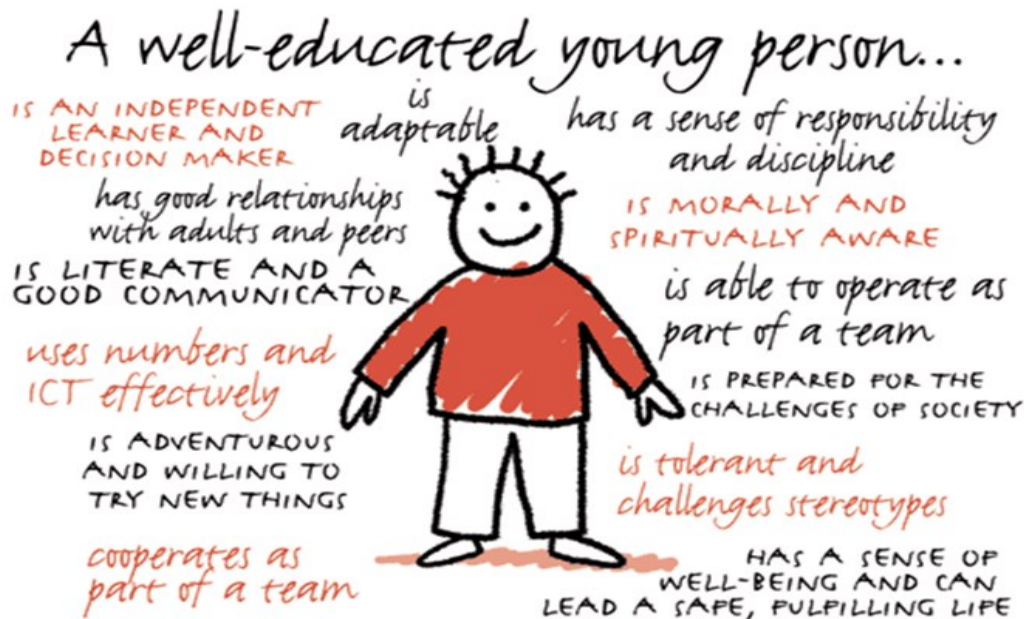


As part of our Well Educated Child we would like to give you more information about our School Vision for the children



### Is Literate and a good communicator

We develop children's language and thinking to equip them with well-developed communication skills, this enables children to ask and answer increasingly complex questions. This approach through a mastery curriculum will deepen children's understanding of what they are learning and their ability to communicate this.

This is done through structured phonics in Reception, Key Stage One and focused reading sessions within the lesson. English lessons are carefully linked to high quality texts and help to promote a high standard of spoken and written English. This results in there an increase in levels of engagement, enthusiasm, confidence, imagination and recall.

This approach, together with regular reading at home leads to an improvement in comprehension skills and the application of vocabulary.

Time is made in each class for a regular whole class story time to enrich the children's language and to build up a bank of stories. Where appropriate, these stories are linked to the class topics and visits.

Learning partners are used to promote positive learning behaviours through focused talk and listening activities. The use of learning partners also provides opportunities to develop communication skills, rehearsal, engagement and confidence. We encourage children to - 'Think it - say it - write it - check it'.

Staff consistently model good language.

Please see additional insert to this Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Service at St. John's church on 27th March

## Mothers Day Morning—Friday 9th March 2018.

On the 9th March we held a Mothers Day Coffee Morning, thank you to all of you who attended we hope you had an enjoyable morning.

We raised in excess of £400.00 donations made from this event will go towards our Sports Relief Week.

## Sports Relief 19th March – 24th March

On Monday 19th March, we held a Sports Relief day to help raise money for vulnerable people in the UK and the world's poorest counties. The children enjoyed taking part in this event and we were able to send a very generous donation to Sports Relief on behalf of everyone at Millfields First School. We thank you for your continued support.



## Easter Bonnet Parade Friday 23rd March 2018.

The Friends Association held their Easter Bonnet / Tie Parade and Coffee Morning in school on Friday 23rd March 2018. We would like to thank all those pupils who took part and everyone who attended to support this event. A very big thank-you to Mrs. Jones who has worked hard as Chair person of the Friends over the last few years. We warmly welcome any new parents who would like to join the Friends. This will enable events like the Easter Bonnet parade and Summer Fair etc to continue. Please enquire at the office. Thank-you

## Reception: Measuring Heights and Weights

Children in Reception will be having their heights and weights measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Staff from our local NHS Trust will be in school on **Thursday 19th April**. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like more information about this.

