



MILLFIELD NEWS

December 2017

Online Learning Journals: Tapestry

We are pleased that most of the Early Years Foundation Stage parents/carers have now activated their 'Tapestry' account, if you still haven't managed to, please speak to Mrs Brown. We hope you are already enjoying viewing observations and photos of your child/ren. We feel this will really help improve communications as you are now able to comment on any observation that you receive, as well as posting your own observations. We value any feedback; your comments are really important to us.

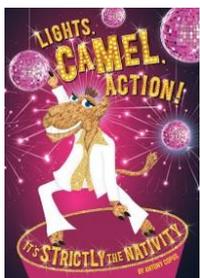


Millfield Moments

The Assembly Committee were keen to record and share weekly learning and events by and with the whole school so have developed 'Millfield Moments'. Teachers and children share weekly learning through photos and recounts. This information is recorded in a portfolio which can be shared by all, including visitors.

Christmas Performances

Date	Time	Classes	Allocation of tickets
Tuesday 12 th December	9:30am & 5:30pm	Reception (Cherry & Oak) & Elm Classes	Admission to the performances will be by 'ticket only'. Two tickets per family will be allocated for each performance due to pupil numbers.
Wednesday 13 th December	1:45pm & 6:00pm	Ash, Rowan, Willow, Birch & Maple Classes	Admission to the performances will be by 'ticket only'. One ticket per family will be allocated for each performance due to pupil numbers.
Thursday 14 th December	6:00pm	Ash, Rowan, Willow, Birch & Maple Classes	Admission to the performances will be by 'ticket only'. One ticket per family will be allocated for each performance due to pupil numbers.
Thursday 14 th December	10:30am & 2:00pm	Nursery	No tickets necessary



We used this system last year and it was very successful; it ensured the hall was not over full for the safety and enjoyment of everyone. Please note performance tickets will be in book bags today (01.12.17).



Special Assembly

The children are all looking forward to our Special Celebration Assembly, which will take place on Friday 15th December 2017 at 9:00am. As part of the celebration, selected children will be awarded medals for 6 different areas of learning, one of which is focused on the recognition of values. The parents and carers of these children will be shortly invited to join our assembly to celebrate with us.

Early Years Foundation Stage Workshop

The Early Years workshop which was held on 21st November was a great success. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended, as well as the Early Years team who were incredibly informative. We understand that not all parents and carers were able to attend; to ensure you don't miss out, we have shared the presentational slides on our school website within the Foundation Stage page of the Curriculum heading.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the phonics workshop this week. This was organised to provide an insight for parents/carers as to how phonics is taught in school, age related expectations and how Year 1 pupils are assessed through the Phonics screening test. Thank you to members of the Senior Leadership Team, who attended the meeting, and particularly, the English Faculty, who led the workshop. Again, if you couldn't attend the meeting, presentational slides can be viewed on our school website within the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pages of the Curriculum heading.

School Maintenance

We are thrilled and are feeling very proud of our freshly painted hall and entrance area. A huge thank you to Mr Ridge, Mrs Ridge's husband, for an amazing job!

School Application Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 19

The table below provides details on admission process timings to apply for a September 2018 place. Further information can be found on the Hertfordshire County website at the following address

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

	Child born between	Application open	Applications close	Places offered
NURSERY	1 Sep 14 – 31 Aug 15	8 January 2018	23 February 2018	to be confirmed
RECEPTION	1 Sep 13 – 31 Aug 14	6 November 2017	15 January 2018	16 April 2018
MIDDLE	1 Sep 08 – 31 Aug 09	6 November 2017	15 January 2018	16 April 2018

(taken from HCC website 11.10.17)

New information identified

Further information regarding Nursery applications, including the application form will be available on our website shortly. All applications for Millfield are to be made directly to the school.

Reception's visit to Buntingford Fire Station

The Reception children all had a wonderful time when they visited the local fire station as part of their topic on 'People who help us'. We are really grateful to the Fire-Fighters who took the time to explain to the children about their jobs. Thanks also go to the Reception staff who arranged the visit, as well as the parents/carers and family members who volunteered to help.



Charity Fund Raising

Thank you to all who donated unwanted items for 'Bag 2 School'; an excellent £80 was raised.



Children's teddy bears were very welcome at school to show our support for Children In Need. The children were thrilled to hear they raised £308.43 to help support Children In Need.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parking

When arriving at school, if it is a necessity for you to drive, please park appropriately in designated spaces outside of the school grounds. Please do not block any school entrance; access needs to be clear for safety reasons.



Pupil Premium Funding

As you will be aware some families are able to claim Pupil Premium funding for their child. This is a considerable amount of money (£1,320) which is given to the school and allows us to offer extra support to your child. Pupil Premium children do not pay for any school trips or visits etc. Checking to see if you are eligible is easy, please register at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. If parents do not register we are not able to claim this additional funding so please check if you are able to have this funding for your child. If you require any further information please contact the School Office.

Friendship Ladders

On Friday 1st December we held our second Friendship Ladder meeting of the year. The children were grouped in mixed age groups and took part in various arts and crafts activities e.g. finger printing. These meetings take place on a half termly basis and are a great opportunity for the children to work together in a collaborative way.

Christmas Fair

We hope you have a wonderful time at the Christmas Fair today. The PTA has been fantastic at organising another event, which staff and children are thoroughly looking forward to. We are looking forward to seeing as many children, family and friends as possible.



Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 15th December 2017 we will be supporting 'Save the Children' by asking every child and adult in school to wear a Christmas jumper to raise money. Please send in any donations with your child on the day. Please also be reminded that our school Christmas dinner is being served on this day.

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