



**Millfields**  
First School & Pre-School

**NEWSLETTER**

**18th December 2020**

**'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'**

### **A Merry Millfields Christmas to All!**

We'd like to wish all of our pupils and their families a wonderfully happy and safe Christmas. Thank you for all of your support over this last term, it's been a learning curve for us all!

We hope that, over the last couple of weeks, children have enjoyed the build up to Christmas. We've tried to make sure this magical time of the year has not lost its sparkle! We hope children have enjoyed it as much as we have.

We'd like to thank the Barrett family for their very kind donation of the real Christmas Tree we have at the front of school, which has been decorated with donations from families—thank you!



The Friends Association have worked incredibly hard this term to raise funds through raffles, Santa Visits, gifts and lots of online entertainment—thank you to all of the Friends Association for all of your hard work, and thank you to everyone that supported the school with your contributions towards these events and more.

The Nativity has been a huge success—thank you to all parents and carers for the efforts with supporting your children with learning their songs and for their fantastic costumes—they looked amazing! Thank you to everyone who sent their child in with a festive item / Christmas Jumper for their Christmas recordings. A special thank you to 'Donk' the Donkey for joining us and letting children from across the school meet him and to Mrs Gould for bringing in Baby Penelope to act as Baby Jesus! The link to the performance will be available today - we hope this will be something nice to watch with your family and a nice mug of hot chocolate!



Most importantly, we'd like to thank the children, each and everyone of them, for their resilience, their determination and their attitudes to the way they have adapted to the new way of school life. Their smiles and happiness have kept us going throughout. Parents and Carers, thank you for all of your kind messages of support—we hope that you can all have a peaceful and relaxing couple of weeks, we hope 2021 brings you good health and much happiness.

**We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 4th January 2021!**



## Sajid Javid MP Christmas Card Competition Celebration

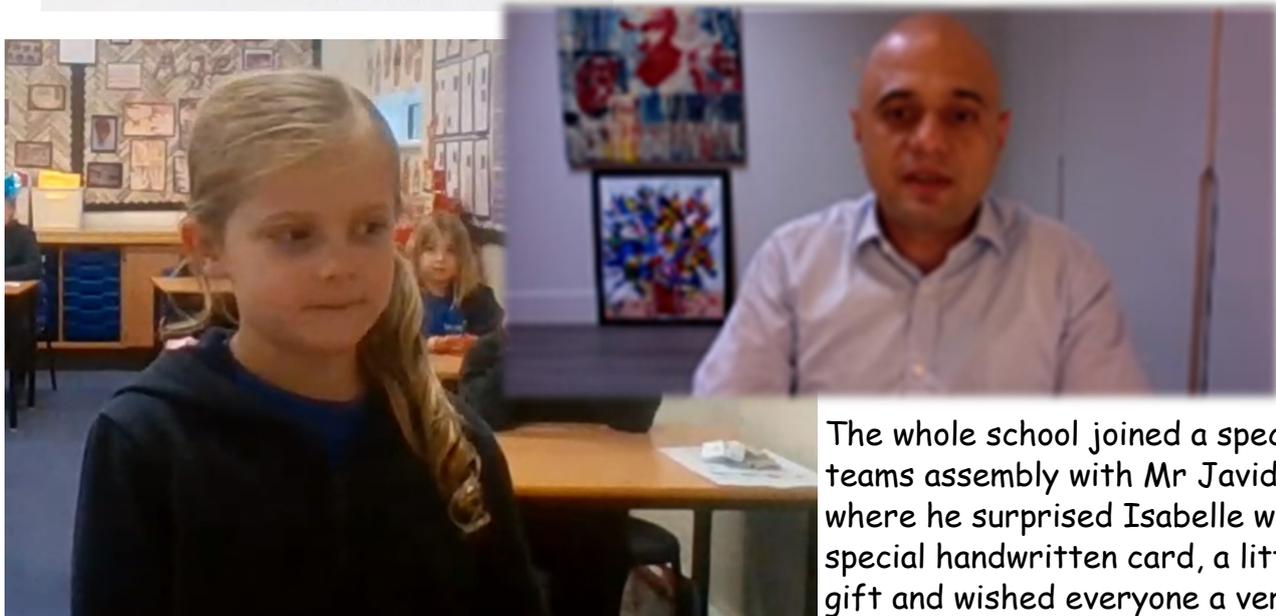
We are absolutely delighted to announce that Isabelle, in Cherry Class, has been chosen as 'runner up' in the annual Christmas Card competition held by our local MP, Mr Sajid Javid.



