

Dear Parents and Carers,

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Values

In our school community, many school rules are set based on expectations from our agreed set of **values** which we believe are an important aspect of personal growth.

These values are traits or qualities which represent our highest priorities and which we deem important.

**Trust, Honesty, Thankfulness, Respect** and **Faith** are our core values. Alongside these, in learning and achieving together we further develop our Christian values; **Nurture, Tolerance, Forgiveness** and **Guidance**.



This month, we shall be focusing on our value of **thankfulness**. At Cold Harbour CE we believe in giving thanks and praise for all our gifts and talents. We always show gratitude to others when they help us.

### Prayer for Children

Let every child  
Laugh and play  
Love and smile  
Everyday

Amen.

### Staffing

Miss Clarke will be leaving us this month to take her maternity leave. Mrs Bundy will be joining us prior to Miss Clarke leaving to support in the transition until Miss Clarke leaves. We all wish Miss Clarke a very restful break and look forward to welcoming her new addition into the family.

## Communication



The Dojo system is no longer used at Cold Harbour school. All communication is now sent through ParentMail PMX. Please ensure you have signed up to this system. In situations where information is needed to be disseminated quickly e.g. snow closure, changes to expected return times of trips, a message will be put on the website on the front page and a text will be sent via the ParentMail PMX system to the primary carer. It is therefore important that we are able to identify the primary carer. It is then the responsibility of the primary carer to relay shared information.

## 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. Thanks for your help.

## School Council

The newly elected School Council; Maturino, Charlie, Eva, Faith, Poppy, Danny, Freya, Anna, Emma, Amy, Aidan, Luke, Esme, Billy & Harri are very enthusiastic to start in their new roles in acting as the voice for our pupils. They have already met our governors and in future weeks will be looking at the House point system with Mrs Kotulecki.



The newly elected House and Vice Captains are Archie, Hadassah, Malakai, Summer, Harrison, Anastazja, Mckenzie & Zainab.

## Harvest Festival



This years Harvest Festival will take place **on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. EYFS and Key Stage 1 (years 1 & 2) children will have their service at school at **9.15am** and parents are welcome after school drop off and Key Stage 2 children (Years 3,4,5 & 6) will be attending a service at St. Marys Church at **1.45pm** and parents are welcome to meet the children at the church unless they have offered to walk with the children.

## School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** for individual and sibling photos. The photographic company have requested that girls do not put in any green hair accessories i.e. JoJo bows as this can comprise the photos.



## Parent Consultations

You should have all received letters for making appointments for Parent Consultations, please return your slip so that the teachers can notify you of your appointment details. Appointments for Key Stage 1 & 2 children will be **between 5.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and between 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

Appointments for EYFS children will be **between 3.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**



On the day of your appointment children are welcome to wait in the Shared Area but we request that they are not present during the discussion, unless particularly invited to do so by their teacher. There will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's books before and after the meeting.

## Transfer to Secondary School 2019



Pupils who live outside Milton Keynes LA should apply directly via their own authority. All parents and carers are encouraged to make an application online as you will be able to view, update and check the status of your application and receive an email on national offer day (1<sup>st</sup> March 2019) informing you of the place that has been offered. Please visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further details.

Every year a number of families fail to make an application on time. This often leads to a pupil not being allocated any of their preferences or their catchment school and causes distress for the pupil and family. The closing date for online applications is **midnight Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.**

*Late applications received between 1 November 2018 and 15 March 2019 will not receive notification of their offer until 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Applications received between 16<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 will not be offered until 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Applications received between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 will not be offered until 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and applications received between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 will not be offered until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019.*

## Applications to Cold Harbour School September 2019



Our next open afternoon for parents wishing to consider an application for September 2019 is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm** and next open morning is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am**. Applications for children who are five during the school year (born between 01 September 2014 and 31 August 2015) opened on To apply for a place, please apply on line or return a paper copy by the closing date **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019** by 5pm. Places are allocated in line with the

Council's admissions criteria. The council will inform you on 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:primaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

### **School Nurse Clinic**

The school nurse team are running termly clinics within school and will be available to meet with families to discuss health issues that are impacting on the child's education and general well-being. The clinic is a confidential health clinic which can cover a variety of topics such as bed-wetting, soiling, behavioural issues, poor attendance, sleep disturbances and dietary issues.



The next clinic will be on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** during the morning. The nurse will see you by appointment only for a 30 minute slot, so if you would like to meet with the school nurse **please let the school office know so that they can book an appointment for you.**

### **Flu Vaccinations**

The nasal flu vaccination will take place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** for children in school years EYFS through to and including Year 5 and permission forms will be sent out shortly.



### **Medication**

Please can we remind parents to ensure that any medication which is being left at school i.e. Epipens, eczema cream and inhalers etc are **in date**. It is parents' responsibility to note before bringing the medication to school, when they will need to reorder new supplies.

### **Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH)**



A huge thank for supporting our extremely successful "Back to school Disco". It was fantastic to see so many families joining us in celebrating being back to school. This provided an opportunity to meet up with families and a welcome to all new families who have now joined Cold Harbour School.

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

### **McMillan Coffee Morning**

The coffee morning hosted on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** was the first event planned by the new school council supporting the McMillan Biggest Coffee Morning. This was a great success. We would like to thank you all for your very generous donations and hard work and hope that you enjoyed the morning. In total we raised a fantastic **£300.00**.



### **Up-dating information**

Please could we ask parents, if not yet done so, to return the data collection sheet, home school agreement, off site learning permission slip, consent form for photography and use of images and E-safety acceptable use rules letter that were issued in September. Please check, amend as necessary, sign and return as soon as possible to allow us to have the correct and most up-to-date information.

### **Colder weather**

Although we have had a lovely September, autumn and winter are around the corner!

Please make sure that your children bring coats to school **every day** in anticipation of a change in temperature. **All** clothing should be labelled – especially hats, gloves and scarves. We do expect them to go outside at break and lunchtime – they need a little fresh air to keep them awake for learning!

### **Half Term**

School closes for half term on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October** and re-opens on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Please see forthcoming dates at the end of the newsletter.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing holiday ready for another busy half term in the build up to Christmas.

### **And Finally!**

Please find attached a list of dates for your diary. Further information will be provided where necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Christine Ryan

Head Teacher

**Autumn Term 2018: Academic year 2018 - 2019**

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>5.00pm to 8.00pm</b> Parents Evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>3.30pm to 5.00/6.00pm</b> Parents Evening
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Residential, Caldecotte Xperience
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Last day of Half Term</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Return to School</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Afternoon <b>(2.00pm)</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nurse Clinic (by appointment only)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Years 5 & 6 National Space Centre, Leicester
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Years 5 & 6 INTU Film Festival Cineworld
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisation
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>5.00pm to 6.00pm</b> Candlelit Carols at St. Mary's Church
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Last day of Term</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Return to School</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood, Staffordshire