

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Saturday 4th December – Breakfast with Santa

Wednesday 8th December – KS1 Choir singing in the Eastgate Centre

Friday 10th December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th-Thursday 16th December – Year 4 Music Project

Thursday 16th December, 9:15am – KS1 Carol Singing with parents (playground)

Friday 17th December, 9:15am – KS2 Carol Singing with parents (playground)

Friday 17th December – last day of term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Children back to school

Parent Information

Breakfast with Santa

For those parents who booked this, you should have received a confirmation email this week. Please speak to the office if you did not receive this email.

Christmas Cross-Country Run

On Wednesday 15th December, all the classes will be taking part in a Christmas-themed cross-country run around the school grounds. More information will come out next week.

Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas dinner is on Friday 10th December. The menu can be seen below. There will be no cold option on this day.

COVID-19 UPDATE

We have had 8 positive cases of COVID-19 this week in different areas across the school.

We ask parents to remember to take all the necessary precautions to help us in our community to reduce the numbers of positive cases. These include:

- Testing all members of the household twice a week with a lateral flow test. These can be collected from any pharmacy using this link <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits>
- Wearing a face covering in busy places and on public transport
- Washing or sanitising hands regularly
- Getting a PCR test for those who come into close contact with a positive case.
- Isolating and getting a PCR test if you have any symptoms.

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

The application process for children starting primary school in September 2022 opened on 8th November and must be completed by 15th January 2022. Parents should apply online at <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>.

Most primary schools will have opportunities for you to either visit the school in person or have a virtual tour / process in place. When looking for a primary school for a child, parents must take into consideration what their child needs and how the school will meet these needs. They should also ask the school about their values and how they support children to learn and grow.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

ROAST TURKEY OR QUORN

YORKSHIRE PUDDING

PIGS IN BLANKETS

CRISPY ROAST POTATOES

MIXED VEGETABLES

STUFFING BALLS AND GRAVY

XMAS ICE CREAM TUB & CHRISTMAS CRACKER



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

Community leaders are uniting across Southend, Essex and Thurrock and promising to end male violence against women.

White Ribbon Day on Thursday, November 25th also known as International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women sees the start of the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board's (SETDAB) 16 days of action campaign. This year, the partners are asking male role models to take the White Ribbon promise and will be sharing their images across social media to show how Essex is united against sexual violence and domestic abuse.

They are encouraging men across Essex to stand together and make the promise too, sharing them on social media using the hashtags #EssexUnites #AllMenCan #MakeThePromise.

The promise states *"I promise to never to commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women."* and can be found on the White Ribbon website.

If you, or someone you know, has suffered domestic abuse, there is information on the SETDAB website or you can call COMPASS on 0330 333 7444 for advice and support.

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

Inspiring Tomorrow's Generation, Today

Does your child have a talent or attend any clubs or organisations? We would love to know what they do and celebrate their achievements. Please send any photos to your child's year group and let their teachers know what they can do. It might be swimming lessons, dancing, Cubs or Brownies, playing a musical instrument or motor-cross. Whatever it is, we want to know!

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

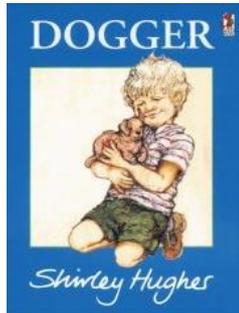
Reading

When children read, it is important that adults talk to them about what they have read to check their understanding and encourage creative thinking. Plus, it also gives us quality time with our children! Here are some questions parents can ask their children after they have read:

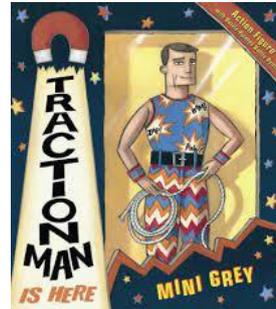
- What characters are in your book? Who is your favourite and why?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What has happened so far?
- What would you do in this situation?
- How do you think this character feels? Why?
- What does ... (this word) mean?

All of our classes have a class reading book that is read by the teacher. Have a look below and ask your child all about it.

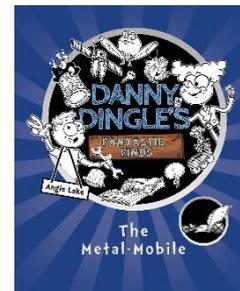
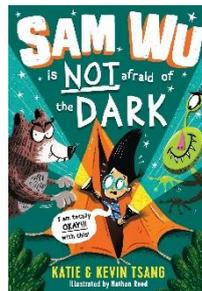
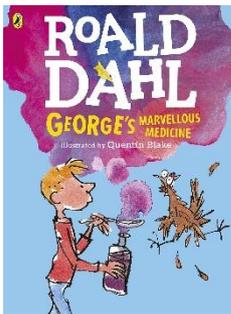
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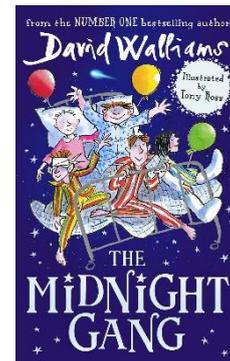
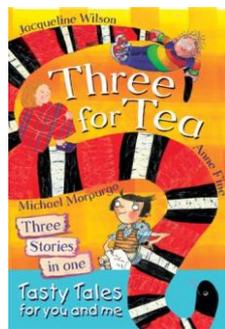
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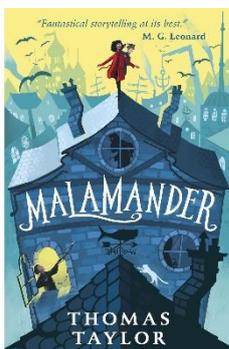
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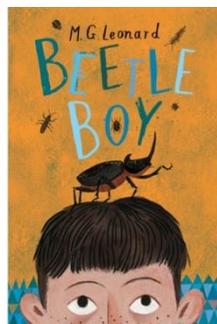
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Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