*Runner up:  
Isabelle  
Millfields First School  
7 Years Old.*



Out of all of the entries received at Mr Javid's office, Isabelle's design was chosen as a runner up and features on the back of the card that has been sent to the Queen and the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, amongst many others!



The whole school joined a special teams assembly with Mr Javid where he surprised Isabelle with a special handwritten card, a little gift and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Well done Isabelle -we're so proud of you!



## Changes to self-Isolation rules

We sincerely wish that all children, staff and families can enjoy a safe and happy Christmas time with their loved ones. It is important however, that if you or someone within your household falls unwell with symptoms of COVID, that a test is sought and you immediately self-isolate to prevent the spread of the virus. Please let us know if your child develops symptoms over this coming weekend. (19th /20th December)

The timescale for self -isolating has now changed to 10 from 14 days. Please see the table

Date of start of symptoms	Action to take
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Child to remain off school, book a COVID test (please email school if you cannot access a test), inform school of result by emailing the office.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Book a COVID test (please email school if you cannot access a test), inform school of the result by emailing the school office
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2021	Book a COVID test, follow Track and Trace instructions
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - onwards	Keep child off school, book a COVID test, inform school office



## 2021 School Applications: Pre-School / Reception / Middle School

The deadline for school applications for anyone with a child looking to start Reception next year is **15th January 2021**.

Year 4 children must also have an application made for their chosen middle school by **15th January 2021**.

Pre-School now has very limited spaces remaining for the rest of this academic year. Spaces are already starting to fill up for September 2021 too! If you, or anyone you know, are interested in sending a child to our Pre-School, please contact the school office for more information.

All applications for First and Middle Schools must be made online via the Worcestershire Local Authority. Please make sure you receive a confirmation email back from them confirming that the application for your choice of schools has successfully been made.

### Timetable for Admissions and Transfers Intakes for September 2021

A table showing key dates in the School admission timetable

School Phase	First/Primary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
Applications Open on	1 September 2020	1 September 2020	1 September 2020
Closing Dates	15 January 2021	15 January 2021	31 October 2020
School Offer Notification Dates	16 April 2021	16 April 2021	1 March 2021

## News From...Cedar Class

Well, it's been a very different but still a busy term. The children have adapted well to the changes and have made a good start to Year 3 and are working very hard.

This term we have been learning about the Stone Age in History, Volcanoes in Geography and Rocks and fossils in Science. As part of our Science lessons we have begun finding out about soil and have completed exciting investigations!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their English work this half term which is all about BEARS! We began the topic by carrying out research and writing non-fiction reports about real life bears and have been enjoying story writing about Paddington.

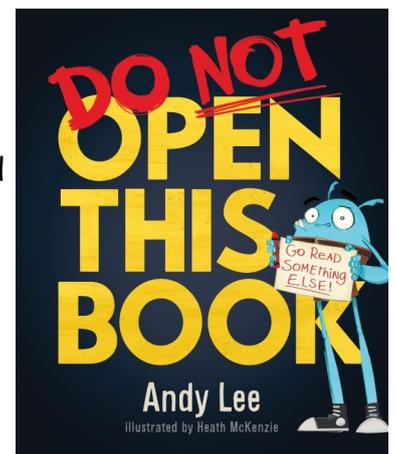


Learning about Bears around the world inspired us to think about what we could do to help protect them. Thank you to all of the parents who sent in money so that we could adopt a Polar Bear. We are now the proud adopters of the Svalbard polar bears. We have received our adoption pack which includes a Polar Bear teddy, who the children have decided to name 'Cedar', and an interesting book of facts and activities to do. We will receive adoption updates throughout the year which I know the children are really looking forward to receiving.

Each week, we have a reading assembly in class giving children the opportunity to share a book they would recommend. The children love to share their books with the class and everyone will have the opportunity to do this throughout the year. If you would like a new fun book to read 'Do not open this book' was one enjoyed by the whole class. Thank you to Eleanor for sharing this one with us.

A big thank you to Cedar class for all of their hard work and to you parents for your continued support.

