

Millhouse News

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General Information

Remembrance

As a school we all shared in the commemoration of Remembrance Day on Wednesday by observing a 2 minute silence at 11am. The children's poppies have been displayed around the outside of the school and it was lovely to see them feel proud in what they had done.

Children in Need Day

We have all enjoyed coming to school in non-school uniform today as part of our Children in Need fundraising. Across the school the children have been learning about where the money raised is spent and the impact it has on children that are disadvantaged or less fortunate. Some of the children joined Joe Wicks in his final workout for his 24 hour PE session and others have been completing some of Pudsey Bear's activities. We will let you know how much we raised next week.

Christmas Plans

We wanted to let you know that despite all the restrictions in school at the present time, Christmas will still be happening at Millhouse! We are in the process of planning how we can ensure children are able to have a Christmas Dinner, enjoy a party, send cards to friends and enjoy the festivities safely. As soon as we have anything finalised, we will let you know.

Christmas Card Orders

Orders for the personalised Christmas Cards need to be made by Sunday 22nd November and paid for via School Gateway. Please note that to order more than 1 set of anything, parents will need to do this as separate purchases as the system doesn't recognise a larger order.

Up to Date Contact Details

Please make sure we have your correct email address and telephone numbers in school. By law, we should have two emergency contacts for each child. If you have changed your email address in the last few weeks, please let us know so we can update our records. If you are not receiving emails from us, please check your junk / spam folder. The systems we use automatically will stop sending emails if they are not opened as it 'thinks' the email address is no longer in use, therefore it is important that you open all emails sent by the school.

New Reception Applications

The application process for applying for a school place for reception aged children is now open. Parents must apply online at <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>. Applications must be submitted by 15th January.

Under normal circumstances we would be having open mornings and afternoons to show prospective new parents round our school, however we are unable to do this at this present time. Therefore, we are currently producing a 'Virtual Tour' of the school which will be available to view via our website by the first week of December.

We would also like to put together a Question and Answer or FAQ document so if you are or know of a prospective parent, please email your question to admin@millhouse.essex.sch.uk by the end of next week (20th November) so that we can include it.

Emotional Wellbeing

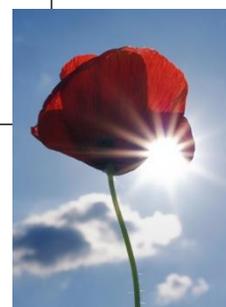
Despite the current lock down in place in England, there are still agencies out there that can support children and parents with emotional wellbeing.

Locally the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service, who include the School Nurses, are on hand to offer advice and have useful links on their website: <https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/>. They also offer advice on range of physical development areas such as toileting and dietary needs.

Further information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/staying-well>.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health or wellbeing, please do let us know so we can support them and you. Please email Mrs Haken at admin@millhouse.essex.sch.uk.

*See below, the pictures of some
of the wonderful poppies that
the children made for
Remembrance Day.*





*At the going down of the sun, and
in the morning, we will remember
them.*

