



Happy Half Term!

On behalf of all the team at Millfields, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe half term break.

Remember we are **closed on Friday 25th October** for a teacher training day.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 4th November.



Re-Start a Heart

Years 2, 3 and 4 had a special visit from trainee Paramedics Samantha Manning and Emily Leamy on Wednesday 15th October as part of the national 'Re-start a Heart Day' in partnership with the British Heart Foundation. Children were taught basic life savings skills, including CPR, that could potentially help to save someone's life.

During their training children had the chance to practise their newly learnt skills on mannequins; they particularly enjoyed learning CPR to the baby shark theme tune!



The CPR / lifesavings skills the paramedics taught our pupils will go a long way to help if they ever come across someone who is unresponsive and not breathing. Each child who took part was awarded a certificate in recognition of the skills learnt.

We would like to thank the Paramedics for investing their time in our pupils. We hope that the children will never need to use these skills but are sure that, should they ever need to call upon them, they may be able to help someone in need.

Battery Recycling

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who, over the last year, has brought in old batteries to fill up our recycling tubs.

We have filled up all 4 of our tubs and have sent them off to be recycled, (free of charge!). The recycling company will now crush the batteries and recycle the different types of metals and chemicals found in the battery to be recycled and used in other products.

We now have 4 empty tubs ready to be refilled! If you have any old batteries, please consider recycling them instead of throwing them in the bin where they could potentially end up in landfill and harm our planet. We are really pleased to be able to do our bit for the environment.

Please bring your old batteries to the school office where we will be able to fill up the tubs and send off once full. When bringing your old batteries in to school please make sure they are in a bag or container. Thank you.



Parking

More images from local residents have been forwarded to the local Police of cars parked inconsiderately outside of our school and in front of our neighbours' drives. Please be considerate in your parking.

We are also aware of drivers leaving their engines running for long periods of time both in the morning and at the end of school - this raises the levels of pollution for all pedestrians nearby and can be harmful to health. We know that the weather is getting colder, however we request that the engines / fans are not left on whilst parked near to school.

Please be aware that if your car is parked on the dropped kerb or blocking a drive an image of your car could be passed to the Police for further action. Please stop and think before you leave your car.

You may have seen the Police around school on some occasions, this is to help drive down the parking violations we see.

Key Stage 2 Swimming Lessons

All of Key Stage 2 will have swimming lessons across this academic year.

Please see the table for the dates your child will be swimming. A consent letter will be sent home nearer the time your child is due to start their lessons.

All lessons take place on a Thursday afternoon.

Class	Swimming Lessons
Oak	Thursday 12th September - Thursday 14th November
Hazel	Thursday 21st November - Thursday 30th January
Cedar	Thursday 6th February - Thursday 30th April
Cherry	Thursday 7th May - Thursday 16th July

News From...Cherry Class

Cherry Class have had an exciting first half term of Year Three. All children have made an excellent start to the year, I am very proud of their attitudes towards their learning.

We have travelled back in time this half term and have been learning about The Stone Age. Cherry Class have been busy researching Stone Age homes, clothes and recipes. The children have created excellent Stone Age caves for their Home Learning.



In Art, we have created our own Stone Age jewellery using clay and created cave paintings. We enjoyed learning about the natural materials people living in the Stone Age used to create their art such as animal blood, animal bones and teeth.



News From...Hazel Class

Hazel class have settled into Year 4 quickly and are already showing how mature and responsible they can be as they take on new jobs and act as role models for the younger children!



This half-term we have been learning all about Aesop's Fables, short stories that share a moral or important lesson with the reader. We have picked apart fables written by different authors, learning what makes them interesting or effective for the audience and acting different stories out in front of others. We have now begun to plan and write our own fables with our own characters and morals, making use of the features and language we have learned about through our reading.

News From...Oak Class

This term Oak Class has participated in and enjoyed swimming lessons at Bromsgrove School. Each Thursday we take an autumnal stroll to the pool and enjoy a half hour session of instruction led by three qualified swimming instructors. Two of the instructors are in the water with the children and this has really helped to develop confidence in the water, as well as modelling swimming skills and techniques for the children to use. Confident swimmers are challenged further in the deep end and are currently practising the 'butterfly' stroke!

Going swimming each week has enabled the children to learn a life skill, keeping them safe when they are out and about by water. All of our swimmers have made good progress this term and have grown in confidence when in the pool.

