

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

- Friday 19th November – Children in Need
- Friday 26th November – Flu immunisations
- Saturday 4th December – Breakfast with Santa
- Friday 10th December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 14th-Thursday 16th December – Year 4 Music Project
- Friday 17th December – last day of term
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Children back to school

Parent Information

Parents' Evening Feedback

Attached to this email is a link to a survey about our recent parents' evening. We would like to know your views about the new system we trialled. Please can you complete the survey by Wednesday 10th November. Thank you.

Headteacher Absence

Mr Allen will be away from school for 2 weeks as he is having an operation on his knee. Mrs Haken and Mrs McGarry will be your point of contact and will lead the school in his absence.

Pop Poms!

We would like to decorate our Christmas trees this year with lots of pom poms. If you have any spare wool we can have, please send into school with your child. Thank you.

COVID-19 UPDATE

We have had 4 positive cases of COVID-19 this week in different areas across the school. Although this is a small number, it is a reminder that COVID is still transmitting within our school community. As a school we still have some procedures in place to reduce the risk of transmission such as regular handwashing, enhanced cleaning, keeping to Year group bubbles and reducing the number of people on the school site. 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 who are over 11 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 will open 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.

We have 3 dates when we are welcoming visitors to our school. These will be 3:30pm on 22nd, 23rd and 24th November. Parents should contact the school office to book a visit. Parents will get an opportunity to look around some of the school, in particular the reception classes and outside areas.

Children in Need Day 2021

This year, Children in Need Day is on Friday 19th November. The school council have been discussing how we can mark this day and raise money for a really good cause. They have decided that they would like everyone to come to school dressed in yellow or as Pudsey or Blush bear on this day! Donations can be made on the School Gateway.



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

We would like to remind parents of making sure they know how to keep their child safe online and that their children know how to use social media safely and positively.

The organisation, Internet Matters has a website that has lots of useful tips and guidance for parents and young people. It can be found at www.internetmatters.org.

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

Reading

Reading regularly is really important to improvement in all areas of the curriculum. If your child doesn't always like reading their book from school why not try some of these to read instead:

- Magazines
- Comics
- Newspaper
- Recipes
- Game instructions

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

Inspiring Tomorrow's Generation, Today

We would like to remind parents of our 'Millhouse Milestones'. These are challenges and activities that can be completed at home as well as school. We have set out different things for each year group and are available on our website. There are activities such as flying a kite, visiting a museum, splashing in a puddle and making a den in the woods or at home.

Please have a look and send in any photos of your child completing any of them!

