



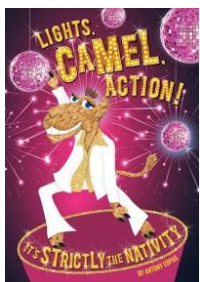
MILLFIELD NEWS

December 2017, Newsletter 2

Staffing

Huge congratulations to Miss Collins who is expecting her first baby in March 2018. We are thrilled to be able to cover the maternity leave internally; further information will follow. Congratulations to Mrs Page, who is taking on the role of Higher Level Teaching Assistant in the New Year. Miss Forrest will become the morning Teaching Assistant in Rowan class. Congratulations also go to Mrs Taylor, who is taking on the new role of Support Worker in school from January 2018.

Christmas Performances



A huge well done to all Millfield children. What amazing Christmas performances! The Nursery shows were thoroughly enjoyable – the children chose their parts in the play and were fantastic! The Reception and Elm performances of 'Away in a Manger' and the Maple, Birch and KS2 performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action' were incredibly impressive; children remembered their lines, lyrics to songs, actions and dances with, what seemed like, ease! Thank you to all that attended, in the children's words 'it's so much better to perform to an audience!' Thanks also to the PTA for taking the time to provide refreshments.



Special Assembly

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Special Celebration Assembly, which took place on Friday 15th December 2017. As part of the celebration, selected children were awarded for 6 different areas of learning, one of which is focused on the recognition of values. Thank you to the parents and carers of these children who attended the special assembly to celebrate with us.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December 2017 we supported 'Save the Children' by asking every child and adult in school to wear a Christmas jumper to raise money. All Millfield children and staff looked fabulous in their Christmassy attire. £238.39 was raised by your donations – thank you!



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner was served on Friday 15th December 2017. It was delicious! Thank you to the kitchen staff and Midday Supervisory Assistants for all making our Christmas dinner so special. Along with yummy food, the children sang songs from their Christmas shows – there was a fantastic atmosphere!



Presentation of Awards



Today, Tuesday 19th December, we acknowledged the class with the best overall attendance for the Autumn term. We also carried out the prize draw for completed Reading Challenge Cards for each class. In addition, the PTA shared the winners of competitions from the Christmas Fair.

Christmas Carol Assembly



Today, Tuesday 19th December, we held our Christmas Carol Concert in the School Hall where Oak and Cherry Classes created the Nativity tableau for us and the School Council retold the traditional Christmas story. Due to the restrictions of the size of the hall we invited the parents of pupils in Oak and Cherry Classes only.

Note from the Chair of Governors, Peter Godbert

Thank you to all the parents and carers, for all you have done this term to support your child's education through your home reading and making sure your child attends school. I hope you have enjoyed the various Christmas performances and thank you for your support of the Christmas Fair organised by the PTA. The Governors have been working hard with staff to ensure Millfield First & Nursery remains a fantastic place for children to learn whilst dealing with various challenges associated with our expanding town and changes in the educational landscape. Our Governors have themselves been 'going to school' in order to receive a range of training to better enable them to support the school. I would also like to thank all the staff, and particularly Mrs Kennedy Weeks, for all they have done this term for your children. Last, but not least, my thanks to the children, for making Millfield such a special place. I hope you all have a joyous and peaceful time over the Christmas holidays and return in January rested and recharged.

Attendance and Next Academic Year Dates (2018-19)

A letter was sent home with children regarding information about general school attendance. If you did not receive this please let the office know. To try and minimise holidays taken during term time we are sharing 2018-19 term dates at the end of this newsletter. The dates are carefully planned alongside other Rib Valley schools where possible. These dates are also available on our website.



Snowy Weather

We hope you all had a wonderful time in the snow with family and friends. We would like to give a special thanks to Mr Wasylyczyn and Mr Holland, along with Mrs Browne, Mrs Page, Mrs Pamment and Mr Stary for all their help in clearing the staff car park.

Outside Achievements

We are very proud of all Millfield children. They are always so keen to share achievements from both inside and outside of school. A collection of our children take part in drama and theatre groups. Toby and Zara Hampton, who are part of the PQA drama club, were thrilled to share information about their performance in the West End production of Lazy Ace. Alexis Willett shared her experience of taking the role of a Munchkin in the Wizard of Oz, which was performed at the Hertford Theatre.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

Unfortunately, this is the time of year where sickness bugs are at their worse. Following the school's protocol, please ensure that if your child has had any form of sickness or diarrhoea they remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This is to minimise any the spread of these types of illnesses.

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.

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.

Christmas home-learning:

During the Christmas holiday, we would like you to complete the following tasks:

- Watch a Christmas movie
- Spend time with your friends and family
- Eat food that you love
- Make someone laugh or smile
- Do something for somebody else
- Visit a favourite place
- Play a board game
- Say 'please' and 'thank you' at every opportunity
- Be grateful to others
- Tell someone you love them



And finally....

Come back to Millfield in 2018 on Thursday 4th January 2018 ready to learn!



**HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS
FROM EVERYONE
AT
MILLFIELD!**



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TERM DATES 2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

September 2018

Monday 3rd

INSET day

Tuesday 4th

Back to school

October 2018

Friday 26th

School finishes at 3.15pm

Monday 29th – Friday 2nd November

Autumn Half Term

November 2018

Monday 5th

Back to school

December 2018

Friday 21st

School finishes at 2.00pm

Monday 24th – Friday 4th January 2019

Christmas Holiday

SPRING TERM 2019

January 2019

Monday 7th

INSET day

Tuesday 8th

Back to school

February 2019

Friday 15th

School finishes at 3.15pm

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd

Spring Half Term

Monday 25th

Back to school

March 2019

April 2019

Friday 5th

School finishes at 2.00pm

Monday 8th – Thursday 18th

Easter Holiday

Friday 19th

Good Friday Bank Holiday

Monday 22nd

Easter Monday Bank Holiday

SUMMER TERM 2019

April 2019

Tuesday 23rd

Back to school

May 2019

Monday 6th

May Bank Holiday

Thursday 23rd

School finishes at 3.15pm

Friday 24th

INSET day

Monday 27th - Friday 31st

Summer Half Term

June 2019

Monday 3rd

Back to school

July 2019

Friday 19th

School finishes at 2.00pm

Monday 22nd – Tuesday 23rd

INSET days

Wednesday 24th

Occasional Day Holiday