



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We started this week with news that our Year 6 had to isolate due to a positive case of coronavirus. This was a real shame as this meant they could not attend their much anticipated trip to Caldecotte. But these things happen and I would like to thank our parents for their support - especially with home learning again. I saw on the news that 1 in 20 pupils across the country are not in school at the moment because of isolation. Hopefully, there will be a change in guidance for September as more people are vaccinated through the holidays.

Please may we ask you to forward any of your household members results if they have a PCR test, we are logging all results, negative and positive to aid government statistics during the pandemic.

Sports Day - Thursday 8th July 2021

As the weather finally improves, we can turn our thoughts to sports day. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions currently in place we are not in a position to invite our families to join us this year. We are, however, able to give our children a real sports day experience, so on Thursday we would like them to come to school dressed in PE kit and wearing a T-shirt (or something including the colour) of their House Team. It's been a while since we used the team system so your class teacher will be sending out a Dojo message with further details. All children will need to wear suntan lotion and a water bottle on the day (or a coat if it looks like rain.) We look forward to sharing highlights of the event with you in next week's newsletter. Whilst we know that parents look forward to seeing their children compete on sports day, safety is of utmost importance. Let's hope we can resume all these lovely things during the next academic year.

Absence Reporting

Any absences must be reported to the school office by telephoning **01908 270377 Opt 1** or by the **ParentMailPMX** absence button. It is vital that all children are accounted for. Any unreported absences will be marked as unauthorised on your child's record.

School day September 2021

Some people have been enquiring about start and finish times for next year. We are still awaiting guidance from the Department of Education about what changes will need to be made in September. The Education Secretary said on Wednesday that once the decision around the remaining Covid restrictions has taken place "*.. We will of course be informing schools and keeping them up to date as to that progress in plenty of time before the start of the next term.*"

Parent Survey

Thank you to those who completed the parent survey using the link in last week's newsletter. This will help us shape the direction of the school next year. If you haven't yet done so, please can you spare 5 minutes to share your thoughts by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/cJztT1t3Kr57Zs2z6>

Thank you!



Swap morning

On Tuesday, children will be meeting their new teacher for September. They are always excited about finding out who it will be, if a little nervous. Rest assured, that careful thought has gone into the organisation so that they have the right environment to learn. You will be receiving a letter on Tuesday informing you of who your child's class teacher will be.

Fidget toys

We have seen a rise in the amount of children bringing fidget toys to school. Whilst we understand the reasons why some children need these to support concentration in class, they can be very distracting to others if not used as they should be. For this reason, fidget toys will only be allowed if permission from the class teacher / SENCo has been given. If a child brings a fidget toy to school where permission has not been given, they will be removed and returned to parents. Thank you for your support.

Hot chocolate Friday!

One of the highlights of my week is spending time with those children who have embodied our values of Ready, Respectful, Safe and this week was no exception. Well done you gorgeous children!



Have a lovely weekend - let's hope for a great England result on Saturday!

Best wishes

Claire

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Headteacher