As our swimming sessions come to an end in the next few weeks, we hope that the children will continue to go swimming at a local pool to keep up their skill and enjoyment of swimming.

Anti-Bullying and Road Safety Weeks

We are going to be taking part in two very important initiatives: 'Anti-Bullying Week': 11th - 15th November and 'Road Safety Week': 18th - 24th November.

Safety and Anti-Bullying are integral to our curriculum and are present throughout it, however we feel it is important to have specific events and lessons to highlight and focus on these topics.

Look out for more information to follow!



Road Safety Week
18-24 November 2019

Year 4 Play Leader Training

Some Year 4 children went to Charford First School on Thursday 17th October to learn how to be effective 'Play Leaders'.

The training allowed children to develop their communication skills by leading new games such as 'fruit basket', 'beans' and 'rob the chest'.

Children had a great time and are very much looking forward to sharing their new ideas at lunchtimes which will benefit the rest of the school and make playtimes more enjoyable.



Children in Need Day: Tuesday 12th November

On Tuesday 12th November we will be celebrating our Children In Need Day. This year 'BBC Hereford and Worcester' are celebrating 30 years of their radio station. We have decided to join in with their celebrations and are inviting children and staff to dress up in either 80's clothing or spotty clothing on Tuesday 12th November. Dress-down for Children in Need is completely optional. For any children that do decide to dress up we kindly ask for a **minimum donation of £1.00** which we will send straight to Children in Need.



Hand in Hand for Oscar

We are pleased to let you know that the final amount raised for local Worcestershire School boy Oscar as part of our recent dress down day was **£376.60**. We have been in contact with Oscar's school and have forwarded a cheque to the charity supporting his campaign. Thank you so much for your support.

Staffing Updates

We would like to say a fond farewell and good luck to both Miss Hynes, who is moving down south to continue her teaching career, and Miss Freeman who is off to travel the world!

We warmly welcome back Miss Sheldon who is returning after her maternity leave.

And finally, 'congratulations' to Miss Millership, (Year 4 Teaching Assistant), on her recent marriage! She will now be known as 'Mrs Paramore'.

New Autumn / Winter 2019-2020 Lunch Menu

When we return after half after, we will be offering food from a new school menu. The new menu will run from the week we return after half term, commencing 4th November, until week commencing 30th March 2020.

New menu's have been sent home with all children this week. A copy of the menu can also be found on our ParentApp under the 'Meal Menus' tab or on our website under Information > Arrangements > Meals in School.

If your child has any medically diagnosed dietary requirements please can you ensure Claire in the kitchen is notified so that a tailored menu can be designed and prepared for your child's needs. You can contact Claire on 01527 831171.

