

Millhouse News

15th February 2024



Email: admin@millhouse.essex.sch.uk

Tel: 01268 543584

Dates & Reminders

Friday 16th February – Non-pupil day (school closed)
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd February – half term holiday
Monday 26th February – Children return to school
Wednesday 28th February – Year 6 Crucial Crew Online Workshop
Tues 27th, Wed 28th & Thurs 29th February – Numeracy Trail (see information below).
Wednesday 6th March, 5pm – Governor CARS committee meeting
Thursday 7th March, 9:45am – Governor Premises Committee meeting
Wednesday 13th March, 5pm – Full Governing Board meeting
Tuesday 19th March, 1:45pm / 5pm – Yr 5 & 6 Behaviour Parent Workshop (see information below)
Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term

Parent Information

Polite Parking & Driving Request

We again please ask parents to park and drive safely, legally and considerately when coming to and from our school. This is not only to be respectful to our neighbours but most importantly to ensure all our children are safe and are able to use the pathways and roads in safety. We would hate it if there was an accident or one of our children were injured because of poor drivers.

Snack Safety

Please remember to cut small fruit / veg items such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and strawberries, in half lengthways to avoid any incidents of choking. Staff do not have the facilities or capacity to do this for the children.

Crossing Patrol

We are aware that there is still no crossing patrol officer on the High Road since John retired. We are in contact with Essex School Crossing Patrol Service whose responsibility this is to ensure we get a replacement as soon as possible.

Attendance

Attendance is slightly better than before Christmas but we are still having lots of children having days off due to having a headache, tummy ache or just feeling tired. These are not really valid reasons to not be in school so we ask that unless your child is really poorly (i.e. they can't even do things they like to do) then you send them into school. Two of our school values are resilience and perseverance and we can teach our children these by showing them that we still have to get on with things even if we feel a little bit unwell. We will always contact you if we feel they are unable to be in school.

Farewells

This half term we are sad to say we are saying farewell to three members of staff: Mrs Clutterbuck, who is a valued member of our midday team, is leaving to look after her family; Mrs Simkins, from our class support team is going to be spending more time with her family; and finally, Mrs Collard, who for many years has been loved in our Reception classes, who is about to take on a new and exciting challenge working with older children and young adults.

We wish them all the very best and are very grateful for their support and dedication to the children at Millhouse.

Next half term we are running workshops on behaviour and development for parents of children in Years 5 & 6. These are designed to support parents to identify what is 'normal' behaviour, how they can manage their child's behaviour (whether 'normal' or more difficult) and how to identify what is driving behaviour. We will also look at how you can support your child through the transition from Primary to Secondary school

When? Tuesday 19th March – 1:30pm or 5pm

Please book a place by clicking on this link

[Yr 5 & 6 Behaviour Workshop Booking](#)

Parent Behaviour

Unfortunately, we have had a number of parents recently who have been rude, disrespectful or aggressive towards school staff either in person or via emails.

We would like to take this opportunity to say that we will not tolerate anti-social or abusive behaviour from any parent or visitor to our school and that school staff have the right to ask anyone behaving in this way to leave the school grounds or to not respond to any communications that are deemed abusive or disrespectful. We also ask that parents avoid using foul language on the school premises and act as positive role models for the young people we have in our care.

Anyone who continues to behave anti-socially towards anyone in our school community may be issued with a ban from the school premises.

We would like to thank the majority of parents who are always respectful and supportive towards staff and children; this is always appreciated by our staff.

School Crossing Patrol Officer Vacancy

Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local community?

Come and join Essex County Council's School Crossing Patrol Team,
We currently have a vacancy serving:

Millhouse Primary School

£11.81 per hour
Term Time Only - Part Time Hours

To apply visit www.workingforessex.com, or call the Resourcing
Team on **0333 013 5888**.



INSPIRED TO DO MORE



Numeracy Trail

Tuesday 27th February - Classes 4 & 7
Wednesday 28th February – Classes 5 & 8
Thursday 29th February – Classes 6 & 9

Our Numeracy Trail for Key Stage One is back! We have lots of fun, exciting maths activities that you and your child can solve and talk about together. Work your way through the trail, completing as many problems and challenges as you can.

Please see your class teacher to sign up for one of the sessions (8:50 - 9:30 or 2:30 - 3:10).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Gallery

Our boys' football team has had a very successful start to the spring season! They have played two games – winning against Great Berry 2-1 and winning against Lincewood 1-0. Both games were really good games, played with great sportsmanship and skill. We are very proud of them! Well done boys and thank you to Mr Shadbolt for coaching them.

