



September

Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whether it's a 'Welcome back' or a 'Welcome' for the first time, I hope you are all well and ready for the new school year. At the start of the new year lots of children and teachers will have a new pair of shoes. Here's mine:



We feel really excited about our new shoes and we might try to keep them extra clean for example. However, they can also feel a bit uncomfortable at first. It takes time to settle in. All of our staff will be working really hard on making all the children feel welcomed, safe and ensuring they know how to do things that may be new this year.

Without wishing to sound boastful there are things about Coldfall that are just better than other schools. We can proudly announce that we have won Haringey's Sports shield – we are the best performing Primary School in the best sporting borough in London. Our music and performance teaching and opportunities are exceptional. The outdoor space is large, beautiful and exploited to maximise creative, stimulating and fun play. That's not to mention the knowledge and skill, love and dedication that our staff have and give to the children. As a parent at Coldfall myself, I feel very fortunate.

But you might ask 'What next?' Amongst many other things, this year we want to:

- Introduce the board game curriculum in KS1 and KS2
- Consult with parents and develop a new 'active' school uniform that allows children to learn and play effectively outside
- Reduce waste across the school
- Improve our teaching of writing so that children become confident and secure in the fundamental skills appropriate to their age

We look forward to the next year and greatly appreciate the support you give your children and ourselves.

Value of the Month—Citizenship

A good citizen, to me, puts their rubbish in the bin. That shows consideration and respect for our community and environment. Maybe a good citizen does even more than that? Maybe they put other peoples' rubbish in the bin too?



A few years ago, before an assembly, I placed a piece of screwed up paper on the floor in the corridor on the way to the main hall. I watched as tens of children ignored it/kicked it/didn't notice it. I don't think anyone took responsibility for it and I remember feeling rather disappointed about that. Perhaps this was partly because I was unable to make the

point I wanted to in assembly or just that I felt let down that the children were not as focussed as I was on our school and looking after it. But I do still believe that it is important to try and be a good citizen and to see and go beyond 'it's not mine so why should I?'

Good citizens volunteer, listen respectfully, are tolerant, engage with the issues of the day and take action to be involved. I'd like to include some role models from our community, including children, who do these things so if that's you please let me know and we can celebrate your citizenship this month.

Parents Using Mobile Phones on The Playground

For the safety and well-being of all our children, we kindly remind you that mobile phone use is not permitted on school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. These moments are important for ensuring children feel safe, supported, and supervised as they transition between home and school.

Please help us by giving your full attention to your child and the school environment during these times. Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe and creates a positive start and end to the day.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

OPAL

Our sandpit and speedboat are ready to go for the start of the autumn term! This has taken a lot of effort, machinery and support from lots of people. Notably I'd like to thank - The Nushi family for collecting the speedboat and delivering tyres, the Pilagosian family for collecting and delivering tyres, Glenn Goodey for renovation and painting and finally lots and lots of children for digging, shifting tyres and helping out.



We're also very excited about the two huge new tunnels that will be available soon for the children to play in.

We have our final OPAL audit on the 29th of September. We are looking forward to celebrating the greatly enhanced play offer we have at Coldfall. We would be REALLY grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1V6qw2DrkvjeTxJ_juCrO0gwe_sznGGze1baCjqlKKNw/preview?edit_requested=true

With best wishes,

Mr Marshall

Head Teacher

Celebrating Children's Birthdays at School

From this term, we ask you that if you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school with the class, to send in either a board game for the class (see list in the weekly reminders) or a new book for the class library or stickers. **We will no longer be allowing cakes and sweet treats to be distributed at the end of the school day.** This is to help instil the importance of healthy food choices, reduce litter, reduce the amount of time and administration staff have to do around allergies etc and to help engender a love of reading and playing board games. Thank you for your support.

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 Main Hall. Please stay and have a cup of tea or coffee with us afterwards too.

Friday 12th September - Wren

Friday 19th September - Woodpecker

Friday 26th September - Toucan

Friday 3rd October - Swan

Friday 10th October - Robin

Friday 17th October - Swift

Friday 24th October - Pelican

Friday 7th November - Peacock

Friday 14th November - Puffin

Friday 21st November - Magpie

Friday 24th November - Nightingale

Friday 5th December - Owl

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2025

Class meetings—3pm in the classrooms

Year 3—Monday 8th September

Year 2—Tuesday 9th September

Year 1—Wednesday 10th September

Year 4—Thursday 11th September

Year 6—Friday 12th September

Year 5—Monday 15th September

Year 6 Tollesbury Meeting Friday 26th September

Community Gardening - 3.45-4.30

Weds 17th September

Weds 1st October

Weds 15th October

Year 1 OPAL Stay and Play - 30th September

Parents' Evening

19th November 5pm-7.30pm

20th November 4pm-6.30pm

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.

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Please use the table below so that you can contact the person directly responsible about any questions you wish to raise. Please note this list is not exhaustive and we are all happy to help and clarify about anything! Please ask.

Ewan Marshall	Emily Gazzard	Seb Descrettes	Lorraine King Mon-Thurs	Gemma Colquhoun	Tsveta Dimitrova	Jenna Buckley	Mitchell Browning
							
Head Teacher	Deputy Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	School Business Manager	SENCO	Sports Teacher
Maths	Assessment	English	Curriculum	Early Years	Breakfast club and After School Clubs	Special Educational Needs SEND	Activity Clubs e.g., 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

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Community Gardening

After its success last year, we are planning more Community Gardening sessions with Mrs Greene after school this year. This is a chance to garden with other families and children in a relaxed and informal setting – it's completely **free**, no commitment required, and all welcome. THANK YOU to Friends of Coldfall for supporting this programme last year.

Quote from a carer who brought her children last year: ***"They thoroughly enjoy it and look forward to it. It's been a big hit."***

Who: Parents / Carers / Grandparents / Staff and up to two children (adults must stay to supervise them)

When: Weds 17th Sept, 3:45 – 4:30
Weds 1st Oct, 3:45 – 4:30
Weds 15th Oct, 3:45 – 4:30

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

Bring: Nothing required, but bring gardening gloves if you have them



APPLES!

On their first day back, in Green School, children in Year 4 picked **organic apples** from our orchard at the back of the field. They learnt how to identify different varieties, and we offered apples to the school community at the end of the day. **Look out for more in the playground soon!**

