



Fantastic Fundraising - Thank you

We know with the rising costs of energy bills, fuel and almost everything else at the moment, families are feeling significant strains on their disposable incomes.

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who has recently helped us to support some important causes. We have been blown away with the kindness and generosity shown from Millfields children, their families and our staff.



Friends Association: Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day

On Friday 11th March the fantastic Friends Association held their popular 'Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day'.

We're pleased to confirm that as a result of doughnut sales, you've helped to raise over **£200.00!** This money will go to the Friends Association who work tirelessly to help raise money to further support children's education and experience at Millfields. We're very grateful to the Friends for organising this event and also to everyone who supported it by purchasing

Dress Down Day for Ukraine

As a result of our non-school uniform day, held on Wednesday 16th March, we are pleased to announce that Millfields First School raised an incredible **£811.00!!**

The money has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee to help with their Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

We'd like to thank you for your overwhelming support with this cause.



Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th March we celebrated Red Nose Day by inviting staff and children to wear something red in return for a £1.00 donation.

We are pleased to confirm that we have raised an incredible **£288.04**, this is in addition to the £300.00 raised by selling 5 boxes full of Red Noses!

We are very lucky and proud to have such a wonderful, supportive school community.

Thank you all for your amazing kindness.



Staffing Updates...

We have lots of staffing updates for you; a couple of goodbyes, a see you soon and several warm welcomes!

Mrs Mills has decided to leave Millfields First School. We would like to thank Mrs Mills for her 11 years' service to our school and wish her well in her new endeavours. I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Watkins has been appointed as a permanent member of staff and will continue to teach Hazel class.

Mrs Smith has decided to leave to pursue a role in Worcestershire Children's First. We wish her all of the best in her new role and warmly thank her for her time at Millfields.

Recently we appointed Miss Simunkova (known to the children as Miss Sarka), as an Early Years Teaching Assistant; she has settled in really well to our Pre-school team. After Easter the team will also be joined by Miss Vivian. Miss Curran is also joining us as a Teaching Assistant in Cedar class.

Mrs Middleton, who some of you might know through her teaching at St. Johns, will be joining us after Easter in various roles. Mrs Colley will be joining us as Maple class teacher, to replace Mrs Berry who will start her maternity leave as soon as the term is over. We wish her all the best with her pending new arrival.

We are very excited to welcome so many new staff to support the children in their learning.



Easter Celebrations

On Wednesday 6th April Claire will be serving an Easter Lunch. You will be able to select the advertised Roast Dinner when you book via ParentPay. Dessert for this day will be an Easter Cake, (this is being served in place of the fruit trifle that is advertised). Children with allergens / dietary requirements will be offered an Easter Cake suitable for their needs. A selection of fruit will also be available for children to choose should they wish.

On Thursday 7th April we are pleased to invite you back into school to enjoy our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade! Please see the 'Easter Celebrations 2022' letter for more information about timings and locations relevant to your child / children.

The Easter Bonnet Parade is taking place outside—don't forget to bring a seat if you wish. We are hoping the weather will remain dry - please be aware we may need to cancel this event if the weather doesn't hold out.

We can't wait to welcome you back to our school and to see the bonnets and ties that will be paraded.



Complaint from Neighbour

We've received a complaint from a neighbour on Millfield Road that children are throwing stones and running around their drive and that people are sitting on their wall. Please remember this is private property and to remain respectful at all times. Thank you.



Water Bottles

With the warmer weather finally making an appearance, it is important that children are able to access their own water bottle throughout the day to keep them hydrated and refreshed whilst learning.

We've seen an increase in children forgetting to bring a water bottle into school of late. We have taken the decision to close our water fountains given the COVID pandemic and cups in classrooms pose as a hazard to ruining children's work therefore a water bottle is needed every day.

If you require a water bottle we have a supply of these available to purchase from the school office priced at £1.50 each.

As part of our Whole School Healthy Food Policy, only water is permitted in bottles in the classroom. Children are welcome to bring juice / squash into school to drink at lunch times only. Thank you for your co-operation.



Friends of Millfields: Pop-Up Uniform Sale

The Friends of Millfields will be holding their next uniform sale on **Saturday 2nd April from 11:00am to 2:00pm** in the school hall.



Everyone's welcome to come along and have a browse. There'll be quality items of uniform at ridiculously low prices available to purchase.

If you've noticed that your child has grown out of their current uniform or you'd like to be prepared with larger items ready for September, now is the ideal time to buy uniform!



