



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'



End of Term Message from Mrs Montandon

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another term has rocketed by - I don't know where the time goes!

Autumn is such a busy term, as in fact they all are! We have had our Macmillan coffee morning, harvest festival, school trips and visitors, the nativity performances, our KS2 carol service, the lantern procession, parents' evenings and the Christmas fayre to name just some of the events we have put on.

It has been lovely to see so many of you able to attend these events.

I would like to thank the Friends' Association for all of their hard work raising money for the school. All the money which you contribute via the events they put on goes directly back to benefit your children. This year the Friends have given money towards our Aladdin trip, paid for 'SAMS LABS computing' and given money towards new books which we have bought. If anyone would like to join them, they are always looking for volunteers!

I would also like to thank the staff for all of their hard work and commitment. Working in a school is not an 8.30-3.30 job, it is a vocation, taking many hours longer than that, but we love working with your children and try to give them experiences which will enrich their lives and set them up for a bright future.

I can't believe that I have now been at Millfields for a whole year. Immediately I felt welcomed and part of this wonderful school community. I have enjoyed getting to know you and your children, and have felt really welcomed. In some ways it feels like I have never been anywhere else! Thank you all for your support.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you in the new year when we return on Tuesday 7th January to start our Spring Term.

With kindest regards and very best wishes for the New Year,

Mrs Montandon

Nativity Performances

We are so proud of all children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 for all their hard work in learning their words, songs and actions for their recent Nativity performances.

Well done to all the families that provided such amazing costumes, each child really looked the part, your skills and creativity are very impressive! From the animals, to the shepherds, the villagers to the Kings I am sure you will all agree that **everyone** looked fantastic - thank you for your efforts with this.

Thank you also to those that very generously made a donation in our collection boxes. The money raised from this will go towards providing a new sound system for our future performances.

Children performed tremendously. Thank you for the lovely comments and feedback received.



Key Stage 2 Carol Service

We would like to thank all parents, guardians, families and friends who turned up to watch the Key Stage 2 carol service at St Johns Church. All children sang beautifully. We'd also like to thank all those that helped to walk the children to and from the church in the rain—we really appreciate your support.

Cycle Sign Competition

Congratulations to Olly in Maple Class whose cycle sign design has been chosen as our overall finalist for the Worcestershire 'Walk and Cycle Sign Competition'. We had some fantastic entries which made the judging particularly hard.

Congratulations also go to Lilly and Samuel who were awarded 'runners up' certificates for their fab designs.

Olly's design will go forward to represent our school in the local Worcestershire finals—good luck Olly!

Thank you to everyone who took part, we have some very 'arty' children in school!



Polite Requests

Smoking: Please can you refrain from smoking outside of the school gates and the paths immediately outside of school. It is not fair for children and other pedestrians to have to walk through the smoke.

Mobile Phones: Please can we remind you that the use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited inside the school building, this includes in the foyer. This is to safeguard our children. If you need to make a phone call, or check your phone, please do this outside.

Dogs: We have a strict 'no dog' policy in place on our school premises.

Parking: As ever please park considerately around our school. We hope that the new year will see an improvement with this issue.

As ever, thank you for your co-operation and understanding with these matters.

School Applications

Please be reminded that if you have a child that is due to start school in September 2020, applications for First School places will close on **15th January 2020**. We believe there are a small number of Pre-School children that have not already applied, please make sure you do this before the deadline.

If your child is in Year 4 please be reminded that the closing date for applications for Middle Schools is also **15th January 2020**.

All applications must be made online via the Worcestershire County Council website. Do make sure you receive a confirmation email confirming your application.

You will be notified of your child's school place by email on 16th April 2020.

Our Pre-School currently have a few places left for the Summer term for any 3 year olds interested in joining. We are also taking bookings for September 2020. If you would like to find out more about applying for a place in Pre-School please contact the school office.

News From...Cedar Class

Cedar Class have had a very busy term! All of the children have worked extremely hard and have produced some super work. We are very proud of all the children.

This term we travelled back in time and have learnt about 'The Stone Age'. We carried out research using non-fiction books and the internet. Using this research, the children then produced some wonderful non-chronological reports. They found out about their homes, clothes and the food they ate during that time. The children looked carefully at the art that was created on cave walls during the Stone Age and then produced their own. Some of the children also created fantastic Stone Age caves for their Home Learning.

In Science, the children have been learning about rocks and fossils. They found out about the different types of rocks and their properties.



Linked to this, they learnt how fossils are formed and why Mary Anning is a key historical figure in this area.

We have ended the term on a very busy but exciting week with two pantos and a Christmas performance at the Church.

We hope you all have lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Merry Christmas!



Gold Book Award

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

Millfields First School Gold Book 20th December 2019

Willow: Robbie for showing the adults in pre-school how well your listening ears work!! You've had a great week Father Christmas will be proud, as are we. Keep it up Robbie.

Acorns E: Jasmine C for a term of showing exemplary behaviour, an excellent attitude to learning, as well as kindness and a calm influence to others. You have been a shining star!

Acorns H: Fran for always having an amazing attitude towards everything. She tries so hard in her work, challenges herself within play and is a great friend to all. So fantastic Fran - well done!

Holly: Cobie for always having such a positive attitude to every aspect of school life and always being such a good role model to his peers. Keep it up Cobie!

Maple: Peyton for completing her first term at Millfields with such a positive attitude. You have settled in so well Peyton and are a pleasure to have in class.

Beech: Owen J for persevering with extra reading at home, and working so hard at becoming a more independent learner. Well done Owen!

Rowan: Lewis for being an independent, resilient and hardworking member of Rowan Class. His creativity and thinking in all subjects never ceases to impress me and he sets a fantastic example. Well done Lewis!

Cedar: Sophia for being an absolute pleasure to have in the class. She always works hard, has a fantastic attitude and motivation to learn. You are a role model to others Sophia.

Cherry: Pia for being a superstar since September. You work hard, listen carefully, are an excellent friend and always use impeccable manners. Thank you for being a delight to teach Pia, keep it up!

Hazel: Oliver G for his amazing attitude to learning over this past term. You are always enthusiastic, smiling and keen to have a go. Keep it up, Oliver!

Oak: Lucy K for an incredible attitude to learning. You are working very hard and we are very proud of you! Keep it up!

Forest School - Josh and Drew-Anna in Hazel Class, for both working incredibly well with your teams and then for amazing tidying up at the end of the session. Well done both of you!



Stars of the Week!

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 this week — keep up the great work!





Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th January	First Day of Spring Term
Tuesday 28th January	Eye Tests: Reception Classes
Tuesday 11th February	Hearing Screening: Acorns E
Wednesday 12th February	Hearing Screening: Acorns H

More dates will be added in the New Year

**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
to all pupils and families**

**With best wishes for 2020
from**

*The Governors and Staff at
Millfields First School and
Pre-School*





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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 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)