

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Friday 11th February – last day of half term
Monday 21st February – Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 22nd February – Children return to school
Wednesday 23rd February – Parents Evening (virtual)
Thursday 24th February – Parents Evening (virtual)
Monday 7th March, 5pm – Governor Personnel Committee meeting

Parent Information

Breakfast Bagels

We are now part of the National Schools Breakfast Programme which means we will receive an allocation of bagels to give to the children when they arrive at school. This will not be a whole bagel but will be a half or quarter, depending on the children's ages. The children do not have to eat this but it will be there if they would like it. We will be trialling this for half a term to see how it goes.

Safer & Responsible Internet Use

As well as Children's Mental Health Week, this week also included Safer Internet Day. We would like to bring your attention to the safe and responsible use of social media. We have had a number of incidents in recent weeks where both children and parents have used social media as a way of being unkind or unfair towards other children and staff. Some children have been posting videos of themselves behaving in an inappropriate way for their age and also saying unkind things about other children. Please ensure your child has the appropriate filters and security settings and we ask that parents check their child is not uploading inappropriate content.

We are also aware of parents using Facebook to air their opinions about members of staff or children in the school. Again, this is not respectful towards the members of staff, the children or their parents. Whilst we appreciate everyone is allowed their opinions, we kindly ask that any comments or videos made are not defamatory or disrespectful and if a parent is concerned about something in school, they come and speak to us so we can sort it out appropriately.

To ensure all members of our school community have access to support with, and learn how to manage, their mental and physical wellbeing.

Wellbeing & Support

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

7-11 FEBRUARY

This week the children have been learning about how to look after their mental health.

They have thought about who can support them when they find things difficult and made 'support balloons' to remind them of who they can turn to.

Some children have been looking back at how much they have grown, both physically and emotionally, and have thought about what they want to achieve in the future. Other children have written to their future selves to tell them how strong they can be and how they overcame difficult things when they were younger.

To celebrate the week, the children and staff have come 'dressed to express'. We have seen doctors, footballers, princesses, teachers, vets in school as well as others coming in feeling comfy with their PJs. This was a great way for everyone to show how they are feeling and be their true self.

Finally, we would like to thank the parents who attended the drop-in session on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful and we have decided to hold more of these as well as sessions on other areas of child development and wellbeing in the future.

