

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

w/b 9th October – Harvest Collection

Wednesday 11th October – Year 1 visit to Thorndon Park

w/b 16th October – Millhouse Milestones Assemblies

Monday 19th October – School Council visiting Woodbury Court

Monday 16th October, 2:45 – 3:45pm – Parents invited into classes to look at children's work.

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October – Parents Evenings (Online). Information sent separately.

Friday 20th October – Non-pupil Day – School closed for children.

23rd-27th October – Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October – Non-pupil Day – School Closed for children.

Parent Information

Parking

Once again, we would remind parents to park safely and considerately when coming to the school. One of our neighbours has reported that a parent was verbally abusive to them the other day, which we find unacceptable. Please remember you are role models to all the children and set a good example to them.

School Uniform

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 should be wearing a shirt and school tie every day, unless they have PE. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform in line with our policy expectations.

Dogs around the school

If you walk your dog to the school, please make sure it is kept on a short lead and be aware that not all children feel confident around dogs. Where possible, please keep a distance from the school gates so those who may get scared can come into school without worrying.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved at least 96% last week: Class 2 (98), Class 6 (97), Class 7 (96), Class 9 (97), Class 14 (97), Class 16 (96) and Class 10 (96).

We would like to remind parents that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless we consider the reason to be an exceptional circumstance. If holidays are taken without authorisation, we will refer to the Local Authority who may issue a penalty notice. If a holiday taken does not meet the criteria for a referral (please see our attendance policy for details), it can still count towards irregular attendance should your child have any further time absent from school.

Thank you to the parents who have worked with us to support their child's attendance in school.

Harvest Collection

This year the school council would like to collect food at harvest time and donate it to our friends at Woodbury Court Care Home.

We kindly ask that donations of coffee, teabags, sugar, pasta and biscuits are brought into school next week. These will be taken to Woodbury Court by the School Council on the Friday. Thank you in advance of your support.

Book Fair & Macmillan Fundraising

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended our Book Fair and Macmillan Cake sale over the last couple of weeks.

At the Book Fair we sold enough books to enable us to spend just under £300 on new books for the classrooms.

Our cake sale last week raised £648 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Star Staff!

We would like to say well done to Mrs Lionel, Mrs Nugent, Miss Sussex, Mrs Darby, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Pigg who took part in the London Moonwalk on Saturday 23rd September. They walked 13.1 miles (half marathon) to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

If anyone would like to donate, their page can be found at:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-millhouse>

We are very proud of them all!



Job Vacancy

A vacancy for a cleaning position has become available at our partner school, Vange Primary.

If you are interested or want to know more, please visit the Essex Schools Jobs site:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=931>