## Bag 2 School.

Please help us to raise funds for Millfields First School!

Millfields is taking part in the Bag 2 School textile collection.

Your child should have brought home a bag with this newsletter.

Please fill your bag with unwanted clean textiles. These can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

The bag (or bags if you can fill more than one please request extra from the office) must only be returned to school on the morning of.

**Tuesday 24th April 2018** (the collection will be during the morning).

We will be paid for the weight of textiles collected, and the money will be used to benefit the children.

For more details of the scheme please visit [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com). Thank you for your support.



## Friends News

The Friends of Millfields had an excellent week last week, raising £334.50 from the Easter coffee morning and £246.00 from the cake sale. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support and to the Friends for their hard work.

## Parents/carers invitation to watch dance festival routines.



As you are aware your child has been learning a dance routine which they have performed at the dance festival, held at Millfields School, last week.

We would like to invite parents/carers to watch their own child's dance only, as space is limited .

Your child's class performed details below:-

Monday 16th April -	3pm - Oak Class
Tuesday 17th April -	9am - Holly Class
Tuesday 17th April -	3pm - Hazel Class
Wednesday 18th April -	<del>9am</del> - Acorns E Class
Thursday 19th April -	9am - Cherry Class
Thursday 19th April -	3pm - Acorns B Class
Friday 20th April -	9am - Maple Class
Monday 23rd April -	3pm - Beech Class
Tuesday 24th April -	3pm - Cedar Class
Wednesday 25th April -	3pm - Rowan Class

We hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you, please be aware that the dance routines are of a short duration possibly 10-15minutes maximum. We hope you enjoy the dancing and appreciate all the hard work the children have put into these routines.

## Year 4 Residential Visit - Wednesday 18th April - Friday 20th April 2018

As you are aware our Year Four pupils will be attending a residential visit from Wednesday 18th until Friday 20th April.

Medical forms will be handed out to all pupils attending the visit on Monday 16th April. If your child requires any medication please can you ensure that the form and the medication are handed to Mrs Langfield on Wednesday morning when you drop your child off.

Children can arrive at school between 8.50am and 9.30am. We have given parents the option to come slightly later if they wish to avoid the morning rush with suitcases. Children need to be brought to the school hall on arrival, once your child has been dropped off you are free to leave as the coach will not be departing until a bit later in the morning.

The children will arrive back at school at around 2.30pm on Friday 20th. You are welcome to collect your child from this time and can ring to confirm their arrival if you wish. If you can't get here until 3.15pm normal time that's fine we will obviously look after children until then.

We are all looking forward to what we are sure will be an very exciting time.

## After School Club

Please note that due to the popularity of our before and after school club and the increase in pupil numbers from September we will be unable to accommodate siblings who no longer attend Millfields.

Millfields School Club



## Dates for the Diary 2018.

Monday 16th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Wednesday 18th—Friday 20th	Year 4 residential visit
Tuesday 24th April	Friends A.G.M. 6.15pm
<b>Monday 7th May</b>	<b>School closed for one day only</b>
Tuesday 8th May	School re-opens
Friday 11th May	Bikeability for Yr 4 (More information to follow)
Friday 25th May	School closes for Half term
Monday 4th June	School re-opens after Half term
Monday 11th June	KS1 Phonic Screening
Thursday 28th June	School Disco
Friday 13th July	Bandstand
Tuesday 24th July	School closes for the Summer Holidays



## MILLFIELDS FIRST SCHOOL

### Holiday Dates 2018/2019

	<u>School Closes Date</u>	<u>School Re-opens</u>
Easter		Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
May Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May (Closed for the day)	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Half Term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Summer	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	
<b><u>Autumn Term</u></b>		Wednesday 5 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018*
Half Term	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018*	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Term Ends	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>2019</b>
Half Term	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Easter	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May (Closed for the day)	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Half Term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
Term ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019*	

### **\*Teacher Training Days added to holiday period**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

### **Bank Holiday**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (May Day)