Merry Christmas from Mrs Mills



## Tweet Tweet!!

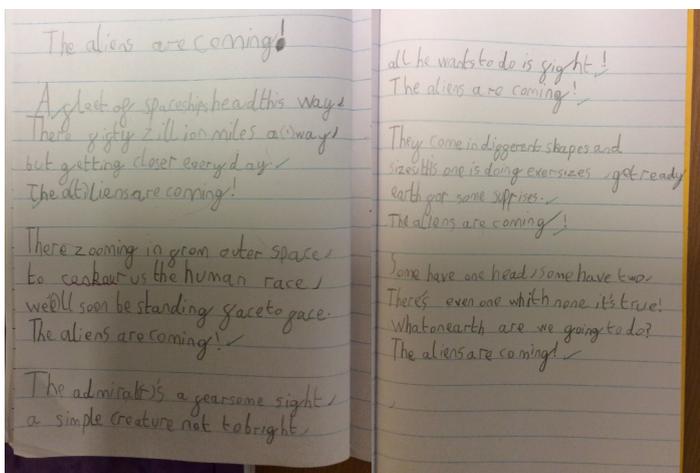
We're pleased to say that we're now on Twitter! Our Twitter handle is @Millfields1st . You can also click here to find us [twitter.com/Millfields1st](https://twitter.com/Millfields1st)

You can search for us using the hashtag #MillfieldsFirstSchool

(Bear with us though - we're very new to this! #MillfieldsMeetsThe21stCentury )

## News From ... Rowan Class

Rowan Class have worked extremely hard this term and have taken part in some very exciting activities! We started off by looking at the book 'Man on the Moon' and had a day in the life of Bob during our forest school session. We 'cycled' up the hill to the launch pad and even spotted some aliens on the way!



We then continued our theme of aliens by looking at the book 'The Aliens are coming!'. We really enjoyed the rhyming words in this book. Some of our favourites include sentences such as 'Some have one head, some have two. Some have no heads and that is true!'. We are now planning our own version of the story called 'The Christmas crew are coming!' Watch this space!

Cobie's retelling of the story 'The Aliens are coming!'

During our R.E lessons we have looked at different Christmas traditions. We have looked at Advent, the Christmas story and even had a go at making our own Christingles. Here are a few examples that were made!



Thank you for working so hard Rowan Class! Have a wonderful Christmas and a good rest!

Miss Smith

(Edit: We hope that Rowan Class children remain safe and well during their self-isolation period. We are sorry that Rowan Class were unable to be in school for the last week of term. We wish all of Rowan Class children, and their families, a very healthy and happy Christmas).

