

Millhouse News



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General Information

Bubble Group Timings

Please remember to arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before your child's drop off or collection time. We now have children arriving and leaving at 15min intervals and need to reduce the risk of cross-transmission. If you must arrive earlier than this, please wait away from the gate or on the other side of the road.

End of term plans

A letter was sent yesterday outlining our plans for the end of term. Please make sure you have read this. A copy will be on the school website.

Next Year

We are waiting for the government guidance to be published on how schools will open to all pupils in September. All we know at the moment is that they want all children to return full time. Whatever the expectations, we will review our risk assessments and set out plans accordingly. These will be communicated to parents at the earliest opportunity.

Nursery Places

We have a limited number of places available in our Nursery for next year. If you or anyone you know, would like their child to join us (3 years+), please contact the school office and they will send you the information.

Free School Meals

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you meet the criteria below, they may be entitled to free school meals. Please check and if you think it applies to you go to: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit Income Support
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Home Learning

Google Classroom will continue to be updated until the end of term.

If you need paper packs, these can be collected from the school car park at the following times:

Reception / Year 1: Tuesdays 11-11:20am

Year 2 / Year 3: Tuesdays 12:30-12:50pm

Year 4 / Year 5: Wednesdays 11-11:20am

Year 6: Wednesdays 12:30-12:50pm

If you have a child in more than one year group, you only need to come on one of the times for all your children.

Unfortunately, parents are unable to collect these at any other times.

SEND Support

This simple game of battleships is great for developing visual perception, visual scanning, fine motor skills and handwriting.

* Make a board game each

* Plot seven co-ordinates

* Collect the treasure!!!!

* Remember – go along the corridor and up the stairs

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Well-Being

As children return to school or thoughts turn to September, some children (and parents) may be feeling anxious at returning. Below are some tips that might be useful to work through with your child.

If you are concerned about you or your child's emotional well-being, please email the school office (admin@millhouse.essex.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs Haken and we will try our best to support you.



BACK TO SCHOOL TRANSITION STRATEGIES FOR CHILDREN

MAKE CONTACT

With their key worker or support worker

USE A VISUAL TIMETABLE

Start to count down the days

PICTURES

Show pictures of school staff to remind them who they are going to be seeing again

PRACTISE VISITING SCHOOL

Walk down or drive over to visit in advance

DRESS UP FOR SCHOOL AND PLAY ACT

Get dressed up and play 'going to school'

USE TRANSITIONAL OBJECTS

Can they take something from home to help them feel safe and remember you?

PRACTISE CLEANING HABITS

Practise hand-washing and social distancing with toys

COMMUNICATE ANY CHANGES

Be clear about what is happening to ease any worries

USE OR MAKE UP THERAPEUTIC STORIES

Tell them stories about going back to school



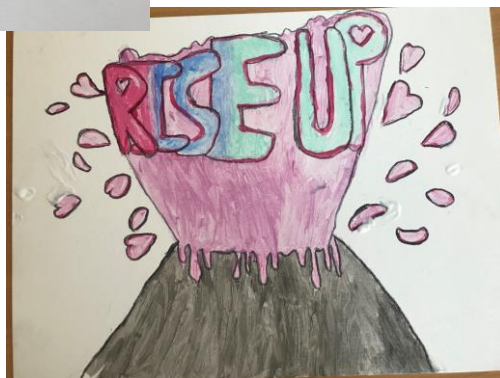
Celebrations!

Look at some of the fantastic learning and achievements from some of our pupils! If you upload pictures or work to Google Classroom, it may appear on here! Also, if anyone is celebrating a birthday or another special occasion or does something really special, email your year group teachers and they will make sure it gets mentioned.



The children in Miss Joyce's Key Worker group have been painting pebbles with positive pictures and messages.

Some of our Year 6 children who have returned have painted canvases, Graffiti style, with positive messages.



Happy birthday to Ivana in Year 2 and Miss Jarvis this week!

Birthday wishes also go to anyone else who has a birthday this week or next!

We would like to send birthday wishes to people but don't always know when they are, please let your child's year group teachers know if it your child's birthday and we will give them a mention!