



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the school with the children very pleased to see each other and begin their learning again. This term we welcome three new teachers, Mrs Deborah McLean-Hall (Year 1 & 2 mixed), Mr Grant Malloch (Year 4), Kirsty Frost (Year 5 & 6 mixed) and Mrs Sarah Clarke (Foundation). Mrs Katie Clark (nee Batt), returns from maternity leave and will also be teaching in Foundation - having two teachers with the same surname will certainly help our younger pupils! I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new Foundation pupils and their families. You will often find me on the gate in the morning so please do some and say hello. Alternatively, my door is always open for a chat if you have any concerns.



We have some exciting topics planned this term and today you will be receiving information about what the children will be learning by receiving 'Knowledge Organisers'. These documents provide you with details of the knowledge and skills the children will be learning in a particular unit so that you can help support their learning at home. You can also keep up to date with what your child is doing by joining your Class Dojo. If you need help in joining then drop the school an email and we will help.

School Vision - Let Your Light Shine

At Cold Harbour it is really important that our vision is inclusive of all of our families. As a Christian school it is important that we value the faith that others have as well as those that choose to not be religious. Our values of trust, honesty, thankfulness, respect and faith are important so that our children develop an understanding of traits that we value in our school and help their light to shine when they demonstrate these through their learning and their actions. These values are developed from the moment children begin at our school where they learn the meanings and how we can demonstrate these traits in our daily actions in school. These are then developed as the children grow through our school and are linked to their learning as well as their understanding within RE and PSHE. These values enable our children to grow into well rounded, accepting citizens and encourage them to let their light shine through their achievements at Cold Harbour.

The School's Christian Vision Statement "**Let your light shine**" is our central vision.

Everyone is encouraged to shine through living out our values of trust, honesty, thankfulness, respect and faith. Enabling us to grow, learn and achieve together

Growing in confidence, personal awareness and ability

Learning in creative, fun, technologically assisted and investigative ways

Achieving as individuals, teams and as a whole school community across a diverse range of opportunities

Together through our shared Christian values of trust, honesty, thankfulness, respect and faith.

Attendance

It is very important that your children attend school every day - especially to catch up on any learning lost through the pandemic. Please **telephone the office (01908 270377 Opt 1)** if your child is going to be absent, providing a reason. Please do not use Class Dojo to inform teachers. If a child is absent for three days or more, Ronnie Rowsell, our Learning Mentor, will visit home to offer any support.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

All children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive school meals at no cost to you. This is a universal entitlement for all infant aged children. In addition, every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed will be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This is extra money for the school, provided by the government, to pay for targeted support for learning.

Entitlement to Free School Meals for children in school in Year 3 and above is not universal. You will need to make a separate application and your eligibility will be dependent on the benefits that you receive.

Who is eligible?

You must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for a Free School Meal for your child/children.

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance – Income related
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (not Contribution Based JSA)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will not qualify for free school meals.
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid four 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 receive)
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

How do I apply?

Please contact us for details of how to apply or go directly to the following link:- <http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

School Uniform

We are delighted by the way our children are dressed for school this year and I would encourage you to continue this high standard. Visitors to school this week have remarked how lovely our children are looking in their uniform which is fabulous. There are still some children coming into school wearing trainers. Please can you ensure that they wear school shoes - not only does it ensure that our children are smart but it also prepares them for secondary school, where uniform rules are enforced vigorously. Thank you.

Type Onederful Fundraiser

The parent of a child at Cold Harbour who lives with Type 1 diabetes, has arranged a fundraiser in support of the MK Hospital's Children's Ward. If you can, please go along and support the Type Onederful Fundraiser event on **Saturday 25th September from 7.00pm until late, at Denbigh Hall Sports & Social Club, Melrose Avenue, Bletchley, MK3 6PU.**

There will be lots of exciting things going on so it should be a great night.



Covid isolation rules

Please click on this link for the latest government advice around what you and your family need to do should one of you test positive for coronavirus: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/08/pupils-only-need-to-isolate-if-they-have-symptoms-of-covid-19-or-if-they-test-positive/>

Music Tuition

We are delighted that Instrument lessons will be back up and running in school and will start next week. Lessons will be on the following days:

Monday - Flute

Tuesday - Violin

Wednesday - Guitar

We can't wait to hear you all on your musical journey and look forward to you showcasing your talents in performances in school.

Relationships and Behaviour

In school, we want all our children to feel safe, happy and part of a community where we value each other. We expect good behaviour and for each individual, whether child or adult, to be respectful of one another through fostering meaningful relationships. We have been reinforcing this again at the beginning of our new term focusing on three key values that we would like to develop in our children - being Ready, Respectful and Safe.



Ready: Ready for learning, ready to listen, ready to go to lunch etc.

Respectful: Showing respect to their peers, to adults, to their environment, to themselves.

Safe: Safe in their learning environment, safe with the people around them and safe in the activities in which they are taking part.

Hot Chocolate Fridays

Every week, a child who has gone above and beyond our school rules of being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' is nominated to have hot chocolate with the headteacher. It was lovely sharing my time with these gorgeous children this week. Very well done!



This has been a really super start to the new year – Cold Harbour is buzzing with activity and we look forward to seeing your children make progress and enjoy all the exciting activities that we have planned in the coming term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Claire.

