



Millfield Primary School

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December 19th 2017

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we had our Christmas lunch and took part in a lovely service at the Church and today it's parties- Christmas has arrived and along with it, the end of term. As always this has been a busy term and lots has been achieved.

We're particularly pleased with interest in our Nursery, which is now filling up rapidly- keep spreading the word! It has been confirmed that we have been successful in gaining the Gold Sports Award- one of only a handful of schools in Cambridgeshire. Some members of our staff have been asked by both the Local Authority and the Trust to support teachers in other schools to improve their practice and provision for children; I am also supporting a headteacher locally, within the Trust; these are strong commendations of our excellent provision at Millfield. Instrumental and singing lessons will begin in the New Year for those who have expressed an interest; remember, if your child is entitled to free school meals, we are able to provide financial support for these lessons, so if this applies to you, and you're interested in your child having lessons, then speak to Mrs Bidecant or me in January.

Thank you

I should like to extend our thanks to all the parents and grandparents who have come into School over the term to offer their help or who have supported in other ways whether it's hearing readers, preparing Christmas hampers, making donations for hampers or cake breaks, supporting on trips or encouraging local companies to support us (Tesco, Co-op and M&S). In addition, I should like to thank you for your support at recent events; the disco raised £500 and the Christmas event last Friday raised £900; we are developing resources and an area for outdoor learning linked to Maths so your financial support will go towards this project early next year.

Staffing

I am pleased to inform you that **Miss Murray** will be continuing in Year 3 /4 in January. From January, **Miss Cooper** will be reducing to 4 days for the remainder of this academic year- she will not be in School on Wednesdays. **Mrs Lee** will take on the role of **Principal Teacher** for this period so, should you have a particular concern that you would like to raise and it happens that neither Miss Cooper nor I are in School or available, then Mrs Lee is the next person you should speak to. Mrs Lee continues with her teaching timetable. **Miss Herrington** has been providing intervention support in Y6 this term and is known by all the children. She will be teaching the whole of 6/5C on Tuesday afternoons, all day Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; she will also be providing intervention support on Thursday morning in Y6 and some after school boosters; she is an experienced teacher and we are fortunate to have her joining our staff on a permanent basis.

Mrs Green is going to continue to teach 6/5C on Monday and Friday afternoons- she is employed at our School as a level 3 TA and so is qualified to undertake this role- what many of you may not know is that she is also a qualified teacher.

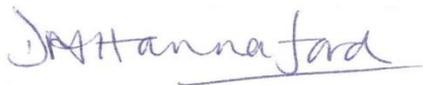
Mrs Brereton has been successful in gaining a position as an English Adviser in the LA so sadly will be leaving us- **Mrs Kirby** will be replacing her; she is an experienced teacher, has already been in to work with the team and meet the children and is on a permanent contract. Mrs Jacques is leaving us to take up a full-time role in another school providing cover; Miss Herrington will pick up Mrs Jacques PE/sports work on Friday mornings this year as events arise; from September she will be ending her work in Y6 and will instead be spending 3 days in school as our PE and Sports specialist- this is her particular area of expertise. Mrs Brereton and Mrs Jacques will be missed by staff and children alike and I know you will want to join with me in thanking them and wishing them all the best for their new positions.

A message from the Office

Please remember that from January all payments to the School must be made through ParentPay. This includes the booking, through ParentPay, of lunches, breakfast club and stay and play. Mrs Bidecant is happy to help parents who need support in getting logged on to an account.

It just leaves me to wish you a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year- we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday January 4th**.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D. M. Hannaford
Headteacher