Extra-Curriculum Clubs

We're delighted to announce that after the Easter Holidays we will be offering extra-curriculum clubs to children in Key Stages 1 and 2.

Cricket, Football, Dance, Drama and Lego clubs will be available to book. We will also be able to offer a limited amount of piano / keyboard lessons to Year 3 and 4 children. Watch out for more information to follow with regards to dates and how to book.



ASDA Green Token Giving Campaign

There's only a few weeks left to get your weekly votes in for the Friends Association to be in with a chance of receiving up to £500.00 in the ASDA Green Token Giving campaign.

If you haven't already voted this week here's the link to follow: <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4918>. Thank you for your support.



Spring has Sprung at Millfields

On Wednesday 23rd March we were visited by an adorable little lamb!



The little lamb spent the morning exploring and playing in the Pre-School garden before visiting children from across the school.

We'd like to thank Mrs Boss for arranging this wonderful visit and for being able to answer all the lamb related questions that children had to ask!

It was so lovely to see so the happiness and joy that the lamb brought to so many faces.





News From Year 2...

Year 2 Trip to Asda

On Thursday 10th and 17th March Year 2 went on their first trip in almost two years to Asda! This supported our learning that we have been doing in school about healthy eating, charities and our local community.



When we arrived the Asda Community Champion Stephanie took us on a tour of the store (even backstage in the warehouse), gave us an opportunity to use the tills and then we tasted some healthy snacks.

A highlight for the children was being able to go inside the big fridges in the warehouse and experience how cold it was! We now have lots to write about back at school.



A big well done to the Year 2 children for their excellent behaviour during this trip.

We'd also like to thank Asda Bromsgrove for being so kind and welcoming to our Year 2 children.



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 during this month...



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 this month...

Millfields First School Gold Book

Friday 4th March 2022

Acorns C: Evie for trying so hard to complete her challenges with enthusiasm!

Acorns N: Ollie for always being super helpful and for being a really good friend. Thank you Ollie!

Holly: Robyn for showing great maturity when coming into school in the morning and when facing challenges throughout the day. Keep it up Robyn!

Maple: Harvey for showing excellent attitude to learning at carpet time and always completing tasks then helping friends complete their task!

Beech: Caleb for always showing excellent manners and care for his friends

Rowan: Dilyn for working independently in maths and trying his hardest! Well done Dilyn!

Cedar: Poppy for always having a great attitude, working hard and helping in the classroom. Thank you Poppy for always keeping everyone in smiles!

Cherry: Isla for having a super attitude towards your learning. You try your best, embrace learning new skills and work independently!

Hazel: Freddie - for working really hard this week, even setting himself his own targets to beat with his writing. Keep it up Freddie!

Oak: Madison for always supporting others and for being a true and loyal friend.

Forest School: Lathigan in Beech for following forest school rules, for trying all activities and for tidying up afterwards. Well done Lathigan, you are a brilliant role model each week.

Millfields First School Gold Book

Friday 11th March 2022

Acorns C: Imogen, who has had a happy, smiling face all week. She has been joining in well with her learning and always has beautiful manners and is a kind friend.

Acorns N: Harlow W for always working so hard to complete your rainbow challenges and for having such a positive attitude to all aspects of school.

Holly: Jenson for working independently and working hard to improve his attention and focus in class. Well done Jenson!

Maple: Robbie for being an amazing helper this week with your friends and for me and making so many independent good choices. Keep it up Robbie!

Beech: Knox for his effort in handwriting - keep it up!

Rowan: Elijah for trying really hard to be independent with his writing well done!

And Miss Smith would like to say a special mention to Rowan Class for representing Millfields fantastically during their trip to ASDA on Thursday!

Cedar: Nancy for always working hard, tackling different challenges in the classroom and all with a smile.

Cherry: Riley for having improved concentration and a positive attitude towards his learning.

Hazel: Willow for being so polite and caring and her unending kindness and thoughtfulness towards everyone. Thank you Willow.

Oak: Max for always being so polite and for trying his best.

Forest School: Seth from Holly for noticing when someone was upset, and being a very kind friend.



Gold Book Continued...

Millfields First School Gold Book

Friday 17th March 2022

Acorns C: Amelie for always being a kind friend and playing nicely with all children.

Acorns N: Mia and Rowan for working together incredibly hard to tidy and clean the painting area. Great team work!! Well done.

Holly: Samuel R for always being ready to learn. Despite distractions and challenges within the classroom, Sam always remains focussed and gives every piece of work his best. You are a wonderful role model to your friends Samuel.

