

11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back after a restful Christmas break... ready to start the Spring Term 2019.

Values

This month we will be focusing on the value of Trust. At Cold Harbour we believe in the goodness of everybody. This helps us to see the best in everybody and show trust.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take” Proverbs 3: 5-6

A Prayer for trust

This day is a new day
That has never been before.
This year is a new year,
The opening door.



Christmas Performances



Early Years (Duckling and Cygnet classes) nativity took place on **Friday 7th December**, and Year 1 and Year 2 (Key stage 1: Sparrow, Goldfinch and Robin classes) Christmas performances took place on **Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th December**,

all the children performed and behaved wonderfully, and parents had the opportunity to see how hard the children and staff had worked.

Christingle

On **Friday 14th December** the whole school took part in a Christingle Service led by Rev.



Matt Beer. The Christingles remind us that Jesus is the *light of the world*. It was wonderful to see all the children holding the Christingles they had made with volunteers from St. Mary's church, Bletchley the day before. This was a particularly special service as it was the last one conducted by Rev.

Beer before he moves onto a new role.



Candlelit Carol Service



On **Tuesday 11th December** our candlelit carol service was held in **St. Mary's Church, Bletchley**. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 guided us through the Christmas Story. This was a lovely opportunity for parents to join in singing carols and celebrating. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH) for providing refreshments.

Christmas Decoration – House Competition



A huge thank you to all those families who have supported children with this year's House Christmas decoration competition. We been amazed at the response with over 90 competition entries! There was a wonderful array of designs that added Christmas sparkle to the corridors at school. We would like to thank Maryann from St. Mary's church for helping us judge this competition. The designs were so unique and beautiful that really everyone is a winner.

The overall winners were: Florence (Penguin) Rutherford, Summer (Penguin) Rutherford, Emily (Robin) Turing, Norman (Flamingo) Laine and Jack (Goldfinch) Newton



School Football Shirts



We would like to say a massive thank you to **Chris Sanders** for donating 16 football shirts emblazoned with our school logo. These are very much appreciated, and we can't wait to use them at our next tournament this month. Thanks Chris!

Staffing

As we continually strive to raise standards there have been some changes to deployment of staff. Mrs Upton will continue teaching phonics in the Foundation stage on Tuesday and Wednesday and will also teach year 1 groups in the Read Write Inc phonics programme and maths. In the afternoons, Mrs Upton will now teach a year 3 group and year 5 to cover teacher non-contact time.



Extra-curricular clubs

Due to the increased teaching time of staff in providing booster classes before and after school, extra-curricular clubs led by teaching staff have been suspended for the Spring term except for clubs currently involved in competition or trips (Young Voices led by Miss Horvath and Strictly dancing led by Miss Reoch).



Young Voices



The young voices are visiting the Genting Arena in Birmingham on **Thursday 17th January**. This is our third year of attending and we are looking forward to another magnificent performance. The children have mastered the songs and we would like to send a special thank you to Miss Horvath for all her hard work and dedication.

School Trips

There are numerous school trips taking place throughout the school year; Rushmere Park on **Friday 8th February**, Cadbury World on **Wednesday 6th February**, 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** (deadline for registering for Caldecotte is **18th January**). Please ensure that you have completed and returned all relevant paperwork and payments, if required.



Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 3 begin on **Thursday 17th January**. Please ensure that all paperwork has been completed and returned. Also, that every Thursday your child has their swimming kit with them at school. Please provide or order a packed lunch for swimming days.

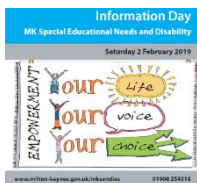


FOCH Meeting

The next Friends of Cold Harbour meeting is on **Thursday 17th January at 6.00pm** in the library. The Friends welcome parents to attend the meeting and get involved. It is a rewarding way to spend time, a great way to meet new people and help raise funds for the school!



SEN Information Day



If you are interested in attending an SEND information day, please see the following information or look on our website www.coldharbourschool.org.uk under the key information/SEND tab.

SEND Information Day Milton Keynes 2019
Saturday 2nd Feb 2019, 9am – 3pm,
At The Ridgeway Centre, Wolverton

Further information can also be found via the MK SEND Local offer page and via the PACA webpage.

Link to PACA website: <http://www.pacamk.org/mksendinformationday/>

SEN Parents Evening

This term we are introducing a SEN parents evening. The parents evening will take place on



Thursday 14th February and Thursday 11th July 2019 at 3.30pm. This

is an opportunity for parents to come into school and meet with their child's teacher. The teacher will be sending out appointment times

closer to the dates. This will provide parents with additional time to discuss their child's needs or celebrate success and review pupil's support plans.

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-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.

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**.



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.

Second Hand Uniform

We have an abundance of lost property and donated uniform. We would like to invite you in to help yourself on **Friday 25th January** to any uniform that you can make use of. This will be held in the hall from **2.30pm** onwards.



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

Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Entitlement



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 primary school life. Pupil Premium is an advantage to you and can help with school trips, uniform purchases etc. 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.

Applications to Cold Harbour School September 2019

Applications for children who are five during the school year (born between 01 September 2014 and 31 August 2015) are open to apply for a place, please apply on line or return a paper copy by the closing date next week on **Tuesday 15th January 2019** by 5pm. Places are allocated in line with the Council's admissions criteria. The council will inform you in April 2019 to confirm which school your child has been allocated for September 2019.



For further advice about admissions please telephone the Pupil Support section of Milton Keynes Council (01908 253338) or email primaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Christine Ryan

Mrs. Christine Ryan
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary 2019

Monday 14 th January	Visitor from Bletchley Library to read to Foundation stage children
Tuesday 15 th January	Years 5 & 6 WWII Experience Day
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
Thursday 24 th January	Foundation reading workshop, parents invited to read with their child in class
Thursday 24 th January	9.00am Kingfisher class assembly
Wednesday 30 th January	Indoor Athletics Competition (for selected participants)
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
Friday 8 th February	Years 1 & 2 Rushmere Country Park, Heath & Reach
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
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	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 28 th March (Provisional Date)	Years 5 & 6 Samba Dancing Concert
Thursday 28 th March	2.15pm – 3.15pm Stay & Play session
Friday 29 th March	1.30pm Ladies Afternoon
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
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
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