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Dear Parents and Carers,

7th October 2019

I am writing to update you on a few things that have been happening here at Cold Harbour over the past few weeks.

From this week I have increased my time in school to three days a week and will therefore be on site on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Ms Alikhan will continue to be here on a Monday and Tuesday meaning that there is always someone here to ensure things are running smoothly. In addition we have also brought in Mrs Ross, who is our outstanding SENCo, on a Thursday to ensure that pupils with additional needs are getting the support they need.

You may have noticed that the hall is currently out of use here at Cold Harbour. This is because we have identified that the internal ceiling is in need of repair. We have acted quickly and a number of officials from the Local Authority have visited the school recently to advise us on the next steps. Work will be undertaken to remedy the issue as soon as possible and we will update you when the hall is available again. In the meantime the children are eating their school dinners in the classrooms and PE is being taught outside. We are very aware that a number of upcoming events will require the hall and so are moving as quickly as we can.

We are all looking forward to meeting you all for the Parents' Evenings scheduled for Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th of October. You will already have received your letter to enable you to book these. Please contact the school office if you have any questions etc about these meetings.

We currently have vacancies for a number of parent governors. If you would like to find out more about becoming a school governor and supporting the development of the school, please contact the school office who will take some details from you.

Ms Alikhan and I will continue to be on the gates with other senior leaders in the mornings and after school each day. As the weather gets colder and wetter we will move into the foyer. In either case, please come and see one of us if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your continued support

Rob Morley-Smith

Head of School

Prayer for our October Value of Thankfulness

Dear God,

We thank you for the amazing, beautiful world you created.

Help us to care for it.

We thank you for the wonderful, unique people you have made us to be.

Help us to care for one another.

We thank you for the incredible, tasty foods you have invented.

Help us remember and care for those who are hungry.

We thank you for the inspiring stories and teachings in the bible.

Help us to share this good news with everyone.



Amen.

Open Morning & MacMillan Coffee Morning



We would like to thank you for all of your support and donations with the MacMillan Coffee Morning and open morning that took place on **Wednesday 18th September 2019** and as previously mentioned we raised a final total of **£329.21**.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Friday 18th October** for individual and sibling 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 children will be **between 3.30p.m. and 5.00pm on Tuesday 15th October, between 3.30pm and 6.00pm on Wednesday 16th October and between 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 17th October.** The consultations will be held in your child's classroom. Please enter the school via the main entrance and you will be directed to the relevant shared area outside the classroom.



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 2020



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 (2nd March 2020) informing you of the place that has been offered. Please visit 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 **Thursday 31st October 2019**.

Applications to Cold Harbour School September 2020



Our open afternoons for parents wishing to consider an application for **September 2020** is on **Thursday 17th October 2019 from 1.30pm to 2.15pm & Thursday 28th November from 1.30pm to 2.15pm**. Applications for children

who are five during the school year (born between 01 September 2015 and 31 August 2016) has opened and to apply for a place, please apply on line or return a paper copy by the closing date **midnight 15th January 2020**. 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 (16th April 2020) informing you of the place that has been offered.

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

Stay & Play Sessions

Stay and Play sessions have been arranged on **Thursdays from 2.00pm to 3.00pm** on the following dates; **19th December 2019, 13th February, 2nd April & 21st May 2020**.

Stay and Play sessions are for pre-school children. We would love to welcome any pre-school children and their parents/carers to Cold Harbour School to join us. The sessions are not dependent upon you making an application for your child to attend the school, they are open to any families with pre-school children (birth to 4 years), so if you know of any families who do not attend Cold Harbour School who may wish to come along, please let them know.



All sessions are held in the Explorer room and parents will need to stay with their children.



If you would like to attend any sessions, please contact the school office and register your interest on 01908 270377.

Colder weather

With September gone, 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 **Friday 25th October** and re-opens on **Monday 4th November**.

Autumn Term 2019: Academic Year 2019 - 2020

Thursday 10 th October	Year 6 Lord Grey Open Evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 15 th October	Parent Consultations from 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Wednesday 16 th October	Parent Consultations from 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultations from 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Friday 18 th October	Fraser Portraits, photographer
Tuesday 22 nd to Thursday 24 th October	Year 4 Caldecotte Xperience
Friday 25 th October	Last Day of Term
Monday 4 th November	Return to School