Maple: Gracie for always being a kind friend and sharing her enthusiasm for all subjects through her discussions.

Beech: Jasmine for being so sensible, engaged and enthusiastic during our visit to Asda. We relied on you to do lots of very important jobs, and you asked some great questions too!

Rowan: Elsie H for being a fantastic role model to others and for always being kind to her friends! Well done!

Cedar: Marni for always working hard, listening to instructions and having a great attitude to her learning. Keep it up Marni!

Cherry: James for a fantastic improvement to his attitude to learning. You are focused, trying your best and your handwriting and presentation is improving too. Keep it up!

Hazel: Rex for his amazing attitude to learning recently. Challenging himself, having a go and finding he can achieve more than he thought. So impressive, and we're so proud of you. Well done Rex.

Oak: Harrison G for being consistently mature and a thoughtful caring pupil. We are very proud of you Harrison.

Forest School: Keyan from Cherry for his safe and sensible use of tools, and for his kindness in sharing his knowledge with others.

Millfields First School Gold Book

Friday 24th March 2022

Acorns C: Delilah for drawing a fantastic and detailed map to help beat baby to find his way back to Acorns.

Acorns N: Max for being such a good and supportive friend. You are always really helpful. Thank you Max!

Holly: Grayson for showing determination and focus this week. Grayson your attitude to learning has seen a huge improvement and the work you are producing is much better too. Keep it up!

Maple: Finlay for growing so much in confidence this week to share many of your ideas in whole class discussions. Well done Finlay. Keep it up.

Beech: Koda for his enthusiasm and great attitude to learning this week!

Rowan: Sam for trying exceptionally hard with his reading this week! Keep it up Sam!

Cedar: Josh for an excellent attitude to his learning. You are working very hard Josh and you can see the difference in your work. Keep it up!

Cherry: Keyan for always being ready to learn, working hard and trying your best in all lessons

Hazel: Olivia for turning over a new leaf and showing great focus on her learning recently. Well done Olivia

Oak: Zach for excellent leadership skills in PE, making sure all his team performed well, were included and had fun!

Forest School: Bella from Oak for being so caring and helpful. You are so kind and considerate to others. Well done.



Dates for your Diary

Here are a few key dates for your diaries:

Saturday 2nd April 2022: Friends Unicycle Pop-Up Sale (11am - 2pm in school hall)

Wednesday 6th April 2022: Easter Lunch

Thursday 7th April 2022: Easter Celebration / Bonnet Parade (Parents/Carers welcome)

Monday 11th April 2022

School Closed Easter Holidays

- Friday 22nd April 2022:

Monday 2nd May 2022: May Day - School Closed

Wednesday 11th May 2022: Reception Hearing Tests

Friday 13th May 2022: Year 4 Outdoor Activity Day

Thursday 19th May 2022: Sharing Day

Friday 27th May 2022: Jubilee Celebration Day (more information to follow)

Monday 20th June 2022

- Friday 1st July 2022:

Forest School Open Weeks

Friday 1st July 2022: Year 2 Trip to Severn Valley Country Park

Dependant on restrictions and guidance we're hopeful to add more dates and events to the calendar. Similarly, dates could change at short notice should any new restrictions be introduced.

We'll send more information about each event in due course.

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Term Dates 2021 / 2022

Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2021 / 2022

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 28th February 2022	Friday 8th April 2022
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 25th April 2022	Friday 27th May 2022
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 7th June 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022

School will also be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Monday 6th June 2022

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

Please see overleaf for 2022 / 2023 Term Dates

Term Dates 2022 / 2023

Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2022 / 2023

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 7th September 2022	Friday 21st October 2022
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28th October 2022	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 31st October 2022	Friday 16th December 2022
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023	
Spring Half Term 1	Wednesday 4th January 2023	Friday 17th February 2023
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 27th February 2023	Friday 31st March 2023
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 3rd April 2023 to Friday 14th April 2023	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 17th April 2023	Friday 26th May 2023
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 6th June 2023	Tuesday 25th July 2023

Teacher Training Days

Monday 5th September 2022
 Tuesday 6th September 2022
 Monday 10th October 2022
 Tuesday 3rd January 2023
 Monday 5th June 2023

Bank Holidays

Monday 2nd January 2023
 Good Friday: Friday 7th April 2023
 Easter Monday: Monday 10th April 2023
 May Day: Monday 1st May 2023
 Whitsun : Monday 29th May 2023