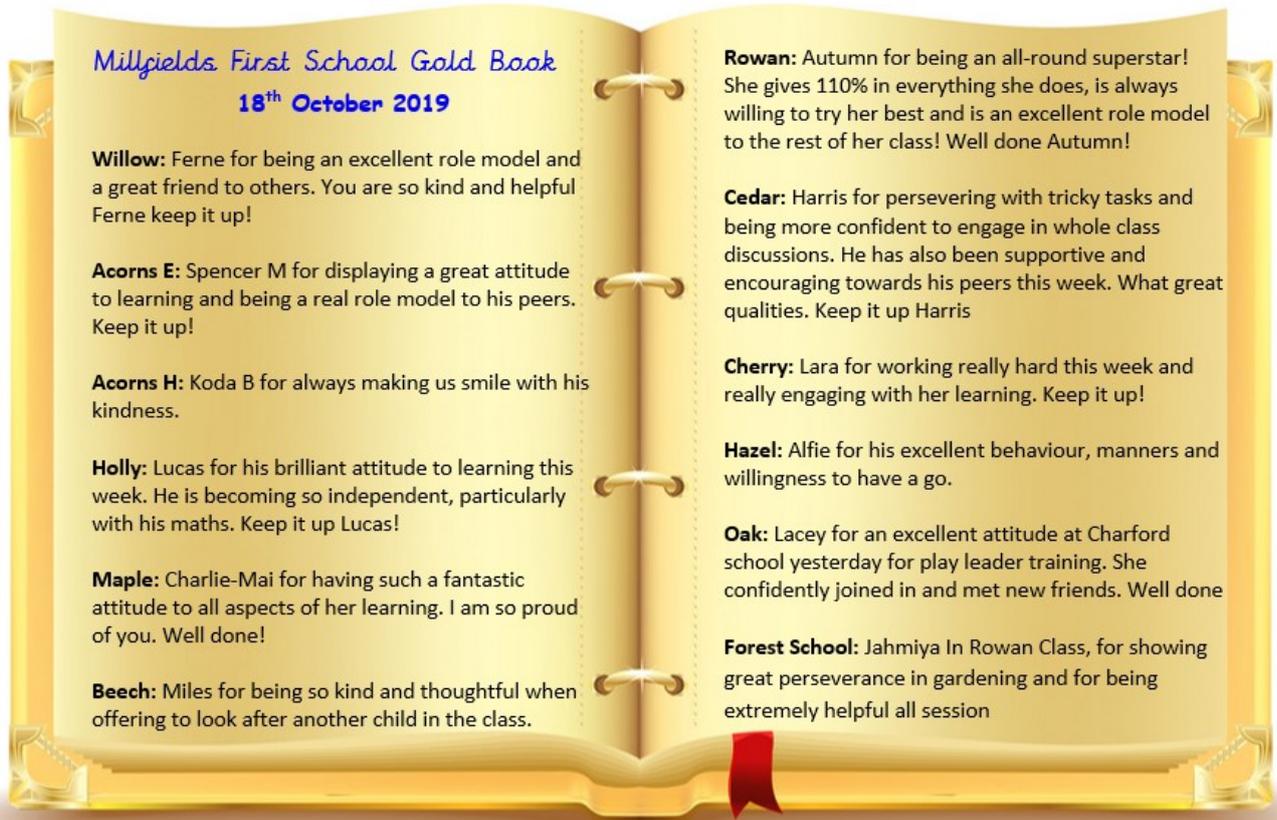


Please note when we come back after half term we will be on **Week 2** of the new menu.



Gold Book Award

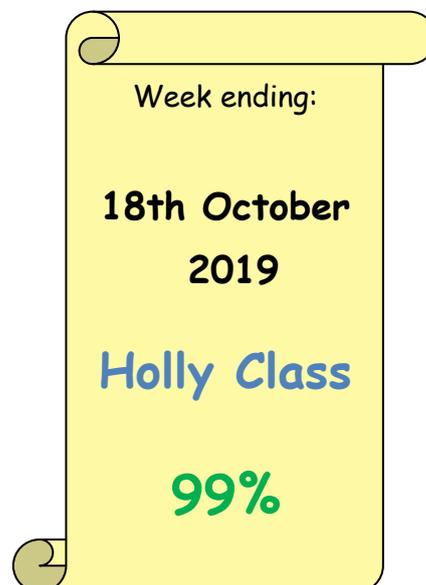
Each week we celebrate a child from every class who has demonstrated admirable behaviour or attitudes that promote our school values.



Class Attendance Award

Each week we celebrate the class with the highest attendance rate.

Well done to the following classes for their brilliant attendance over the last couple of weeks:

