

Dear Parents and Carers,

5th April 2019

Values

This month we shall continue to focus on the value of **forgiveness**. At Cold Harbour CE School we believe that God always forgives. We can follow his example by always forgiving those who have done us wrong.

A Prayer for Forgiveness

Dear Lord, I thank you for the power of forgiveness, and I choose to forgive everyone who has hurt me.

Help me set [name anyone who has offended you] free and release them to you [\[Romans 12:19\]](#).

Help me bless those who have hurt me [\[Romans 12:14\]](#). Help me walk in righteousness, peace, and joy, demonstrating your life here on earth. I choose to be kind and compassionate, forgiving others, just as you forgave me [\[Ephesians 4:32\]](#). In Jesus' name, Amen.



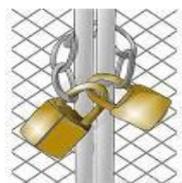
Staffing



We would like to welcome Mrs Michelle Laskey to the school, she will be joining us in September as Assistant Head Teacher, as previously mentioned Miss Pritchard will be leaving us at the end of the summer term.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Robinson (Macaw class teacher), we appreciate all her hard work and dedication in her time here and wish her the best of luck for the future. Ms Rusnakova will be working full time after the Easter Holidays in Macaw Class.

Electric Gates



You will have noticed that we are having electronic gates installed. This will be completed by the beginning of the new term and for the safeguarding of all pupils and staff, the gates will be closed during the school day and entry will be via the intercom located on the gate post. For your information the **pedestrian gate will be open from 7.45am to 8.30am**. At the end of the school day the **pedestrian gate will be open at 3.00pm and will close at 6.10pm and the double gates will open from 3.00pm to 4.00pm**. For those picking up from Night Owls please leave your vehicle outside the school and use the pedestrian gate.

Fresh Air Fitness Equipment

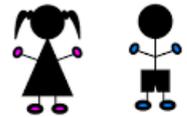


New fitness equipment for the children has been installed by Fresh Air Fitness. This has been funded by the Government Sports Premium Grant and a generous top up from the Friends of Cold Harbour School.

We now have range of outdoor fitness equipment specifically designed for primary school aged children. The children have already started to enjoy these. Please note that children are not permitted to use this equipment before or after school.

Playground Toilets

I would like to remind all adults that the toilets on the playground are for children's use only and should any adults need to use the toilet then please use the toilet located at reception.



A Big Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in keeping Highland Close free of traffic in the morning, it has been a success and there has been positive feedback from parents.

School Website



We're continuously updating our website, please take some time to explore it. We have added a link to the school calendar, which highlights events of interest relating to pupils and parents. You can find this link on the website www.coldharbourschool.org.uk home page under the Google Apps tab.

If you would like to volunteer at Cold Harbour School, you will find a link under our school/vacancies (<https://www.coldharbourschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Volunteer-Application-Form.pdf>), please complete the link and return to us and we will be in touch.

We would appreciate your feedback and comments regarding the website as we strive to update you via the website.

Free School Meals (FSM)

From 1st April 2019 we have a new system of checking if you are eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium. If you would like to apply, please visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/> or if you would like the school to apply for you, please print and complete the form on the school website (under parents/dinner menu/apply for free school meals) and we will be happy to do so.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2022.

Meal Ordering

Please be reminded if you wish to order lunches for when we return to school for week commencing **Tuesday 23rd April 2019**, please do so by **2.00pm on Tuesday 16th April**.

Important News About School Uniform

As mentioned in the March 2019 newsletter, we have been negotiating with a new uniform supplier as United (formally Talk2Me) are no longer supplying school wear. You may still be able to buy stock that they hold for us from their clearance sale, as stock is limited a speedy response is advisable. Their website has been updated with discounted prices, if you wish to order please visit <https://schoolwear.united-uk.com/home> or click the link through the school website.

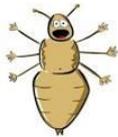
We are pleased to let you know that we have appointed **Kedaph Schoolwear Ltd** as our new supplier. Kedaph are a local family run school uniform retailer and specialist for Milton Keynes schools. Their shop is located in Lennox Road, Bletchley, MK2 2HH. The shop has fitting rooms/changing facilities and is open 6 days a week at convenient hours. Uniform is stocked all year round and they open for longer hours during the summer. Kedaph also offer online sales with delivery to home, school or click and collect. Our school delivery day will be Tuesdays.

For children on **Pupil Premium**, **Kedaph are able to offer a 10% discount off Cold Harbour uniform items with logos**. Vouchers will be issued by Cold Harbour School each academic year for a single use in the shop (not valid for online orders). Vouchers must be redeemed by the expiry date. The school will ask parents to come to the office to sign for their child/childrens' vouchers. **Discount vouchers will be issued to parents once they have made a new application on the Free School Meals/Pupil Premium link <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>**

We are looking forward to a long and happy working relationship with Kedaph Schoolwear and we hope that you will find they meet with your approval. If you wish to place an order, please visit www.kedaphschoolwear.co.uk or click the link through the school website.

Please note: We still also have MyClothing as alternative suppliers if you wish to order any items. They can be found at www.myclothing.com or click the link on our school website.

Information Meeting regarding Headlice



On **Wednesday 24th April at 9.00am** we would be pleased to welcome you to an information meeting regarding headlice. This will be a brief meeting advising you of what you can do to prevent or treat headlice. This is open to all families.

School Trips

There are numerous school trips taking place throughout the school year; Lifepath Bunyan Day (Yr 5) on **Tuesday 21st May**, Woburn Safari Park on **Friday 7th June**, Kingswood on **Monday 10th to Friday 14th June**, Legoland on **Thursday 20th June** and Caldecotte on **Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th October**. Please ensure that you have completed and returned all relevant paperwork and payments, if required.



