

Millhouse News



Our first week back has been a busy one! The reception children have all now started full-time and there were quite a few tired faces at the end of today! Mr Allen, Mrs Haken and Mrs McGarry have been popping in to all the classes across the school and have been really impressed with the children's behaviour for learning and how well all the children have settled into their new classes.

Attendance Information

Our Governors have set the school a target of 97% attendance for this year and we would love this to be the first year we achieve this figure. Remember, that we can only teach your child if they are in school and any time off means they will have lost valuable learning time that cannot be made up. Our data shows that most of the children who had below 95% attendance last year did not make the required amount of progress in their learning.

This week, we had 10 classes who had 97% attendance or above. The best class was Miss Sussex's class with 99.4%!

We would love to see even more classes achieve at least 97% next week.

General Information

School Clubs

If your child returned a slip to join an after-school club before Friday, you should have received an email to say whether they have a place. Any slips returned on Friday will be allocated on Monday and an email sent to parents.

Most clubs are nearly full now, however Hockey, Tag Rugby and Netball currently do not have enough interest to warrant running them so if you would like your child to take part in these please send the slip back on Monday. These 3 clubs will not start until the following week providing there are enough children for them.

Communication

Hopefully, you will have received a letter last week setting out the lines of communication for parents and who to speak to. Please remember that your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. They are always at the door at the start and end of the day should you need to speak to them.

What was your favourite book as a child?

Staff have been sharing theirs with the children this week. Perhaps you could share yours with your child.

Dates for your Diary & Reminders

Monday 24th September – Essex Fire & Rescue Service are visiting the reception classes

Wednesday 26th September – Phonics Workshop for reception parents.

Friday 28th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning / Cake Bake. Please send in donations of cakes on this morning that we can sell at the end of the day.

Wed 26th Sept – Tues 2nd Oct – Book Fair

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Year Group Updates

EYFS (Reception & Nursery)

All the reception children have started full-time this week and they have settled really well into their new routines, including lunchtimes. We have enjoyed lots of different activities and have been learning about people who help us.

In Nursery, the children have had their first transition sessions and we are looking forward to seeing them all start next week.

Year 1

Year 1 children have enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic today. They decorated biscuits, made teddy bear hats (because we had to go in disguise!) and read stories to their teddy bears. A fun time was had by all!

Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard in all their lessons. We have been practising the song 'Paintbox' so we can impress Mrs Haken in her assembly next week! Our topic this term is 'Where in the world...?' and we are looking forward to learning about lots of different countries.

Year 3

We packed our bags and went on holiday this week in Year 3! Our topic is all about flight and we pretended we were going to an airport and flying on a plane. Some of the children went to Spain, America and Greece but they were back in time for lunch!

Year 4

Our swimming lessons started this week for half the year group. The first lesson went without a hitch! While they were swimming, the other half enjoyed PE with Mr Shadbolt and fun lessons with Mrs Free.

Year 5

We have all been working hard this week! Mrs Haken was especially impressed with our maths learning. Our topic is all about Ancient Egypt and we learnt about mummification by mummifying a banana!

Year 6

Our week started with a visit from Mr Cox and two Year 8 pupils from Woodlands School. They spoke to us about what school was like at Woodlands and told us how we could visit the school for ourselves. We started our maths and reading sets this week and the children are settling well with all the teachers.

Secondary School Applications

The application process is now open for Year 6 parents to apply for their child's secondary school choices. Parents will not receive a letter from Essex County Council but should go to: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions to register, log in and complete their application online.

All secondary schools will be holding open evenings in the coming weeks and should also have arrangements for parents to visit during the school day. Some schools also hold aptitude tests which may form part of their admissions policy or could guarantee a place should your child pass. We would recommend that parents visit as many schools as possible so that you can make an informed choice for what is a really important decision.

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2018.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils for showing our star values this week:

Class 4: Noah

Class 5: Riley

Class 6: Harley

Class 7: Harry D

Class 9: Josey

Class 11: Trey

Class 12: Georgia

Class 14: Phoebe

Class 15: Brody

Class 16: Joshua

Class 17: Sauda

Class 18: Rosie

Class 19: Grace

Class 20: Olivia

Class 21: Whole Class

Class 22: Kaitlyn

