



Headlines

November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the November edition of Headlines. As we go into the cooler months, please can I remind you about ensuring children have appropriate outdoor wear and that every item of clothing is named. **Green and Harvest Day**—an enormous thank you for all your generous contributions to Educaid and donations for our local soup kitchen. The children have all had a wonderful day doing an exciting orienteering challenge around the grounds, older children teaming up with their buddies and having fun deciphering and following all the clues. Please ask them about it!

November's value is **RESILIENCE**.... teaching children to be confident and to have a strong, positive sense of self so that they can bounce back when things are difficult or challenging. This is so important in today's world when there are so many shifting goal posts. It is also about encouraging children to become independent and do things for themselves. Please support us in this.

Many congratulations to all the children who entered our '**Watch or Clock of Patience**' competition. The array of entries was quite spectacular and it is clear that a great deal of patience was required when making these. Thank you for all your support with this. Photos are on the website.



Three amazing Year 5 performances of **CARMEN** last week. Our children learned all about opera with the help of 2 professional singers, Laura and James. There were tears from parents and staff in the audience as they watched the dramatic, moving story unfold! Thank you to Mrs Vetch and the Year 5 staff for organising such an inspiring week.



November sees lots of exciting events in school. We start with the **Friends' Fireworks Evening on Thursday 3 November**. Gates open at 5.30pm and the display starts at 7pm. Tickets are on sale in playground. On 9 November we welcome **12 visiting teachers from India** who are coming to learn about our approach to Values Education. We look forward to learning about their schools and curriculum too. The week beginning Monday 14 November is **Anti-Bullying Week** and it includes **International Tolerance Day**, when we will be engaging the children in a range of special activities about respecting people from all walks of life, backgrounds and cultures.

Don't forget to sign up for an appointment on **Parents' Evening on Thursday 17 November**. See the details on the next page. Please pick up our annual survey when you come - we welcome your feedback.

We're looking forward to the **Noah's Ark concert** on Saturday 26 November at St James Church. Come and be inspired by the singing of the choir and raise money for the children's hospice. We'll announce ticket information as soon as we have it.

With very best wishes, Mrs EB Davies

#1 IN HARINGEY FOR NETBALL!



Tuesday afternoon saw the Coldfall mixed **Hi 5 netball** team win the Haringey Primary School competition for the first time in their history, putting an end to the dominance of Weston Park Primary school which has won the competition for the previous 9 years. The team of Year 6 pupils fought right until the end of a tough knock out stage to win with a golden goal in extra time, scored by Lottie Cockerham. The group stage saw Coldfall play some sublime netball, winning 7 of 8 games, scoring 51 points and conceding only 3.

Winning the Haringey school games competition means Coldfall will now move on to represent Haringey in the **London Youth Games** being held at Crystal Palace in March 2017.

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INSPIRE MATHS

We would like to invite parents to attend workshops in which we will show you some of the principles behind our new INSPIRE Maths scheme. Workshops will start at 9am in the main hall and last about an hour. There will be an opportunity for you to work on an activity with your child, a short presentation and a Q & A.

Year 1	Tuesday 6 December
Year 2	Thursday 3 November
Year 3	Thursday 24 November
Year 4	Thursday 10 November
Year 5	Tuesday 15 November

We hope to see you there.

JOB VACANCIES AT COLD FALL

TEACHING ASSISTANT AND CATERING ASSISTANT

We're looking for a **Teaching Assistant** to join our staff. Hours are 8.45am—3.45pm, term time only. Please see the job description and application form on the school website. Closing date for applications is 10 November.

Our **catering team** is also looking for a new member. If you or someone you know is looking to work 2.5 hours a day (11.30am—2pm) while the children are at school, please consider an application. You'll need to be hard-working, positive and a good team player. You'll help prepare our great school lunches and earn the undying gratitude of our children and staff. Again, details are on the school website. Application packs for this role only are also available from our reception desk after the holiday. Closing date is also 10 November.

PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 4—9.30PM

The online booking system will be open from 10am on Saturday 29 October until 10pm on Wednesday 16 November. You can access this via the school website (go to Children and Families, then Parents' Evening) or use www.coldfall.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

Instructions for parents unfamiliar with this are on the school website (see above). Appointments are 10 minutes long. If you have more than one child at Coldfall, you will find that you are required to leave a 10 minute interval between appointments.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION - There will be an election for parent governor(s) after the half term holiday. If you would like to put yourself forward for election, email j.robertson@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk. Have a look at the governing body page of the website to see what this entails and the commitment required. If you'd like any further information, you can contact the Chair or any governor through the clerk. Details of candidates and voting procedure will follow.

