

9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Values

This month, we shall be focusing on our value of **Respect**. At Cold Harbour CE we believe in honouring every individual. Everybody has their own unique qualities which deserve respect.

Our School Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Please bless our school and everyone in our school family.

Help us to be honest and trustworthy,

Help us to show respect to ourselves and others,

Help us to have faith and never forget the love you have for us,

Help us to be thankful for all that you have blessed us with.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

New School Houses

After discussions and lots of research about the local area, we have decided upon the following names for the new school houses:

Laine (Blue) After Dame Cleo Laine, the English jazz and pop singer and actress, known for her scat singing and vocal range.

Turing (Red) After the English computer scientist and mathematician Alan Turing, who during WWII worked for the Government and Cypher School at Bletchley Park and produced the famous Enigma machine.

Newton (Green) After the English Poet and Anglian Clergyman John Newton (1725 – 1807), who became curate of Olney and wrote the Hymn Amazing Grace.

Rutherford (White) After the British track and field athlete Greg Rutherford, who won Gold in the long jump at the 2012 Olympics and grew up in Milton Keynes.

The children will remain in their current school colour, but the house will be given a new name and identity.



Sale of Poppies



The school council is supporting the poppy appeal and has been selling poppies. All proceeds will be sent on to the Royal British Legion. We kindly request a suggested donation of 50p for a paper poppy or sticker and £1.00 for a poppy pin but if you wish to donate more please do so.

Our commemoration service will be held on **Monday 12th November at 9.05am** on the playground. If it is a dry day all parents are invited to join us but unfortunately if the weather is unsuitable then we will hold the service in the hall for the children only.

Key Stage 2 (years 5 & 6) Information Meeting for Parents



This will be held on **Wednesday 14th November at 9.00am** in Penguin class and will be a brief introduction to Years 5 & 6 and will cover some of the essential maths vocabulary the children need to learn and how to support your child with the four operations. The meeting will last for approximately one hour.

Book Fair



The Book Fair will be held between **Thursday 15th and Tuesday 20th November**. There will be lots of bargains and opportunity to save money on new books.

The children will have a chance to look at the books on offer as a class during the school day. The book fair will be open after school for you to come with your child to buy books. Children in wrap around care can bring money in a named envelope and choose a book with a member of staff.

Harry's Rainbow



This year instead of celebrating Children in Need we are supporting a local charity called Harry's Rainbow, who support children who have lost a close family member, and on **Friday 16th November** (not **Thursday 15th November** as per the flyer that was sent home with School Council letter) we are asking children to come to school wearing bright colours in exchange for a £1.00 donation and all monies raised will go to this wonderful charity.

Key Stage 1 (years 1 & 2) English Workshop for Parents



This will be held on **Thursday 22nd November at 9.00am** in Goldfinch class. This will be a brief introduction to how we teach English at school and how you can support the children at home with their reading and writing.

We hope to see as many parents/carers as possible. So that we can have an idea of numbers and arrange alternative communication for those who are unable to attend, please complete and return the reply slip on the letter sent home today, to your child's class teacher.

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An information meeting has been arranged for **Thursday 22nd November at 3.15pm** for our current year 3 parents who will be year 4 in October 2019 when the visit takes place. This will take approximately 30 minutes.

Flu Vaccinations

The nasal flu vaccination will take place on **Monday 10th December** for children in school years EYFS through to and including Year 5. Please can you ensure permission forms are returned by **Friday 16th November 2018**.



Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH)



This year's Christmas Fete will be taking place on **Saturday 1st December** from 11.00am to 2.00pm. There will be a grand raffle, tombola, lucky dip, hook a bag, Santa's Grotto, Kids raffle and many more!

Please enquire if you would like to know more about the FOCH and what they do and how you can support the school.

Christmas Performances



Early Years (Duckling and Cygnet classes) nativity will be take place on **Friday 7th December at 9.30am to 10.30am**.

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 to 10.30am**.

Further details regarding these performances will follow.

School Christmas Lunch

Chartwells our catering company will be providing a Christmas Dinner option on **Wednesday 12th December**. Please ensure that you have placed an order **by Tuesday 4th December by 2.00pm** if you wish your child to have a dinner.



Christingle



We will be holding our Christingle service on Friday 14th December (unfortunately we do not have the capacity to invite parents), please could oranges be bought into school from Friday 7th December to enable children to make the Christingles the following week.

Candlelit Carol Service



You are **all** welcome to join us on **Friday 14th 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 there. The Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH) will be providing refreshments and mince pies.



PLEASE could all children be in church at **4.45pm** for a **5.00pm** prompt start.

Applications to Cold Harbour School September 2019



Our final open morning for parents wishing to consider an application for September 2019 is on **Thursday 8th January at 9.30am**. 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 online or return a paper copy by the closing date **Tuesday 15th January 2019** by 5.00pm. 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

Safe Internet Usage

Please find below useful websites for Safer Internet usage for parents to provide information on children's use of the internet and keeping children safe whilst using the internet

UK Safer Internet Centre - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/free-internet-safety-resources-parents>

NSPCC and O2 - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

Childnet International - <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents/>



A recommended safe search engine for children to use is <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

First Day Response



It is important that if your child is unable to attend school due to illness you phone school and use the messaging system before 9:30am each day to advise us of their absence. If we do not hear from you then you will be contacted directly to check the whereabouts of your child and the circumstances of their absence. We are required to report on attendance every half term. In order to prevent the spread of infection we would like to draw your attention to the recommended period for children to be kept away from school for:

- Diarrhoea/vomiting – **48** hours minimum from last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting
- Chicken Pox – 5 days from onset of rash (or until all scabs are dried)
- Whooping Cough - 5 full days on antibiotics before return to school (cough may still be evident)

Outdoor PE Kit

Reminder – this half term all children will require an extra jumper/tracksuit to wear during outdoor PE lessons. Children will also need their indoor PE kit as usual.



Health and Safety



Now that the evenings are getting darker please can you collect your child from school, especially if they stay for a club after school finishes.

Picking Up Children from School

Please can parents of children in KS2 collect their children from the playground at the end of the day, the children will be released as near to 3.15pm as possible but there may be occasions when the class is not ready to be dismissed on time causing a slight delay. If you need to collect your child promptly at 3.15pm for an appointment, then please can you go to the school office and staff will collect your child for you.



And finally,

I hope you have had a relaxing half term and are rejuvenated for a new half term.

Mrs Christine Ryan – Headteacher.

Dates for your diary

Monday 12 th November	9.05am WW1 Commemoration service
Wednesday 14 th November	9.00am Year 5 & 6 Information meeting for Parents
Thursday 15 th to Tuesday 20 th November	Book People Book Fair
Monday 19 th November	Year 5 & 6 Basketball Festival
Wednesday 21 st November	Years 5 & 6 National Space Centre, Leicester
Thursday 22 nd November	9.00am KS1 English Workshop for Parents
Friday 23 rd November	Years 5 & 6 INTU Film Festival Cineworld
Wednesday 5 th December	Year 6 Christmas Cracked
Friday 7 th December	9.30am to 10.30am Foundation Nativity to parents
Monday 10 th December	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 12 th December	Chartwells Christmas Dinner
Friday 14 th December	5.00pm to 6.00pm Candlelit Carols at St. Mary's Church
Wednesday 19 th December	9.30am to 10.30am KS1 Nativity
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 24 th January	Young Voices Concert 2019
Wednesday 6 th February	Years 3 & 4 Cadbury World, Birmingham
Friday 15 th February	Last Day of Half Term
Tuesday 26 th February	Return to School
10 th to 14 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood, Staffordshire