



We have had a donation Station delivered to the School for Willen Hospice and would greatly appreciate if you could donate any clothes, bric a brac, shoes, bags, unwanted gifts or unused items in a carrier bag and hand into the office. Thank you for your donation!

Stay & Play Sessions

Following the success of our previous Stay & Play sessions, we are pleased to advise you of the next dates; **Thursdays on 7th February, 28th March & 23rd May from 2.15pm to 3.15pm**. Parents will be required to stay with their children, please contact the school office on **01908 270377** if you would like to attend. All babies, toddlers and children are welcome!



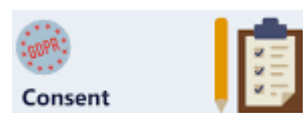
International Language Day



On **Wednesday 27th February**, we will be celebrating International language day. At Cold Harbour school we celebrate a diverse community encompassing a lovely variety of European and Non-European languages including English, Polish, Gujarati, Bengali, Mandarin, French, Italian, Shona, Urdu, Shqip, Cantonese, Edo/Bini, Farsi, Hindi, Punjabi, Yoruba, Arabic and Portuguese. If any parents would like to be involved in our International language day, please contact Mrs Gregorio via the main office.

Use of Photographs

You may have noticed that we have been publishing many wonderful photographs in our newsletters and on our website. Some photographs have faces obscured due to GDPR requirements. If you have not yet sent back, or are unsure if you have sent back the authorisation for your child's photographs to be used, please can you contact us. You are able to change your mind at any time, but you must make this request in writing. (Forms are available in the school office)



Yours sincerely

Christine Ryan

Mrs Christine Ryan
Headteacher.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2 nd February	SEND Information Day
Wednesday 6 th February	Years 3 & 4 Cadbury World, Birmingham
Thursday 7 th February	2.15pm – 3.15pm Stay & Play Session
Thursday 7 th February	Penguin Church Visit, St Mary's Church
Friday 8 th February	Years 1 & 2 Rushmere Country Park, Heath & Reach
Friday 8 th February	Glow Party; EYFS & KS1 5.30pm – 6.30pm and KS2 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday 11 th February	Year 5 Dodgeball Competition (for selected participants)
Thursday 14 th February	SEN Parents Evening at 3.30pm
Friday 15 th February	1.30pm Grandparents afternoon
Friday 15 th February	Break up for Half Term
Tuesday 26th February	Return to School
Wednesday 27 th February	International Language Day
Wednesday 27 th February	9.00am Macaw class assembly
Thursday 28 th February	Friends of Cold Harbour Meeting
Thursday 28 th February	Kingfisher Church Visit, St Mary's Church
Monday 4 th March	Reception - Dobbies, Bletchley
Monday 4 th March	Brass Festival
Tuesday 5 th March	3.30pm – 5.00pm Parents evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March	5.00pm – 8.00pm Parents evening
Tuesday 12 th & Wednesday 13 th March	School nurse screening
Wednesday 13 th March	9.00am Hummingbird class assembly
Thursday 14 th March	Puffin Church Visit, St Mary's Church
Thursday 28 th March	Year 3 & 4 Performance
Thursday 28 th March	2.15pm – 3.15pm Stay & Play session
Friday 29 th March	1.30pm Ladies Afternoon
Friday 29 th March	Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm start - Family Bingo Night
Wednesday 3 rd April	9.00am Robin class assembly
Thursday 4 th April	KS2 Easter Service at St Mary's Church
Friday 5 th April	EYFS & KS1 Easter Service
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Return to School

Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	SATS KS2
Wednesday 15 th May	9.00am Goldfinch class assembly
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 5 Lifepath Bunyan Day
Wednesday 22 nd May	9.00am Flamingo class assembly
Thursday 23 rd May	2.15pm – 3.15pm Stay & Play session
Thursday 23 rd May	2.15pm – 3.15pm Stay & Play session
Friday 24 th May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 3rd June	Return to School
Wednesday 5 th June	Fraser Portraits School photos
Friday 7 th June	EYFS Woburn Safari Park
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood, Staffordshire
Friday 14 th June	1.30pm Bring a man to school day
Monday 17 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Years 3 & 4 Legoland
Wednesday 26 th June	9.00am Sparrow class assembly
Thursday 4 th July	Transition Day
Saturday 6 th July	12.00pm – 3.00pm Summer Fete
Thursday 11 th July	SEN Parents Evening at 3.30pm
Tuesday 16 th July	1.45pm Year 6 Leavers service, St Mary's Church
Wednesday 17 th July	9.00am Baby Birds assembly
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Break