

18th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**National Science Week**

On Monday, Mr Malloch introduced everyone to the theme of our Science week - **Growth**. We watched lots of amazing experiments and he set each class the challenge of growing some seeds in a variety of conditions.

On Wednesday, Y5 & 6 had an inspirational 'zoom' interview with Dr Carol Verheecke from Cranfield university about her work '**Fungi**.' Carol showed us inside her laboratory and we learned how to prevent bad mould growing and preserve food for longer. The children were really impressed - 'I didn't know that mould could pass onto other foods and I didn't realise how interesting being a scientist could be!' Zara.

Carol was really impressed with the children's questions. Thanks must go to Dr Tracey Bailey, our school governor, who arranged this for us.



**Breakfast Club and Night Owls**

We have set up the new costs for Breakfast Club and Night Owls on ParentMailPMX ready for when the increase in price takes effect from **25th April 2022**. Please may we ask that you make all outstanding payments **up to 8th April** on the current ParentMailPMX headings. Going forward, payments for sessions **from 25th April** will need to be made using the newly set up options, these are listed as **BREAKFAST CLUB FROM APRIL 2022** and **NIGHT OWLS FROM APRIL 2022**.



**School Lottery**

We invite you to join our School Lottery if you haven't done so already! This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise additional funds to enhance the children's reading by expanding the school library ' the journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page'.

To start supporting visit: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/cold-harbour-c-of-e-school>

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!



**Red Nose Day**

Thank you to everyone for your very generous support for Red Nose Day, together we raised a fantastic **£245.64**. Thank you!

## The Food Bank BIG Doorstep GIVE

MK Food Bank is in the middle of their busiest winter ever and their food supplies are running low. Their [BIG Little GIVE](#) campaign aims to stock their shelves with core food items and they have already seen an enormous response from businesses, groups and supermarket collections.

For the many of you who can't get to a collection point or are working from home, they are giving you the opportunity to donate from your doorstep! **From Friday 25th to Sunday 27th March.**

It's very simple to take part:

1. Send them an **email** at [helpline@mkfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:helpline@mkfoodbank.org.uk) or **WhatsApp 07874 964505** with your address and postcode. They can collect from anywhere with an MK postcode but you **must** tell them where you are!
2. They'll reply with a time slot that a volunteer collection driver will be in your area.
3. Before your allocated slot, place your donations of long-life food (see list of most-needed items below) in a clearly visible spot on your doorstep.

Please share this event and spread the word in any way you can. Together they can fill their shelves and ensure they can continue to support anyone in need in Milton Keynes.

**Most needed items** - Long life Juice or Squash, Long life milk, Dried rice (500g or 1kg), Tinned meat, Rice pudding/Custard, Tinned fruit, Tinned fish, Jam, Peanut butter, Chocolate spread, Cooking oil 1ltr, Biscuits.

## Hot Chocolate Friday

I had the pleasure of spending some time with these gorgeous children this afternoon - their lights have shone very brightly this week and they are a fabulous asset to our school.



Have a lovely weekend - the sun is supposed to be staying with us!

Best wishes,

*Claire*