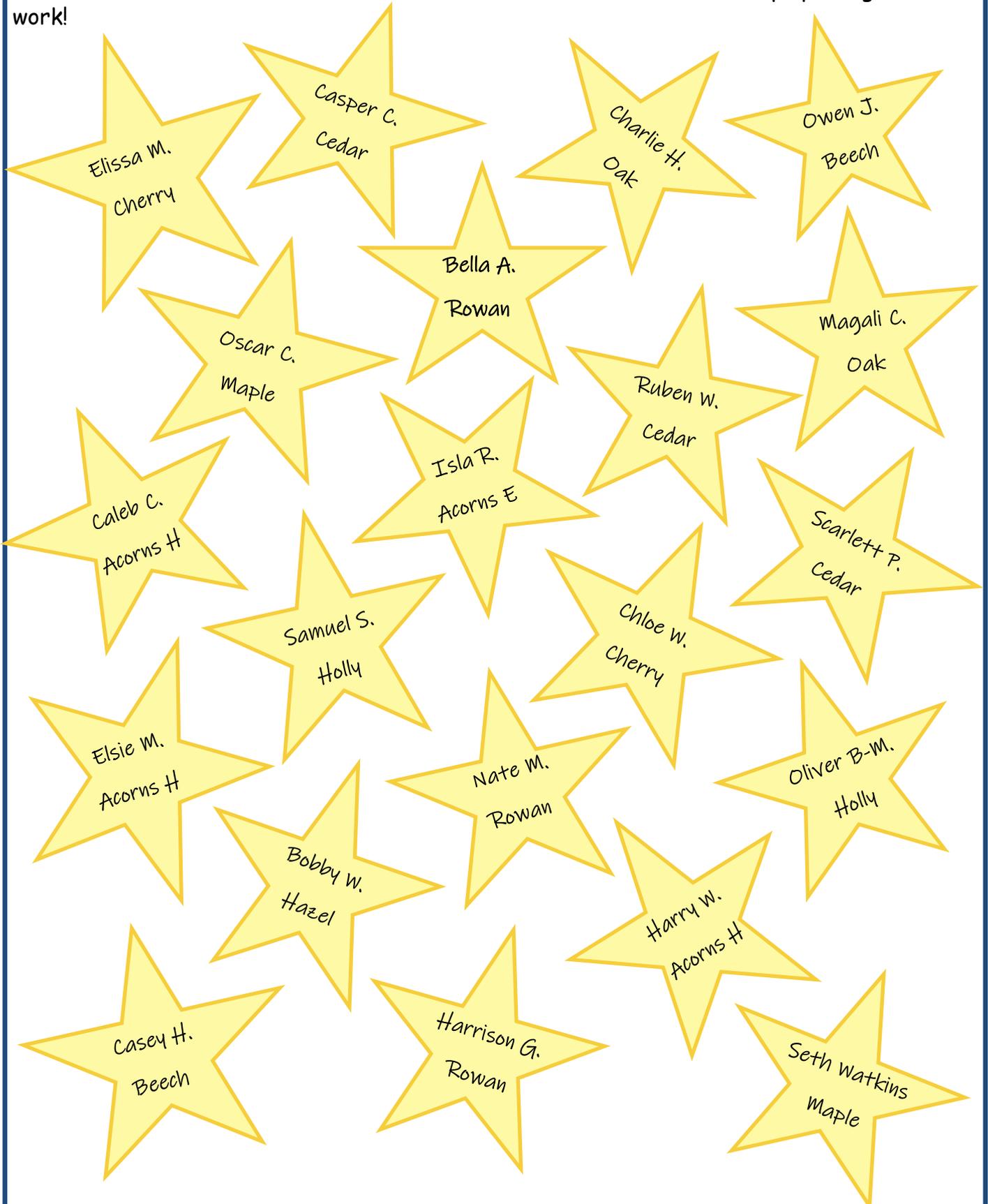




Stars of the week so far...

Each week we celebrate children from each class that have worked particularly hard to produce excellent pieces of work. These children have the opportunity to present and discuss their work with Mrs Montandon or others members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Well done to all our stars that have worked hard so far this Year — keep up the great work!





Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th October	School closed Teacher Training day
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half term
Monday 4th November	School Re-opens for Autumn Half Term
Tuesday 12 th November	Children in Need Day: 80's/Spotty Clothing, £1 donation
Monday 18 th November - Thursday 21 st November	Book fair in school
Tuesday 19 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 5 th December	Santa visits school!
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - in return for a bottle donation
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10 th December	Pre-school and Reception Nativity (Morning)
Wednesday 11 th December	Flu Vaccinations for whole school: Reception to Year 4
Thursday 12 th December	Pre-school and Reception Nativity (Morning)
Friday 13 th December	Pre-school and Reception Nativity (Afternoon)
Monday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity (afternoon)
Monday 16 th December	Parent Presents
Tuesday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity (morning)
Wednesday 18 th December	Pantomime Year 4
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 th December	Children's Christmas parties
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Carol Service (afternoon) St John's church
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term



School Closed for Christmas



School Re-Opens for Spring Term Tuesday 7th January 2020



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Term Dates 2019 / 2020

Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2019 / 2020

Term	Date School Re-Opens	Date School Closes
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 4th September 2019	Thursday 24th October 2019
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 28th October 2019 - Friday 1st November 2019	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 4th November 2019	Friday 20th December 2019
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December 2019 - Friday 3rd January 2020	
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 7th January 2020	Friday 14th February 2020
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 17th February 2020 - Friday 21st February 2020	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 24th February 2020	Friday 3rd April 2020
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 6th April 2020 - Friday 17th April 2020	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 20th April 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 25th May 2020 - Friday 29th May 2020	
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 1st June 2020	Friday 17th July 2020

School will also be closed on the following dates:

Teacher Training Days
Friday 25 th October 2019
Monday 6 th January 2020
Monday 20 th July 2020

Bank Holidays
Friday 8th May 2020 (May Day)