



**Millfields**  
First School & Pre-School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th July 2021

'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'



## End of Year Newsletter



### A Message from Mrs Montandon...

Another year has flown by- once again a strange one! I would like to thank you for all of your support over the past year, and your patience. It has not been easy for anyone.

In the Autumn Term we were working hard within tight COVID restrictions to try to ensure that the children settled back to school routines well and safely, in a very different environment to the one they left just before the first lockdown. Desks in rows, bubbles, no PE in the hall, no assemblies in the hall, no singing, not mixing with other classes- very strange to start with, now it's the norm.

Children were getting back on track with their learning, making up for lost time, we thought we had it all sorted; we had one day back after Christmas and then we were closed for nearly a term.

This time all learning moved on line. Staff, children and parents had to take a crash course in teaching and learning over Teams! Parents meetings moved to Teams, as did staff meetings, assemblies and Governors meetings. I'm sure you will agree, staff did an amazing job supporting children of Key Workers in school whilst also teaching live to children at home.

The children came back- we were very glad to see them. Once again we were assessing what they had learned over lockdown and filling any gaps for them. Parents at home - you did a great job- we know it wasn't easy for you.

The children settled to work once more, working harder than ever to try to get back on track. It has been lots of hard work for them, without the usual things like school trips and discos to look forward to.

We are hoping that this coming academic year may be a bit more settled, with us able to return to a previous sort of normality. We are under no illusion though- children will be at home isolating (although we have been assured that large numbers will not be sent off through one case). We will need to continue to work together to keep everyone safe, but are hoping that we will be able to invite you in to school events once again.

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to thank you for all of the cards, presents and good wishes which you have sent, they are much appreciated.

I wish you all a safe, isolation and illness free holiday and look forward to seeing you and your children in September. For those who are not returning to us I wish you every success in your new school.





## Summer Term Sports Fun

Whilst we are not able to offer our usual Sports Day spectacular, most children were able to take part in some traditional sports day activities in school within their class bubbles.

Children in Year 2 held their own socially distanced event in the playground where each class took part in different games. From Egg and Spoon to kipping races, relay and bean bag challenges each class were able to offer support and encouragement to each other from across the playground! Year 2 teachers also took part in their very own, super competitive, egg and spoon race too!



Children in Holly Class had fun taking shots at Mrs Coles in a mini penalty shoot out, whilst Year 4 managed to have their own shoot out against each other, (some of the saves from the Year 4s would give Jordan Pickford a run for his money we're sure!).

Willow Class also participated in their own mini-games, putting their carefully developed hand-eye co-ordination skills in to practise with egg and spoon races!



## Year 4 Leavers Fun

We are so pleased that we have been able to offer our Year 4 children some special leavers activities despite all the uncertainty that has surrounded us this last year. Children have been able to enjoy an Activity Day at Forest School, an outdoor Leavers Disco and the traditional Leavers Performance for parents and carers. We're so happy that their bubble has been able to stay open to allow children to finish their last few days at Millfields with some memorable experiences.

Year 4 children were also treated to a special visit from an ice cream van on the back playground!

To all our Year 4 children—we wish you every success in the future. We hope your memories of Millfields will last you forever. We are very proud of how hard you have worked to become the kind, independent children that you are.

Good luck Year 4's —we'll miss you all!



## News from Acorns...

Before having to isolate, Acorns children were busy learning all about 'Farms' in their topic this term.

Children had been reading the story 'Farmer Duck' and had great fun pretending to be the farmer and the duck doing all the jobs! Acorns learnt all about the jobs that farmers have to do.

Acorns were also busy sweeping and cleaning up, building sheds and fences for the animals, planting crops to grow, making food in the mud kitchen using their own crops, writing lists of jobs on the farm! Through hard work and having fun in class, Acorns children found out that a farmers work is never done!



Since this piece was written Acorns children had to isolate.

Mrs King and Miss Houlton enjoyed seeing lots of you on Teams and have been very impressed with the work that was submitted—well done Acorns children! (And thank you adults for your help and support whilst children have been learning from home).

## Unicycle - Friends Uniform Sale

The Friends Association are holding a sale of Uniform on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, on the **back playground** of the school, between **11-1pm**. Access will be from **Millfields Road entrance** to the school, between Millfields Social Club & Jack & Jills Nursery. There is **ample parking at the rear of Millfields Social Club car park**. All are welcome!

We suggest a donation of £2 per item of clothing, payment via the Friends PayPal account is preferred however cash and card options will also be available.



The Friends operate a Facebook page/group linked to the Unicycle scheme

which you can access via this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Millfieldsunicycle/>

If you have any old items you would like to donate to the Friends please drop them in the school office by the end of Wednesday 21st July or email them on [friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk) to arrange a drop off.

