

23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading at home

As you already know, at Cold Harbour, reading is a priority. We want to do everything we can to help your child learn to read – and we will. We continue to implement daily reading sessions across the school every morning where all children are taught to read and comprehend text. We have also implemented interventions for children who require further support with reading. We are determined to ensure that all children gain the fundamental skills of being able to read but we need your help!



Reading at home with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support them on their learning journey. You play a hugely important role in helping to keep your child interested in books, inspiring them to read for pleasure and to ensure they practice, practice, practice, in order to make rapid progress in reading.

Reading Targets

All children bring a book home that is matched closely to their reading level. Regardless of age, we ask that you hear your child read this book aloud at least four times a week and sign the reading record/planner to document this. You will now see a reading target sheet in the front of your child's reading record/planner. Please support your child to work towards this target at home. It would be useful if you could make a note as to how they are getting on with this target in their reading record. These will be checked weekly in school and children will be rewarded with class dojos for reading regularly at home.

Reading Volunteers

We are also now able to invite our reading volunteers back into school to continue to support us on our drive to improving reading progress. We will manage this safely by ensuring volunteers become part of one bubble only and will join the school staff in taking the weekly LFT coronavirus tests. Michelle will be in contact with our current reading volunteers to organise reading sessions. If you would like to join our reading volunteer team, please make contact with the school office.

Covid-19 Tests

Please may we remind you that if you, or any household member takes a Covid-19 test, or a PCR test, please ensure that all household members isolate until the result of the test is known. Could you also please log the result for all household members (Negative, Positive or Void) with the NHS Track and Trace Service and forward the email confirmation to the office at office@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk Please note: Children should only be tested if they show symptoms, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child. This applies at all times as we are monitoring the impact on our school community. Thank you for your help with this.

Ginger The School Cat

You may have been wondering where Ginger the school cat has been for the last week. Unfortunately he has been unable to walk on one of his legs due to an infection, but we are pleased to say that he is now back strutting his stuff, albeit with a limp. Welcome back Ginger!



Commemorating HRH Prince Philip

Liam in Macaw class has written a poem to commemorative Prince Philip's life. Well done Liam!

Prince Philip

Royal duties to the country

In a happy mood all the time

Never ever forgotten

Courage in the second world war

Elizabeth always loved him

Polo was his favourite sport

Has always cared for everyone

Incredible life

Listens to everyone

In the navy

Prince Philip

Hot Chocolate Friday

Each week, one child from each class who has demonstrated exemplary behaviour that reflects our school values will be invited to join me or one of our Assistant Headteachers for a mug of hot chocolate during Friday afternoon. This is part of our ongoing school mission to praise and reward behaviour and raise the profile of those children in our community who are working hard to be the best that they can be.



A very well done to this week's winners!

Have a lovely weekend,

Claire