

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Friday 15th September – Class 10 begin swimming lessons.

Friday 15th September, 3:30-5:30pm – Inflatable Fun (tickets available on ParentPay)

W/B 18th September – Schools Team Ministry leading assemblies.

Wednesday 4th October – Individual school photographs

Monday 16th October, 2:30-3:45pm – Parents invited to look at children's work.

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October – Parent Evenings

Friday 20th October & Monday 30th October – Non-pupil Days

Half Term – Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October

Parent Information

Welcome back to a new school year! It was lovely to see all the children back in school last week smiling and eager to learn! Our new children in reception and nursery have started with us and have settled in well.

We would like to welcome our new staff members this term: Miss Short, Mrs Aldridge, Miss Chilvers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Cooper, Miss Leonard, Mrs Linehan, Mrs Smith & Ms Walker.

Just a little reminder for parents to check emails regularly throughout the day for any communications from us and that all relevant school policies and information can be found on our school website (www.millhouse.essex.sch.uk).

We are very much looking forward to the coming year and working with you all.

Attendance

Well done and thank you to all parents who made sure their child arrived on time for school last week.

Just to remind parents: children must be in their classes, ready to learn by 8:30am for Nursery, 8:40am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 & 8:45am for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Children arriving after these times will need to go to the school office and will be marked as late.

Let's start as we mean to go on with children coming to school every day. Children who miss lessons do not always make up this lost learning. Coming to school every day means your child will have more friends, be more confident and achieve more in their learning.

School Uniform & Jewellery

Just a gentle reminder to make sure your child wears the correct school uniform every day. As outlined in our policy, in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6), children must wear a shirt (not polo shirt) and a school tie. All children must wear black shoes (plain, smart, black trainers will be accepted).

The only branded items we ask children to wear are the school sweatshirt / cardigan which has the school logo on and the school tie. These can be bought at the School Uniform Shop in Timberlog Lane (or online on the website) and pre-loved items can be found at the Laindon Uniform Bank (opening times on their website). All other items can be plain items which can be bought from supermarkets.

We kindly ask that children only wear small stud earrings and a basic watch (not a smart watch) unless there is a religious or medical reason for doing so. Any other items worn will be stored securely in the school office.

PE Lessons

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. This consists of a white or orange T-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls for inside and trainers for outside lessons.

If your child wears earrings, they must be able to take them out and put them in by themselves or preferably, leave them at home on PE days. Earrings cannot be taped.

Bikes & Scooters

We would like to remind parents and children that scooters and bikes are NOT to be ridden on school grounds. For the safety of others, please dismount and push them when on the playground or the school pathways.

We wouldn't want to ban them just because people aren't being sensible and following our request.

Parking

We understand that there has again been some illegal and unsafe parking outside the school and in the local area. Please remember to park only in the designated areas and not on pathways, corners or in front of driveways.

Whilst we will continue to remind parents about parking, we are not responsible for what happens on the road so would ask parents who see unsafe or illegal parking to take a photo and report it themselves to <https://www.parkingpartnership.org/south/> as we do not have the capacity to keep reporting on behalf of parents.

Hometime Pick Up

Although we love having the children in school every day and enjoy their company, we kindly ask parents to make sure their child is collected at the correct time. Reception and Key Stage 1 children should be collected at 3:10pm and Key Stage 2 children at 3:15pm. Staff have meetings and jobs to do once the children have left and we do not have the capacity to look after children after this time. If you require child care, please contact the school office to ask about a place in Children's Club (this is a chargeable service).