The funds raised will go to supporting your child's learning and experiences at Millfields.

Thank you for your support.



## Gold Book

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 who have made it in to the Gold Book over the last couple of weeks...

### *Millfields First School Gold Book* *Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

**Acorns H:** Matilda for always showing a can do attitude and trying her best in everything she does.

**Acorns W:** Ferne for always having a big smile for everyone and a positive attitude in all her learning.

**Holly:** Eleanor being a resilient and hardworking member of Holly Class! Keep it up Eleanor!

**Maple:** Koda for settling in so well during his first week back at Millfields. Well done Koda!

**Beech:** Esmae for her enthusiasm and engagement this week. You have taken part in discussions, asked great questions and- most importantly - have seemed really happy and proud of your own hard work!

**Rowan:** Poppy for having a fantastic attitude to learning and working her socks off in maths this week! Keep it up Poppy!

**Cedar:** Mia for always being ready to ask and answer questions in class. Keep it up!

**Cherry:** Libby for always being ready to learn, having beautiful presentation and trying your best in everything you do.

**Hazel:** Jazmine for working independently all week on your maths. You gave a hundred percent effort and you did a great job all week. Well done Jazmine!

**Oak:** Honey For always being kind and setting an excellent example to others.

**Forest School:** Zac from Acorns H for working hard all sessions; to make a symmetrical butterfly and for helping collect lots of firewood.

### *Millfields First School Gold Book* *Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021*

**Willow:** Lottie For a huge improvement in confidence and using her voice more.

**Acorns H:** Finlay for always being a hard working member of Acorns H. Well done Finlay.

**Acorns W:** Gracie for exploring different areas of our class and joining other children in with her play.

**Holly:** Harry S for being very helpful and considerate to the needs of others. Thank you Harry!

**Maple:** Knox for working incredibly hard at all tasks this week. You have been so proud of your achievements. Keep up this positive attitude. Well done Knox.

**Beech:** Oliver for his politeness, great listening and participation in all of our class discussions this week. We have been so impressed!

**Rowan:** Oliver-Daniel for settling in really well and already being a great role model to others! Well done!

**Cedar:** Aubree for having a super attitude to learning, and for being a great role model to others. Well done Aubree.

**Cherry:** Isaac for have an excellent attitude to learning, you take on board all the advice you are given and always try your best. Well done Isaac.

**Hazel:** Hollie M and Isabella L for superb team work when creating their own computer game. You've listened well to each other's ideas and supported one another. Well done girls.

**Oak:** Freya for her excellent attitude to learning and being much more confident in class discussions. Well done Freya!

**Forest School:** Frankie from Hazel for always trying his best at all of the activities on offer and for being a fantastic role model for others in the class. Well done Frankie!

# Year 4 Leavers

## 2021



Lucy A  
Rocco B  
Theo B  
Isabella B  
Amber C  
Maggie C  
Lily-May Cl  
Casper C  
Lily-May Co  
Amelie F  
Harris G  
Madison G  
Georgia H  
Jazmine H  
Aston H  
Mila H  
Isabella L  
Martin M  
Hollie M  
Freddy M



Sophia M  
Isabelle P  
Ellie R  
Tobias R  
Cruz R  
Bella S  
Joshua S  
Mia T  
Finley W  
Ruben W  
Holly W  
Jude A  
Caseson A  
Louis B  
Honey B  
Faith B  
Freya B  
Pia B  
Blake C  
Alex C  
Heidi C-C



Theo Da  
Theo Du  
Jacob E  
Rosie G  
Ryley H  
Avinas I  
Eleanor I  
Aaliya J-H  
Miley M  
Blake M  
Elissa M  
Lara M  
Frankie M  
Holly M  
Scarlett P  
Finley R  
Henry V  
Harrison W-L  
Chloe W  
Caileb-Ellis Y

*Good bye and good luck to all our Year 4 leavers,  
we wish you all the very best in your new school*



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# Term Dates 2021 / 2022

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Monday 6th September 2021	Friday 22nd October 2021
<b>School Closed: Autumn Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021</b>	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 1st November 2021	Friday 17th December 2021
<b>School Closed: Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 20th December 2021 to Friday 31st December 2021</b>	
Spring Half Term 1	Wednesday 5th January 2022	Friday 18th February 2022
<b>School Closed: Spring Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022</b>	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 28th February 2022	Friday 8th April 2022
<b>School Closed: Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022</b>	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 25th April 2022	Friday 27th May 2022
<b>School Closed: Summer Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022</b>	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 7th June 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022

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

Teacher Training Days
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
<b>Monday 4th October 2021</b>
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 6th June 2022

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 15th April 2022
May Day: Monday 2nd May 2022
Platinum Jubilee: Friday 3rd June 2022