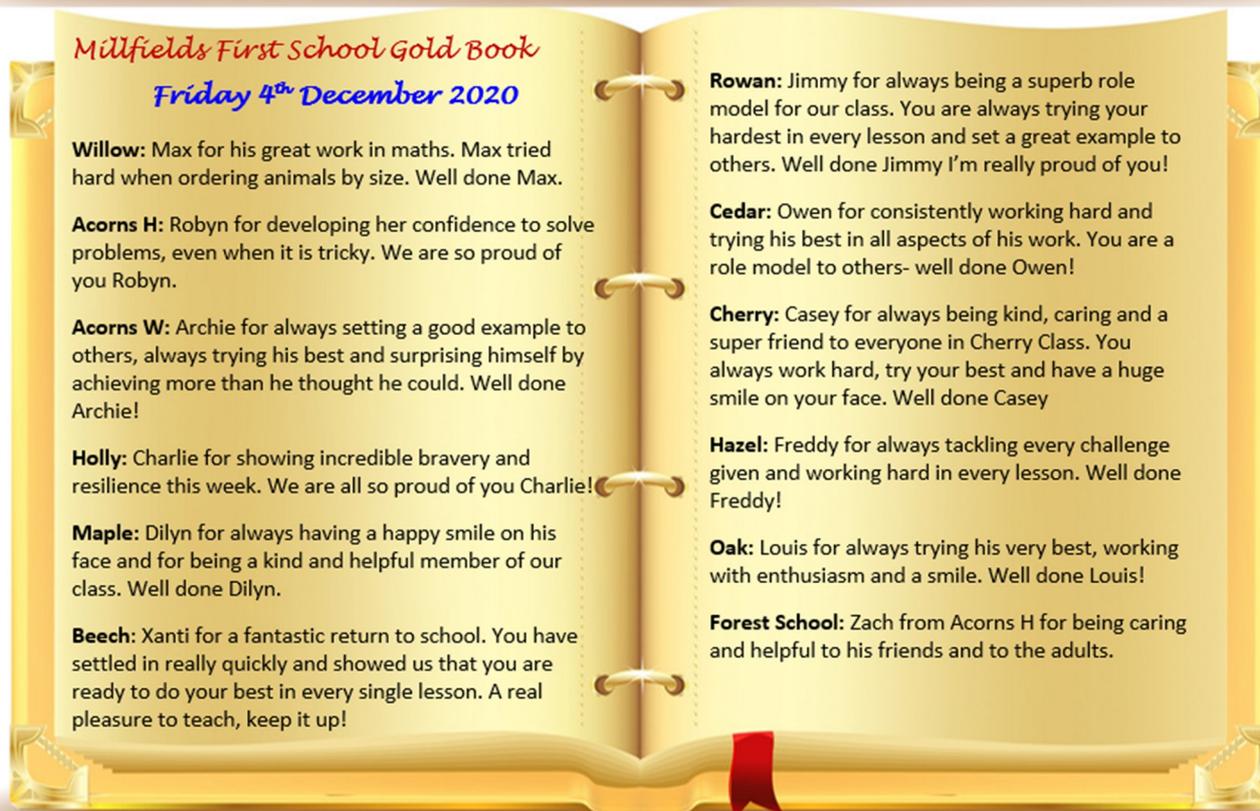
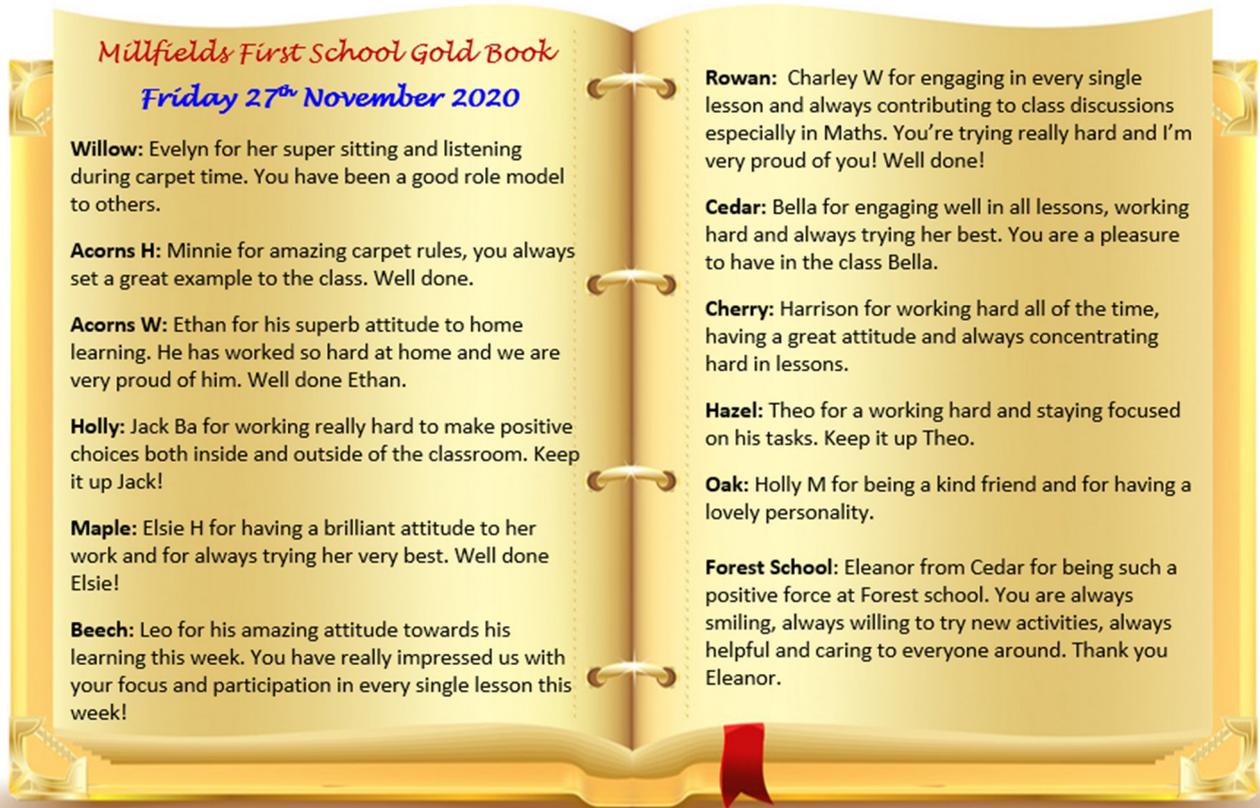


## Gold Book Award

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Congratulations to all children in the Gold Book over the last few weeks...



