

Millhouse News

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Dates & Reminders

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

W/B 13th May – Year 6 SATS test week

Monday 20th May, 2:30pm - Federation Consultation Parent Meeting

Tuesday 21st May – KS2 Choir Music Festival

Wednesday 22nd May, 9:15am – Parent Meeting for PSHE and SRE.

Friday 24th May – Class Photo Day

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term holiday

Monday 3rd June – Non-Pupil Day

Parent Information

School Crossing Patrol

We are really pleased to say that a new crossing patrol officer has been appointed and will be starting very soon!

Half-term Holiday Activities

Please see the accompanying flier regarding booking activities for the half term holiday. These are available for all families who receive income-based free school meals.

Fundraising Stars

Once again, we would like to celebrate children from Millhouse who have been showing our core values in the community. Well done to Zac in Year 2 and Olivia in Nursery who ran the mini-marathon last month. We are very proud of you!

In the news...

- Years 2, 4 and 5 have all had wonderful times on their school trips. Photos can be seen on our website.
- The Key Stage 2 choir will soon be singing at the Towngate Theatre as part of the Basildon Schools' Music Festival.
- Children in Year 5 are learning to play the ukulele and in Year 3 have been learning to play the recorder.
- Plans are underway to fulfil the winners ideas from Dragons Den – watch this space!

Attendance

We would like to remind parents that taking children on holiday during term time is unlikely to be authorised and may result in a referral to the local authority for a penalty notice.

Our attendance policy & procedures (full and child friendly versions) can be found on our school website.

How it works...

Over the next few months we will be highlighting some of our policies and procedures that you don't always know about or may have forgotten about.

This week we would like to let you know about a few health and safety procedures that as a school the law requires us to carry out.

Fire / Evacuation Drills

These are carried out every term and the time it takes to evacuate and any issues arising have to be reported to the Governors. All children and adults take part and most do not know when they are going to happen. Children with physical needs or disabilities have a personal evacuation plan so that they can leave the premises safely.

Lock Down Drills

Every school must have a lock down procedure, in case of an intruder on the school site. These should be practiced termly in the same way as the fire / evacuation drill.

We have recently upgraded our alarm systems and have separate alarms for lock down & evacuation. After half term, we will be setting each alarm so that everyone knows what they are and will be carrying out our first updated lock down practice after half term. The children will have this explained to them so they are prepared.

First Aid and Medications Policy / Allergy Procedures

Our first aid and medications policy and procedures are available to read on our website. We also have a policy which outlines how we support children with medical conditions.

Our office and kitchen also have a rigorous allergy management procedure which ensures children with any food allergies are kept safe. We have to abide by all food safety laws in respect of any food which is given to children on the school site, hence the difficulty in allowing cakes and treats to be brought in by parents – sorry!