

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Mon 27th November – Nursery Parents making crafts with children.

Tues 28th November – Reception parents craft afternoon

Wed 29th November – Year 1 parents craft afternoon

Fri 1st December, 9am – Year 3 performance to parents

Mon 4th December:

9am – Class 10 assembly to parents

2:30pm - Class 11 assembly to parents

Tues 5th December:

9am – Class 12 assembly to parents

2:30pm - Class 4 Nativity performance

Wed 6th December:

9am - Class 17 Topic Assembly

2:30pm – Class 5 Nativity Performance

KS1 Choir visiting Woodbury Court

Thurs 7th December:

9am – Class 18 topic assembly

2:30pm – Class 6 Nativity performance

Fri 8th December:

9am – Class 19 topic assembly

2:30pm – Year 5 parents visiting classes

Parent Information

Christmas Jumpers

A little reminder that our Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 15th December. We do not expect parents to buy new jumpers and would encourage you to swap with each other or visit the Laindon Uniform Bank for pre-loved items.

Child Safety & Respect

We kindly ask that parents do not allow their children to run around at the front of the school whilst waiting for other siblings or before going home. This area is not large enough for this and there are steps and other obstacles that are in the way. We also have staff who are still working and would prefer not to be disturbed. Thank you.

Attendance

Although our attendance figures are better than last year, we are noticing a slight decline in the numbers of children attending. We know the winter months bring a higher number of illnesses, so we ask that parents encourage good hygiene practices at all times: sneezing into a tissue and putting it in the bin, washing hands with soap throughout the day and placing hand over mouth when coughing and then washing hands.

Unless children have a high temperature or have an illness which the NHS recommends staying at home for, please send them to school.



Times Tables

Times table knowledge is a key part to the maths curriculum with children beginning to learn them from year 2 upwards.

Did you know that there is a multiplication check for all year 4 pupils in Year Four? This check requires children to recall their times tables from 1 to 12 within 6 seconds.

Becoming fluent in recalling times tables means our pupils have a solid foundation for future maths and problem solving.

How can I support my child in learning their multiplication facts?

Little and often is best and make times tables learning fun. There are lots of ways children can be supported at home in learning their times tables. Some ideas include:

- All children from Year 1 upwards have a log-on for TTRockstars. This app gives children the chance to practise certain times tables on the 'Jamming' function.
- Counting up and counting down i.e. when walking up and down stairs
- Play verbal times table games
- Listen to and learn times tables songs
- Take it in turns to say different times tables in funny voices
- Online games
- Use of a times table grid
- Hunt the answer - hide the answer around the home somewhere and give your child a question

On our school website, there is a pack to support times tables at home

(<https://www.millhouse.essex.sch.uk/Attachments/How%20to%20help%20with%20times%20tables%20at%20home.pdf>)



Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 15th December. This year we need parents to pre-book the dinner to allow the kitchen time to prepare the correct numbers.

The menu is attached with this newsletter and there will only be 2 options – roast turkey or Quorn fillet.

Please discuss the menu with your child to make sure they are aware of this and if your child would like a Christmas dinner, please complete the booking form on this link:

[Christmas Dinner Booking Form](#)

Please note that you only need to complete the form if your child is having a dinner. If a dinner is not pre-booked, parents will need to provide a packed lunch.

On the day, children will not be able to request a dinner if one has not been pre-booked.

All bookings must be made by Tuesday 5th December.

Payment can be made anytime before the 15th via ParentPay in the usual way.

