



September

Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, on behalf of myself and all of the staff I would like to say thank you for the generous gifts and messages at the end of last term. In particular, we are touched by the personal messages from pupils and parents. They will be cherished.

If you are starting with us this term: Welcome to Coldfall! I am looking forward to getting to know you.

If you are returning: Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break and I look forward to catching up with you soon.

On your return you will have noticed the Nursery expansion, which opens on the 11th September, and the new benches on the main playground that will (hopefully!) act as a barrier to prevent flooding into the school building. I would like to publicly thank George Wainwright of the school's governing body, School Business Manager Tsveta Dimitrova, Nursery Lead Louise O'Mahoney and Site Managers Glenn Goodey and Therapis Georgiou for their involvement in bringing these projects to fruition.

I also note the space, greenery and opportunities we have on our site. Our children are so lucky to have this environment and the opportunities it offers - I have been here nearly 20 years and still think it is exceptional and I look forward to improving it further in the future.

Value of the Month—Trust

As a teacher of over 25 years, I have felt the benefits of a trusting relationship between parents and the school. I believe that to work in education you have to have to be optimistic and have the best interests of children at heart. I also do my very best to make sure that everyone who works at Coldfall 'buys into' this culture and has your trust.

Incidents at school sometimes necessitate a difficult conversation between members of staff and parents. Therefore:

- Please trust us that when we raise an issue with you it is, to the best of our knowledge, and understanding true.
- Please trust that we have the best interests of the children at heart and that we want to work with you to find solutions to problems.
- Please trust our judgement or suggestions of ways forward. As education professionals we have a huge amount of collective knowledge between us.
- Please believe that we do not label children because of their behaviour. Mistakes, in every aspect of school life, are inevitable and fundamental for their learning.

WhatsApp Letter

In reference to the above value please read the letter about WHATSAPP groups sent alongside this issue of Headlines.

Lunches

Due to the building works in the kitchen, please remember to complete the google form every week to inform us whether you would like your child to have a school provided sandwich, fruit and snack.

Play

As most of you will know we made great efforts together as a school and a community to transform our lunchtime play and outdoor space. The arrival of the sensory garden, giant Lego, speedboat, slack lines, piano hut etc has been transformative for the children.

As many of you know Mr Greig Coetzee has been instrumental in this process. Without his efforts and skills we would be much less advanced. However, Greig has recently qualified as a teacher and we are delighted that he will shortly be taking up a teaching role with us after the Autumn half term.

Therefore, we will soon be recruiting for the OPAL Play Leader role. This part time role is a truly exciting opportunity to shape one of the most important parts of the children's day. We will let you know when the advert goes up, but come and talk to Mr Marshall if you are interested.

Football Free Fridays

I love football (well, as much as any West Ham fan truly can!). But, at school it dominates playtimes and lunchtimes. Our record of behaviour incidents shows that there are more incidents of an aggressive nature connected to football on a Friday. For children the stakes are high and emotions also often run high. Amateur and professional players have qualified teams of officials to referee games – a luxury that we simply cannot accommodate. Therefore, we will be having football free Fridays every week to allow children the opportunity to explore the other amazing offers that our unrivalled outdoor space has – climbing frames, basketball, mud factory, table tennis, building bricks, gymnastics, art, Lego, 4 square, dress up – the list goes on and on! On this day there will be other ball games available such as cricket, basketball, netball etc.

Class Assemblies

We warmly welcome all parents, carers and grandparents to their child's class assembly which take place on Friday mornings at 9.05am. These will temporarily be held in the Lower Hall until further notice. Please see the dates of class assemblies on the following page.

With best wishes,

Mr Marshall

Head Teacher

SEPTEMBER

We warmly welcome all parents, carers and grandparents to their child's class assembly which take place on Friday mornings at 9.05am in the Lower Hall (until further notice). Please stay and have a cup of tea or coffee with us afterwards too.

Friday 6th September - Wren

Friday 20th September - Woodpecker

Friday 27th September - Toucan

Friday 4th October - Swift

Friday 11th October - Robin

Friday 18th October - Swan

Friday 25th October - Pelican

Friday 8th November - Peacock

Friday 15th November - Puffin

Friday 22nd November - Owl

Friday 29th November - Nightingale

Friday 6th December - Magpie

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024

Tuesday 24th Sept - Flu Vaccinations & Year 6 Tollesbury Meeting at 5pm

Thursday 25th Sept - Year 1 Stay and Play (details coming soon!)