World Book Day



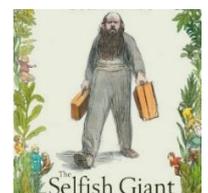
World Book Day took place on **Thursday 7th March 2019** and the school had an outstanding day. A **huge well done** for the amazing efforts everyone went to dressing up as a book character on World Book Day. We had a fantastic day. All classes received a secret book in assembly which were opened as a class and explored during the day. This inspired some excellent writing too!

Costume winners: Kaidi – Babybirds, Sophie – Hummingbird, McKenzie – Kingfishers and Mrs Prosser.



Easter Production

Tropical Birds (years 3 & 4) Easter production 'The Selfish Giant' was on Thursday 28th March. The children and staff all worked very hard on this and we hope everyone who attended enjoyed the production as much as we did! Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work.



Ladies Afternoon



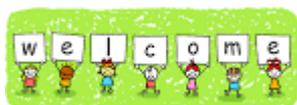
We welcomed our ladies (Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers ...) into school on **Friday 29th March**. The afternoon provided an opportunity to see the children in the classroom, meet the class teacher and share in Enrichment games and activities. This was followed by refreshments.



Friends of Cold Harbour (FOCH)

Friends of Cold Harbour hosted a Bingo Night on **Friday 29th March**. All that attended had a lovely time, we were very proud of children who fully engaged in the evening. Thank you for those who supported the bingo night.

Admissions for September 2019



National offer day for children starting school for the first time in September 2019 is **Tuesday 16th April 2019**.

Summer is around the corner!



With the prospect of sunshine and increasing temperatures over the summer term, please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to be kept in the classroom to drink during school hours. This should be in a see through, clearly labelled bottle with a sports-type top, to avoid spillages. It should be taken home every night to be washed and refilled. Water is available in school if it needs to be refilled during the day. An additional bottle of water or juice should be available for their lunch time drink.

We would also like to remind you that sunscreen should be applied **before** coming to school, and a sunhat provided for your child. Please provide a **named** sunscreen if additional applications are required. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children on the school playing field.

Easter Service



Thank you to those who attended **Key Stage 2** children (years 3 – 6) Easter Service at St. Mary's church, Bletchley on **Thursday 4th April**. Thank you to all parents that helped with the walk to church and attended the church service.

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Foundation – Year 2) Easter service was held earlier today (**Friday 5th April**) in the school hall and the children enjoyed their assembly.

Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

At the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) primary schools are required to assess pupil's achievements according to a National Standard. It is compulsory to assess children at the end of a Key Stage.



Key stage 1

Date	Activity
May 2019	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2019	Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics paper 3

Class Assembly



There have been a lot of class school assemblies throughout the school terms, and there are still some assemblies to take place, so please check the calendar dates to find the relevant date for your child's class. These assemblies provide parents and carers an opportunity to see what their children have been learning about at school and for them to share with the rest of the school and parents.

International Language Day



Just a reminder that on **Wednesday 3rd July**, (originally 27th February) we will be celebrating International language day. At Cold Harbour school we celebrate a diverse community encompassing a lovely variety of European and Non-English, Polish, Gujarati, Bengali, Mandarin, French, Italian, Shona, Urdu, Shqip, Cantonese, Edo/Bini, Farsi, Hindi, Punjabi, Yoruba, Arabic and Portuguese. If any parents would like to be involved in our International language day, please contact Mrs Gregorio via the main office.

Who Let the Dads Out?



If you're a dad with a child aged 0-5 years, you're invited to join St Mary's Church for bacon butties, tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and conversation whilst the kids play with toys and soft play activities. It's free and there's nothing to sign up for. No need to book just turn up on the day.

Time: 10.15am to 11.45am

When: February 23rd 2019, April 13th 2019, June 29th 2019, September 21st 2019 and November 2nd 2019.

Marie Curie - The Great Daffodil Appeal

We have had a Marie Curie collection box at the School Office, for The Great Daffodil Appeal, Marie Curie care and support families through terminal illness. We have had great success with the daffodil badges and children and their families have given generously. Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile cause.



I hope you have a relaxing and happy Easter break and we will see you when we return to school on **Tuesday 23rd April 2019.**

Yours sincerely

Christine Ryan

Mrs Christine Ryan
Headteacher.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Return to School
Wednesday 24 th April	9.00am Information meeting for Parents
Thursday 25 th April	School Nurse re-checks
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	SATS KS2
Wednesday 15 th May	9.00am Goldfinch class assembly
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 5 Lifepath Bunyan Day
Wednesday 22 nd May	9.00am Flamingo class assembly
Thursday 23 rd May	2.15pm – 3.15pm Stay & Play session
Friday 24 th May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 3rd June	Return to School
Wednesday 5 th June	Fraser Portraits School photos
Friday 7 th June	EYFS Woburn Safari Park
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood, Staffordshire
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics testing
Friday 14 th June	1.30pm Bring a man to school day
Monday 17 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Years 3 & 4 Legoland
Wednesday 26 th June	9.00am Sparrow class assembly
Wednesday 3 rd July	International Language Day
Thursday 4 th July	Transition Day
Saturday 6 th July	12.00pm – 3.00pm Summer Fete
Thursday 11 th July	SEN Parents Evening at 3.30pm
Tuesday 16 th July	1.45pm Year 6 Leavers service, St Mary's Church
Wednesday 17 th July	9.00am Baby Birds assembly
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Break