

Millhouse News

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General Information

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for their secondary school place by 31st October. This should be done by going to <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> . If you require any help or advice around this, please contact your child's teacher, Miss Lester or Mrs Haken and we will be happy to help you. Please be aware that if you do not apply for a place your child may not be allocated a school for next September. All local schools are usually over-subscribed so it is vital you apply and put more than one option down.

Macmillan Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Macmillan Fundraising event last month. We are pleased to say we raised £430 for the charity!

Award Winner!

We are really pleased to say we have been awarded the 'Good Diabetes Care in School' award. This is special to us as we have Grace in Year 6 who was diagnosed after starting at Millhouse and we have seen her through her diabetes journey so far and are proud of the young lady she is becoming. We also have members of staff with diabetes and are lucky to have them help us all raise awareness and understanding of diabetes.

You can watch the congratulations video from Diabetes UK by following this link: <https://youtu.be/ZbsNfirosXc>

Football Talent

Congratulations to Ronnie D, Carwyn & Finley M in Year 6 who took part in the Basildon District Football trials last week and have been chosen to go forward to the next round of trials.

Term Dates Reminder

The children finish for the half term holiday on Thursday next week (22nd) and return to school on Monday 2nd November. The last day of the Autumn term is Friday 18th December.

COVID-19 Updates

Please note that we have updated our risk assessment which can be found on our website. A letter has also been sent to all parents explaining the changes to some of our procedures.

Cleaner Vacancy

We have a vacancy for temporary cleaning staff. This is a term time only appointment working Monday-Friday 3:00-5:00pm. Please contact the school office by email if you are interested.

School Uniform and Outdoor Wear

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform in school. As a reminder, all children should be wearing grey trousers or skirt, school sweatshirt with the school logo and black shoes (not trainers). Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 can wear a white polo shirt. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 should wear a shirt and school tie.

Ties can be bought from the school by paying on the School Gateway App. Please call the school office if you are unsure how to do this.

Outdoor Wear

As the weather changes and it becomes colder and wetter, we need to make sure the children are wearing suitable clothing for outdoors.

Unless it is raining very heavily or is extremely cold, the children will be playing and having PE lessons outside. Therefore, they must bring tracksuit bottoms or leggings for PE and a warm coat.

Due to the current restrictions around children from different classes mixing, we have to use the outside areas all the time for play and lunchtimes. We do not have enough dry zones to keep the classes separate so to ensure everyone has a playtime safely, we need to use the school field and grassed areas as play zones, even when they are wet.

We are asking all children to bring some old trainers / wellie boots and a change of clothes to keep in school. If a class is using a grassed area, they will change their shoes for each playtime. If they get wet or muddy, they can change their clothes when back in class. The trainers / boots they bring in, will get muddy and wet, so please make sure they are not expensive or brand new!