



GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable half term. We have welcomed the children back to school this week and introduced them to their new topics. We are very excited about these and know the children will enjoy learning about the new concepts. You will now have received curriculum newsletters informing you of what your children will be learning with some key dates and events included.

This week I have been working with all teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team to set up additional support for the pupils at Cold Harbour. Many pupils are now receiving small group focused teaching from both teachers and other support staff. These 'interventions' are to close key gaps in pupil knowledge to enable them to reach their full potential. Please be reassured – if your child is receiving some additional support from their teacher or another adult in the school, this does not mean that this is a cause for concern. It just means that we have identified that they would benefit from some extra help, in some cases to help them to catch up, but in others it might be that the support helps them to achieve at greater depth.

To support us to ensure that all children reach their full potential, could I please ask you all to ensure that the children are all reading at least four times a week at home, and that you are signing this in their diaries. To help us to ensure that all children are reading regularly and developing their fluency, we are looking for volunteers to come into school, perhaps for an afternoon each week, to hear children read. Please contact Mrs Laskey if you would like more information on this.

Many thanks for your continued support as we all work hard together for the pupils at Cold Harbour. I would particularly like to thank those parents who have shared their positive experiences since September with us on the gates in the mornings. It is great to hear parents views on how things are going and ideas for further improvement. Leaders will remain available at the start and end of every day to assist you with any questions that you may have.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend

Rob Morley-Smith
Head of School

Values

This month, we shall be focusing on our value of **Respect**. At Cold Harbour CE we believe in honouring every individual. Everybody has their own unique qualities which deserve respect.



Our School Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Please bless our school and everyone in our school family.
Help us to be honest and trustworthy,
Help us to show respect to ourselves and others,
Help us to have faith and never forget the love you have for us,
Help us to be thankful for all that you have blessed us with.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sale of Poppies



The school council is supporting the poppy appeal and has been selling poppies. All proceeds will be sent on to the Royal British Legion. We kindly request a suggested donation of 50p for a paper poppy or sticker and £1.00 for a poppy pin but if you wish to donate more please do so.

Our commemoration service will be held on **Monday 11th November at 9.00am** on the playground. If it is a dry day all parents are invited to join us but unfortunately if the weather is unsuitable then we will hold the service in the hall for the children only. We will make the decision as to where to hold the service at 7:50am and inform parents of this via a board outside the school and through parentmail

Christmas Events and Celebrations

Christmas is a very important time for us here at Cold Harbour. All year groups will be taking part in a variety of events to celebrate this. Details and dates of the events for specific year groups will be shared in the curriculum newsletters from each team.

Outdoor PE Kit

Reminder – this half term all children will require an extra jumper/tracksuit to wear during outdoor PE lessons. Children will also need their indoor PE kit as usual.

