

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Tuesday 28th September – Full Governing Board meeting

Wednesday 29th September – individual school photos

Wednesday 20th October 3:30-5:30pm – Parents' Evening

Thursday 21st October 4:30-7pm – Parents' Evening

Friday 22nd October – non-pupil day (school closed for pupils)

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – half term holiday

Parent Information

School Photos

On Wednesday children will be having individual photos taken. We are not able to offer photos with siblings.

If your child normally has PE on a Wednesday, they DO NOT need to wear their PE kit – normal uniform must be worn.

Parents' Evenings

We have set the dates for parents' evenings this term however, they will take a different format than normal. More information will be sent to parents next week.

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

It is lovely to see so many children riding bikes and scooters to school and we would like to encourage more children to either walk or ride into school each day. The more that do, the safer the roads are around our school.

Tips for safer riding:

- Make sure your child wears a helmet – even on a scooter.
- Check your child's bike has brakes and that they are working – it is illegal to ride a bike in a public place without brakes (and some BMX / Cycle Cross bikes don't have them fitted).
- Don't ride on electric scooters that aren't part of official hire schemes – again this is illegal.
- Teach your child road safety signs and road safety awareness, for example, riders should get off their bikes when crossing the road or when using a pedestrian crossing and they should not ride on busy roads unaccompanied.

To increase access to and improve provision of reading for all children

Reading

Our book fayre has been a great success this week - we sold over £1000 of books! This means we will be able to get lots more books to share with all the classes and we know Miss Hinson is looking forward to choosing them with the children.

To enhance children's motivation and their ambition for their futures.

Inspiring Tomorrow's Generation, Today

The portal is now open for parents to apply for secondary school places for children currently in Year 6. All applications must be made online using the following link:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Tips for parents:

- Look online for the open evenings and visiting times for local secondary schools.
- Visit more than one school – every school is different and will suit children in different ways.
- Try to visit during the school day – get a feel for how it really is (any time off to do this is authorised by us as long as we know about it).
- Think about what your child needs – some schools specialise in different subjects, some have better emotional wellbeing support, some are bigger or smaller. It really is important to choose a school where you think your child will do best at.
- Put more than one school on your application. If you only put one and you don't get a place, you will be placed in the nearest school with spaces rather than your 2nd or 3rd choice (and sometimes this can be quite far away).
- Make sure you submit your application by **31st October 2021**, otherwise your child may not be allocated a secondary school for September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our cake mornings / afternoons. It was so nice to see parents enjoying the sunshine with their children whilst raising money for a good cause.

We must also say thank you to Mrs Lock and the kitchen staff for baking all the yummy cakes!

As soon as we have a total, we will let you know how much we raised.

Shoe Box Appeal

Just a reminder that there is still time to send in a shoe box for the appeal. These will be shared with children who have had to leave their home countries due to war, political unrest and other dangerous situations.