

Millhouse News

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General Information

Free School Meals

We would like to remind parents that if they are in receipt of the following benefits, their child is entitled to 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
- 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)

If you think you are eligible please go to the website below to apply:

https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals_application

Nursery Worker Apprentice

We are currently advertising for an apprentice Nursery Worker. If you or someone you know is interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-556764>

You can also find out more information by contacting Hannah Sweeting at hannah@lmpeducation.org

Coronavirus Update

We would like to remind all parents to comply with the current rules around Coronavirus. Please observe a 2m social distance between adults from different households, do not share cars unless absolutely necessary and do not meet up with others who are outside of your household. We would also like to remind parents to wear a face covering whilst on school grounds (unless exempt).

The rate of infection is currently high in south Essex and we all need to work together to stop this virus spreading.

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 out 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

This week the Year 5 children took part in the 'Walk Online Roadshow' which this year was held virtually. This event happens every year and is organised and led by 'The 2 Johns' who are well known across the country for their work on Online Safety.

It became apparent that a lot of the children knew much more or had been exposed to much more than we were aware of. A large number of children said they had seen social media posts and videos that related to self-harm and/or suicide and knew how to find them. There were also quite a few children who said they had seen or knew where to find posts (particularly on Tik Tok) where people are advertising selling drugs.

We would like to remind and ask parents to check their child's devices to make sure the appropriate settings are in place and to have a conversation with them about age appropriate content and how to stay safe online.

Further information can be found on:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

This week some of the Year 5 pupils have been reporting on the discovery of Tutankhamen's Tomb...

THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMUN FINALLY DISCOVERED by Flynn

Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamen's tomb yesterday evening in the Valley of the Kings.

Howard Carter, who is a world-famous archaeologist, unearthed the concealed tomb of Tutankhamen after seven long years of searching. When he clambered through the murky, dingy tunnel, he stumbled upon a sealed door covered with rubble and dust. Upon opening the door, he discovered a room bursting to the seams with treasures and artefacts. Intricate hieroglyphics carpeted the walls and a golden, precious sarcophagus lay inside the room.

Howard Carter, who is exhausted from all the digging, reported, "It was exhilarating to unearth the tomb of Tutankhamen. The tomb was bursting from the seams with treasure." Henry, who was a member of the digging team, stated, "It was breathtaking when I realised I had discovered the stairs. I am joyful to be part of the archaeological excavation."

The treasure is being transported to a museum for public eyes to see. The tomb is being converted into a tourist attraction. Meanwhile, Mr Carter is studying the artefacts he discovered.

THE DISCOVERY OF TUTANKHAMUN by James

Yesterday evening, Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamen's tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

Howard Carter, who unearthed the tomb, located ancient stairs leading down to a dim, narrow tunnel. After climbing down, he found a sealed door. He drilled a small hole in the corner and finally unearthed a vivid, vibrant sarcophagus.

Howard Carter, who was the leader of this expedition, stated, "I am thrilled I found it. It took me seven years to locate it and my team never gave up!" Mr Carter's team member, George, commented, "We are so surprised that we discovered The Boy King's tomb!"

Howard Carter is currently studying artefacts and is putting the sarcophagus in a museum. The tomb will be a tourist attraction for the public.



Christmas Plans

Christmas will be coming to Millhouse this year and we want to ensure the children (and staff) have a lovely time.

We have thought about what we are able to do and how we can ensure that these comply with the current COVID guidelines and have decided on the following (confirmed dates to follow shortly):

- Christmas Dinner this year will be had in the classroom so that all children get enough time to eat (we wouldn't be able to get all the children through safely and enjoyably if we ate in the hall). Instead of a turkey dinner, the children will have a Christmas Picnic Box (menu to be sent out later).
- The children will have Christmas activities / parties on the same day as Christmas Dinner and we will also have our Christmas Jumper Day on this day.
- We have asked Father Christmas if he is able to visit in a socially distanced way and he has said he can! He will visit on the same day as above.
- Instead of the usual Christmas performances this year, each class will be producing a short filmed performance and will send out the link to parents so they can view it at home.
- Christmas cards: this year, children will only be able to send cards to the children in their own class. Please make sure any cards are brought in by 4th December. These will then be given out the following week.
- Christmas presents: the same process will happen if children wish to bring in presents for friends or teachers/LSAs. If your child wishes to this, please send them in by Monday 14th December and they will be given out / opened at the end of the week.

