



MILLFIELD NEWS

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Note from Mrs Willett & Mrs Wagstaff

Key Stage 1 – Great Fire of London Experience Day



On Tuesday 13th September 'History off the Page' visited the school to give all the Key Stage 1 pupils a taste of the life at the time of the 'Great Fire of London'. Thanks to you all for taking the time to ensure the children were dressed in costume to fully enjoy the day. Everyone looked great and all enjoyed finding out about life at that time.



Arranging these special days takes a lot of time and effort; thanks go to Mrs Cranko and her staff for organising the day.

Building Work

Work still continues in the School Offices. The hatch is now fitted and there is a bell there for you to ring to get attention. We hope to have blinds fitted within the next few weeks and are now awaiting quotes for furniture.

We now have a new meeting room next to the staffroom which is operational and will be used by parents on occasions such as Team around the Family meetings.

Millfield Facebook Page

A few questions have been raised around the new Millfield Facebook page which we have discussed as a staff. Many local schools already have Facebook pages and have found them to be a useful additional form of communication. Please be assured that any photos which are posted will not be of close ups of individual pupils but general distance shots of groups of children, new displays, visits etc. Our request that you do not post photos of children on your own Facebook page still stands as we, as a school, know which pupils are not allowed to have their photos on the internet. We will be monitoring the success of the Facebook page over the next few months. As with all social media we believe used responsibly it can be a great way to share news but is dependent on everyone using it in a respectful and considerate way.



Millfield Website

Please take the time to have a look at our new look website. Mrs Chivers, in the School Office, has worked hard with the website company to update the front page with new photographs and a different font. We trust that you will be able to find all the information you need about our school.

KS1 & KS2 'Start to the New Year' Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came along to these meetings last week. We were delighted that so many of you were able to attend and receive an update on the year ahead.

Individual Pupils Photographs

Please remember that individual pupil photos are being taken on Wednesday 21st September 2016.



Uniform Reminder



It has been great to see the children returning to school looking so smart in their school uniform. However, please remember that girls should wear **white** socks rather than navy or black.

Parking

Please remember to park in a considerate manner when arriving at the beginning and end of the school day. Safe, considerate driving and parking are essential to protect our children and ensure good relations with our neighbours. Also please remember that riding scooters on the school grounds in **not** permitted as it is very dangerous in a crowded area. Thank you.



Talk Education Partnership



Some of you may remember how two years ago we raised funds for 'Project Rugot' a scheme to build a classroom in a school in rural Uganda. Will Knapman, an ex-student from Freman College, who introduced us to the work then came back to our school and lead an assembly on Monday 19th September to update us on the progress made. He showed the children photos of the completed work



and explained how the work is going to move forward in the future. We have therefore decided to continue to support this charity and help in this valuable work of bringing education to children in Africa. We will collect for this work at the end of the Harvest Assembly.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will be on Wednesday 5th October at 9:05am in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing parents of Key Stage 2 pupils **only** at this event. We will be collecting for the 'Talk Education Partnership' at the end of the assembly for their work in developing education in Uganda.



Parent Consultations

The meetings will take place on Wednesday 19th October 3:30pm – 6:30pm and Thursday 20th October 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Further details will be sent out to you nearer the time. There will be no After School Clubs on these days.

Travelling Book Fair



The Travelling Book Fair will be open on Monday 10th Tuesday 11th October and Wednesday 12th October in the School Hall/ Dining Area after school between 3:15pm - 4:15pm. The Reading Rockets will be sending out leaflets soon. The Book Fair is a great way to buy your Christmas book gifts well in advance and the commission earned will enable us to have extra books for our library!

PTA New Parents Meeting

Members of the PTA will be waiting to introduce themselves on Friday 30th September at 3:15pm. They will be in the Reception playground after school, serving refreshments and explaining the valuable work they do for our school. Please stop and have a chat with them!



Pupil Voice Groups

All our pupil voice groups are now in place and will begin working very soon. The table below shows the children who represent the different groups and which class they are in. We are sure they will enjoy their role and make a difference to the life of our school.

Class	School Council	Assembly Committee	Eco-Action	Reading Rockets	International Team	Sports Stars
Rowan	Amy Ruby	Lexi Ben	Thomas D Annastatia	Jasmine William	Joshua Gracie	T-J Thomas F
Willow	Jaycee Louis W	Will Grace	Bronwyn Ava	Ella Rafael	Dani Oscar	Thomas Alfie
Ash	Lara Nathan	Rosie Nathan Faye (music) Daniel (computer)	Hannah Gracie	Toby Alexis	Max Nicole	Luke Amelia
Maple	Ben Lilly-Ella		Lillie-Skye	Finn		Daniel T
Birch	Izzy Ryan N		Rayez	Hayden		Teddy
Elm	Scarlett Frankie					

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