



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

20th December 2019

The end of the Autumn Term is here and I can't quite believe how quickly the first part of the year has gone! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year or happy holidays. The children deserve a well earned rest as they have all been working really hard this term. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all parents for making Ms Alikhan, Mrs Ross and I feel so welcome here at Cold Harbour as we work with existing leaders and wider staff to improve the school further. I would particularly like to thank those parents who have taken the time to come and see staff and share their positive experiences; this is always appreciated - thank you.

In the last few weeks the pupils have all been involved in a wide range of fantastic Christmas activities as we approach this very important Christian festival. All the staff have worked really hard to organise these, whether they were taking children to sing in the local community, Christingle services, carol concerts or performances. The children have loved these opportunities and have benefited greatly from them.

From January we will be making a few changes to our first aid procedures here at Cold Harbour. If children have a minor injury and receive any first aid, they will be given a sticker to ensure that all staff monitor them closely for the rest of the day. A paper slip will be completed and sent home to notify you of what has happened. In the unlikely case of a more serious injury, staff members will contact you by telephone to let you know in person and agree next steps. This policy has been updated on the school website for information.

In other news we have a couple of staff changes from January. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Wilson who has been teaching in Year 5. We will be welcoming Mrs Cooley in January to replace her on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Cooley has worked in the school before and the staff are looking forward to having her back after Christmas. We will also be temporarily saying goodbye to Mrs Rowsell who has been offered an exciting opportunity in a different school. Mrs Rowsell will be taking on a more senior learning support role, sharing her expertise and knowledge and leading in this area. She is not leaving Cold Harbour, this is a temporary secondment and we all wish her well with this new opportunity - I know she will be brilliant! Mrs Arrand, our Senior Learning Mentor and Mrs Holmes, Learning Mentor, will continue to provide learning support as normal at Cold Harbour.

We are pleased to let you know that £383.55 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you all for your generosity!



Please continue to collect your 'Books for Schools' tokens from The Sun newspaper and bring them in to the school office in January, we are hoping to collect 3500 tokens which will enable us to claim over £100 worth of books for the school.

As always, please contact the school office if you would like to speak to a senior leader with any questions, concerns or just because you have had a positive experience that you would like to share. Enjoy the holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on **6th January 2020**.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Rob Morley-Smith.

Head of School.