



NEWSLETTER

18th September 2020

'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the term. What a strange one it has been so far!

The children are settling really well - although the amount of work they have to do now they are back at school is coming as a shock to many of them.

We have welcomed half of our new reception class children into school full time and are really looking forward to the other half joining them on Monday, as well as having other children back who have been isolating.

I'm really pleased to say that our positive COVID case concerning a member of staff remains the only one we have had. Our protective measures have held up to the challenge - long may this continue!

Please remember: If **ANYONE** in your household has coronavirus symptoms you must all self-isolate and **MUST NOT** send your child to school. If you do you are risking the health of the whole community.

We are making school as normal as possible as we can for the children, within the restrictions which we have due to COVID. I thought you might like to see some pictures of how the classrooms are set up now. The children have got used to it very quickly and many actually quite like sitting in rows. They also like having their own stationary pack!





Teacher Training Day: Friday 25th September 2020

Please be reminded school is **closed** on Friday 25th September for a Teacher Training Day.



Class Photographs

On **Monday 5th October** Karen, from Tempest photography, will be in the school hall to take individual photographs.

The photographs will take place across the morning. Each class will come down separately to have their individual photograph taken. The staff from Tempest will be wearing face masks and will be practising social distancing at all times.

If your child has P.E. or Forest School on Monday 5th October, please could you send your child to school in their white polo shirt and jumper / cardigan. (As they only have their top half photographed, they will be ok to wear their joggers on their bottom half). After their photo they will take their jumper / cardigan off and replace it with their outdoor P.E. jumper / hoodie - please send this into school ready to change in to. Please make sure all items of clothing are named. As we re not permitting children to get changed in school at the moment, children will then wear their white polo shirt for P.E. / Forest School. (It might be worth sending them in in an old polo shirt that you won't mind potentially getting dirty).

Please note, unfortunately we are unable to offer sibling photos this year.



Flu Vaccinations

Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school on 27th November for all children from Reception to Year 4. Forms will be sent home soon.



Parking

You may have noticed that over the holidays there have been some amendments to the pavements near the front of our school along the upper part of Swift Close. Noticeably, some residents have extended the drop-kerb access to their driveways and at the very top of Swift Close, a new drive / access has been made. This now means there are less places to park up along Swift Close.

Please can we kindly ask that, if parking on the roads around our school, you park courteously and consider others around you. Parking on pavements can cause problems for those with pushchairs and wheelchairs / mobility scooters.

We do have one disability space outside of school—it would be helpful if you only use this if you have a valid blue badge.

If parking for the back playground, please do not park at the front of the Millfields club. We have permission for parking at the back of the club only - please park respectfully.



Juniper Club (Before and After School Club)

Please make sure you complete a booking form if your wrap around care needs for Juniper Club will be different next half term to this half term.

Spaces are limited due to smaller bubbles and we cannot guarantee spaces will be available.

Pre-School Facebook Page

We're really pleased to let you know that we have now launched a Pre-School Facebook page to help promote our fantastic Pre-School.

If you'd like to give us a 'like' please follow this link: <https://m.facebook.com/Millfields-Pre-School-111680003970117/>

Our Pre-School accepts children from the term after their 3rd birthday. We have spaces for children who are eligible for 15 and 30 funded hours. Competitively priced top up sessions are available as well access to our after school club. Our Pre-School children also have the opportunity to explore and play in our wonderful Forest School area each week.

Please feel free to share our page if you know of anyone looking for a Pre-School space. Registrations are also open for anyone interested in spaces from September 2021 too.

Lockdown Letters to Sajid Javid, MP

During Lockdown, key worker children in Doves Bubble wrote to our local MP Sajid Javid with regards to their concerns about plastic waste and the global ocean treaty.

This week we were really pleased to see that pupils had received individual letters back from Mr Javid, thanking them for taking the time to write to him about this very important issue. Well done children!

RT HON SAJID JAVID MP



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Mila H
Doves Bubble
Millfields First School
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14th September 2020

Dear Mila

Thank you for writing to me about plastic waste and the global ocean treaty.

I agree that the ocean and the animals that live in it are very special and that the amount of plastic that we put in it is awful. It is more important than ever that our seas are healthy and full of life. Making sure that fishing nets are not made of plastic would certainly help this.

I fully support the global ocean treaty that would protect 30 percent of the world's oceans from oil drilling and fishing. My friends in the Government and I will continue to work hard to make this happen.

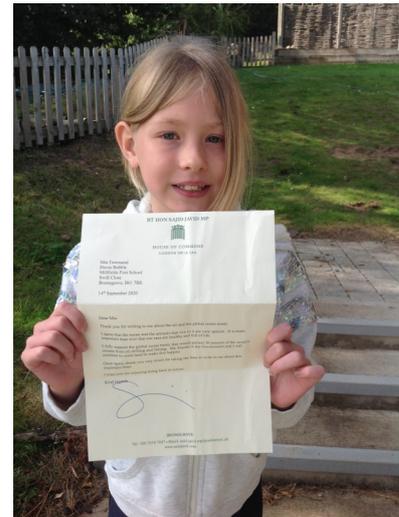
Once again, thank you very much for taking the time to write to me about this important issue.

I hope you are enjoying being back at school.

Kind regards

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**Children with their letters
from Sajid Javid MP**





Gold Book Award

Each week we celebrate a child from every class who has demonstrated admirable attitude and / or behaviours that promote our school values.

Our school values and attitudes are: Friendship, Kindness, Teamwork, Caring to the Community, Respect, Honesty, Independence, Charity and Helpfulness.

Congratulations to all children in the Gold Book for this week...



We would like to thank all children that have come back to school this term with such a positive attitude towards learning and for the fantastic way they have adapted to the new 'norm'. In a time when it's hard enough for us adults to comprehend what is going on, your children have been amazing at taking it all in their stride.

We are so proud of each and every child.

We would also like to specially recognise each child from the affected bubbles that have been isolating over the last 2 weeks. Thank you for all the hard work you have been doing at home. We've missed you and are very much looking forward to welcoming you back in to school on Monday. Thank you Parents and Carers for your support also.



Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard over the last week — keep up the great work!





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Term Dates 2020 / 2021

Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2020 / 2021

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September 2020	Friday 23rd October 2020
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020	
Autumn Half Term 2	Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021	
Spring Half Term 1	Monday 4th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021	
Spring Half Term 2	Tuesday 23rd February 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 5th April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 19th April 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 8th June 2021	Wednesday 21st July 2021

School will be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Tuesday 1st September 2020
Friday 25th September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 22nd February
Monday 7th June 2021

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 2nd April 2021
May Day: Monday 3rd May 2021