

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Monday 5th December:

9am Class 17 Assembly
2:30pm Class 4 Nativity
4-6pm Year 5 & 6 Film Night

Tuesday 6th December:

9am Class 18 assembly
2:30pm Class 6 Nativity
4-6pm Year 3 & 4 Film Night

Wednesday 7th December:

9am Class 19 Assembly
2:30pm Class 5 Nativity

Thursday 8th December:

9am Nursery parents to watch performance
2:30pm Class 1 parents to watch performance

Friday 9th December:

9am Class 2 parents to watch performance
2:30pm Class 3 parents to watch performance

Monday 12th December:

1:30pm KS1 Choir singing in Eastgate Centre
5pm Governor Personnel Committee meeting

Tuesday 13th December:

KS1 Choir to sing at Woodbury Court
2:30pm Class 14 Christmas Assembly

Wednesday 14th December:

9am Class 15 Christmas Assembly
2:30pm Class 16 Christmas Assembly

Parent Information

School Contact Number

Please note that the school telephone number is 01268 543584. Please do not use the number which is shown on Google as this is incorrect.

Dogs on School Grounds

Dogs must not be brought through the school grounds. If you bring your dog to the school, please either remain outside or just inside the school gate. Please do not carry dogs through the school grounds either. Official assistance dogs must be walked sensibly on a short lead.

Christmas Events

Please see the information below on all the Christmas Events in school.

Polite request – office disruptions

We kindly ask that parents make sure their child has everything they need before coming to school. We also ask that if someone else is collecting your child, that parents email the school office as soon as possible to avoid disruptions in the office throughout the day.

Attendance

- Pupils who do not regularly attend school are more likely to fall short of achieving their full academic potential
- Statistics show that 90% of persistent absentees, poor attenders or non-attenders fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE and approximately one third end up with no GCSEs at all
- Poor attendance can:
 - lead to disaffection amongst peers
 - lost friendship groups
 - missed opportunities to take part in school events such as drama and sports
 - cause difficulties to catch up with work, which can lead to long-term absence

Christmas Events

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is on Friday 16th December. All parents must order their child's dinner on Parent Pay by the end of Monday 12th December. If your child receives a free school meal, please choose the 'free school meal option'; if you pay for your child's dinners, this must be done by the same date.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16th December and invite all children to come to school wearing something festive. Donations can be made using Parent Pay and are open now.

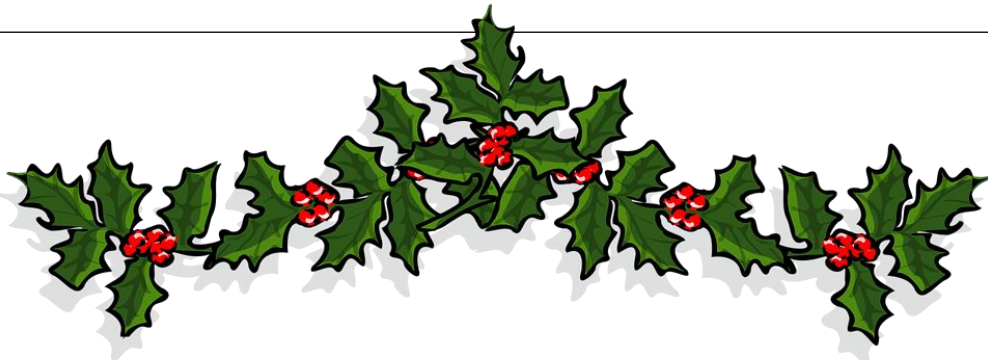
We are also holding a Christmas Jumper Donation Day on Wednesday 7th December. Parents can bring in old Christmas jumpers / tops in the morning which we will then put out in the afternoon for others to come and take and use again - saving money and looking after the environment!

Christmas Carols on the Playground

We would once again like to invite parents to come and join us signing Christmas Carols and Songs on the playground. Reception & Key Stage 1 parents are invited on Thursday 15th December at 9am and Key Stage 2 Parents on Friday 16th December at 9am.

Christmas Cross-Country Fun Run

After the success of last year's run, the children are once again going to be taking part in a Christmas Fun Run around the school field and grounds. This will take place on Monday 19th December and children can come to school dressed in outdoor PE kits (Christmas themed if they wish) & trainers (not plimsolls). Each class will run outside for a short period of time during the day, joined by the staff. Last year we estimated that we completed just over 400 miles as a school - let's see if we can beat that this year!



Free School Meals

Did you know that children who receive free school meals receive additional vouchers to use for food during school holidays, can access holiday clubs and the school gets extra funding for every child who is eligible for free school meals?

If you meet one of the criteria listed below, we encourage you to apply for free school meals for your child (<https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given a free school meal under the 'Universal Free School Meal' scheme, however, unless you apply at the address above, you may not receive the additional vouchers and the school will not receive additional funding for your child. Therefore, we ask that all parents who meet one of the criteria, apply online as soon as possible.

Gallery

Congratulations to Olivia S in Class 22 whose design for the '20 is Plenty' road safety campaign is going to be turned into real road signs which will be put up near our school!

