

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Tuesday 26th September – Mrs Harrigan to speak in assembly.

Wednesday 27th September, 2:30pm – Year 2 Parents Reading meeting

Wednesday 27th September, 5pm – Governor CARS committee meeting

Friday 29th September – Macmillan Cake Sale

Tuesday 3rd October, 1-3pm – Governor Monitoring Visit

Wednesday 4th October, Individual School Photos

Wednesday 4th October, 2:15pm & 4:45pm – Reception Parents Phonics meeting

Parent Information

Autism Support for Parents

Please see the attached flyer outlining new support from Essex County Council for parents and carers of children with Autism.

Secondary School Applications

The application process is now open for parents to apply for secondary schools for next September. We would advise parents with children in Year 6 to visit the secondary schools and attend their open evenings before making a decision. Details of the application process can be found further below on this newsletter.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who have averaged 96% or above attendance these past 2 weeks: Class 2 (98), Class 3 (98), Class 12 (98), Class 14 (96), Class 18 (96) and Class 22 (96).

Our attendance overall is 95% but there are still some children who are absent from school when they really should be in. Unless your child has a temperature, are really unwell or have an illness that the NHS recommends staying off school for, they should be in school. Having a headache or tummy ache is not a valid reason for not coming to school.

NHS information on childhood illnesses and whether to attend school can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Homework

This term we are encouraging as many children as possible to complete the homework activities set in each year group.

The homework menus can be found on our school website <https://www.millhouse.essex.sch.uk/HomeWork.php> and have a range of different activities linked to the children's topics and learning in class. These activities are designed to encourage parental involvement and spark curiosity and motivation with the children and their learning.

We will be celebrating children's achievements with their homework by asking them to bring in and share what they have done in assemblies next week.

Secondary School Applications

Parents must complete applications for secondary school places by using the following link:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

Applications must be completed by 31st October 2023. Children are not guaranteed a place at a secondary school, so it is vital that parents complete an application and state their preferred choices. Not applying could mean your child is not allocated a secondary school place or being offered one at a school that is out of area.

Parents can name up to 6 secondary schools and we would advise parents to name as many as they can as putting only one choice does not necessarily mean a place will be offered.

More information can be found by clicking on this link to the Essex admissions information booklet:

https://www.essex.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/Brochure_Secondary%20Education%20in%20Essex%202024_2025.pdf

Autumn Poetry

The children in Year 4 have been writing some lovely poems about Autumn and we were especially proud of Anjolaoluwa who wrote and performed this poem in assembly last week:

The streets are full of autumn leaves.
I crunch and kick them with my feet.
The wind is whistling and it's chasing autumn leaves along the street.

The trees are bare and nothing's growing.
Winter's coming soon - it might be snowing.

And after breakfast, after tea,
I save my crusts for leftovers for all the birds I see,
Who feel the cold - just like me.