Thursday 26th Sept - Year 1 will be visited by Zoo Lab

Friday 27th Sept - Reception Parent Meeting 2.30pm in the Lower Hall.

Tollesbury Dates

7th - 11th Oct - Woodpecker

14h - 18th Oct - Wren

21st - 25th Oct - Toucan

Thursday 3rd Oct - Inclusion and Anti Racism Coffee Morning

Monday 14th Oct - Year 2 Bollywood Workshop

Thursday 17th Oct- Year 1 Sock Puppet Workshop

Friday 18th Oct - SEND Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st October - Flu Vaccinations

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20th Nov - 4pm-6.30pm

Thursday 21st Nov - 5pm-7.30pm.








Friday 22nd November - Year 4 Skipping Workshop

Wednesday 4th December - Year 1 Nativity Trip

Please keep an eye on the weekly reminder every week emails as further dates will be added to the diary or changed throughout the term.

Key Responsibilities

Members of the Senior Leadership Team and the school's SENDCO are on the playground before and after school. We enclose their pictures and list of key responsibilities so you know who to talk to about any queries or questions you may have.

Ewan Marshall 	Emily Gazzard 	Seb Descrettes 	Lorraine King Mon-Thurs 	Tsveta Dimitrova 	Jenna Buckley 	Mitchell Browning 
Head Teacher	Deputy Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	School Business Manager	SENCO	Sports Teacher
Maths	Assessment	English	Curriculum	Breakfast club and After School Clubs	Special Educational Needs SEND	Activity Clubs <u>e.g.</u> Minecraft, football
Play	Behaviour	Safeguarding **	EAL - English as an additional Language	Lunch		PE incl. teams
Recruitment	Inclusion and Anti- Racism - IARG	Float	Early Years link	Administration		
Culture and Ethos		Pupil Premium				

** Alongside Alex Sapirstein and Louise O'Mahoney

STAFF NEWS

I would like to introduce our new members of staff who have joined us this year:



Marion Liddy - Nursery



Jennie Chandler - Nursery



Jenny Lennox - Nursery



Beata Potoniec - Nursery



Rami Hussein - Nightingale & Nursery



Beverley Middleton - Kestrel



Fleur Hargreaves - Kingfisher & Nursery



Alexander Karpel - Night Owls

Eco News

We are delighted to tell you that Coldfall was awarded a **Green Flag with Distinction** by Eco Schools for our work last year to protect the environment. Star Squad children worked with Mrs Greene all year to make our school more eco-friendly and sustainable, and the whole school community worked together to achieve this award. Well done to everyone!



Get into gardening with your children at school!

This year, we'd like to invite you to get gardening at school with your children! We're starting a **FREE Community Gardening Group for parents/carers/staff and their children to attend together** on our school allotment and sensory garden. This will be run by Mrs Greene, but parents/carers will be responsible for their own children - and we'll all learn more about gardening together. We hope this will be lots of fun, and will inspire you to try gardening at home too - whether you have a garden, a balcony, or just a window ledge!

All tools will be provided and you are welcome to come to all sessions, or just to drop in when you can. We can take a maximum of 16 people for each session, including adults and children. **Please email the school office if you'd like to sign up for a particular date, giving your name and the children you will be bringing (max 2 per adult), and we'll keep you a place.** You are also welcome to just come along to the allotment on the day and join if there is space.

Who: Parents/Grandparents/Carers/Staff and up to two children from Nursery to Year 6 (adults must stay for the whole session to supervise them)

When: Weds 25th Sept 3.45 - 4.30

Weds 9th Oct 3.45 - 4.30

Weds 23rd Oct 3.45 - 4.30

More dates will be announced for the rest of the year.

Where: School allotment (fenced off area to the left of the dining hall) behind the playhouse.

What to bring: Nothing required, but if you have your own gardening gloves, feel free to bring these - we will provide some if not. If your child usually has a snack after school, they should have this before we start.

Hope to see you there! Mrs Greene