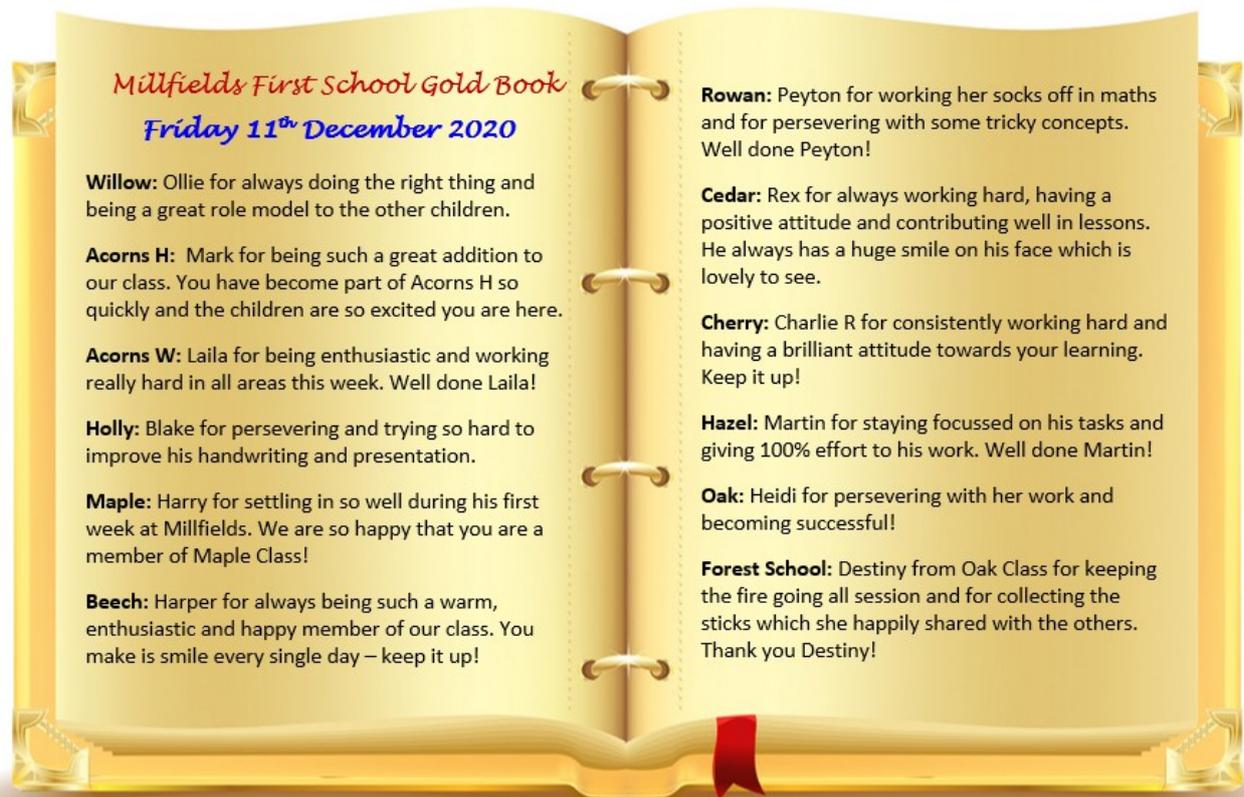


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## Autumn Term House Point Winners...

We have a house point system in school where all children from Year 1 to Year 4 are allocated to one of our 4 houses: Malvern, Lickey, Clent and Waseley.

The children collect house points for good work and good behaviour. A collective total of these are recorded, participants of the winning house receive a certificate and a small gift each term.

Congratulations to children in **Waseley House** who were crowned house point winners for the Autumn Term!





## Stars of the Week! Week Ending Friday 27th November

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, keep up the great work!





## Stars of the Week! Week Ending Friday 4th December



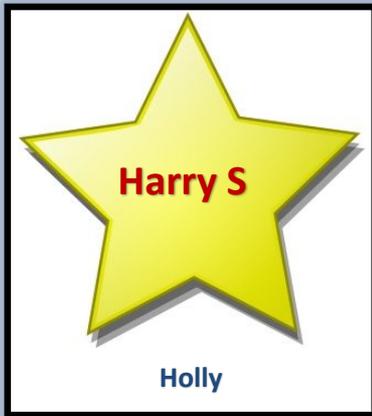
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## Stars of the Week! Week Ending Friday 11th December

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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 2	Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
<b>School Closed: Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021</b>	
Spring Half Term 1	Monday 4th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
<b>School Closed: Spring Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021</b>	
Spring Half Term 2	Tuesday 23rd February 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021
<b>School Closed: Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 5th April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021</b>	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 19th April 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
<b>School Closed: Summer Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021</b>	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 8th June 2021	Wednesday 21st July 2021

**School will be closed on the following days:**

Teacher Training Days
Monday 22nd February
Monday 7th June 2021

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