



Millfield Primary School

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The Governing body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

September 14th 2018

Dear Parents,

I should like to welcome all the children back to School and hope you managed to have some lovely family time together over the summer. A special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children, and those older children who have joined us following a house move to Littleport.

We welcome Miss Rudkin, Mrs Atkin and Mrs Turner to school. Unfortunately Mrs Morris is still too unwell to return, but she is keeping in contact with me and is desperate to return.

Work over the summer

The Reception and Nursery playground was re-surfaced and new canopies installed on that side of the building. The whole of the outside of the building has been re-decorated- a special thank you to Chris Frost who always does such a wonderful job.

Meet the Teacher

There will be the opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher to learn about the curriculum for the year, home learning, PE etc. Gates onto the main playground will open at 2:40pm so that you can make your way to the classrooms for a 2:45pm start on the following dates:

6K	Tuesday September 18 th	in Mrs Kirby's classroom
5/6AW and 5T	Wednesday September 19 th	in Mrs Atkin's classroom
1/2A, 1/2P and 1/2R	Tuesday September 18 th	in Mrs Ashley's classroom
3/4B and 3/4L	Thursday September 20 th	in Miss Bashford's classroom

Music in KS2

We are fortunate that Cambridgeshire Music will be continuing their work with us, building on the teaching and learning over the last three years. Years 3 and 4 will undertake singing, recorder and percussion as part of their curriculum; Years 5 and 6 will build on their work in previous years- they will both be learning the ukulele. In addition, Year 6 children will be offered the chance to start/continue with brass- trumpet or baritone horn; Mr Smith, who taught brass last year to the children, gave a demonstration to the Y6 children on Wednesday and explained that they could choose either of these instruments; if they don't want to play a brass instrument then they don't have to, however if they do choose to, then they will be expected to play it for the minimum of 1 term; there is no charge to parents for brass or ukulele learnt as part of class music on Wednesdays. If your child learnt clarinet last year in Year 5, then there is the opportunity to have privately paid lessons in School on Thursdays with Mrs Tayler Surrige- information is available at the Office.

Parent Forum

Some parents have attended the occasional parent forum, which last discussed changes to the School's website. Governors wish to continue with these but would appreciate knowing from you, the sorts of aspects of school that you would like the opportunity to discuss. Please return the slip below with your suggestions.

Friends of Millfield- fundraising for the School

Millfield doesn't have a PTA currently. There was one in the past (MSA- Millfield School Association) but it closed as there weren't enough parents with the time to form a committee. The School then formed Friends of Millfield as a way of putting on activities for the children and parents whilst also raising money eg second hand uniform sale, cake break, disco, Easter crafts, Christmas Fair. Friends of Millfield is open to all parents and grandparents who have children at the School. Initially there were a number of parents who offered to run activities after school on the occasional basis eg Pirate Crafts, Easter Crafts and who offered to help at school run events; however over time the number of parents has dwindled. If there are any of you who wish to be actively involved in Friends of Millfield please complete the slip below and Mrs Thornhill will be in touch.

Clubs

All being well, clubs should start in the week beginning September 24th and a letter will come out today letting you know how to book. These clubs will be available to Reception children from the Spring term.

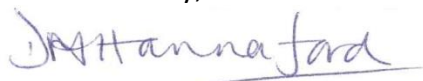
Parking, the School gates and children's safety

Please remember that it is **illegal to park on the School's grass verge** running alongside the fence.

This year the taxi is a minibus rather than a car. It is safer for us to open the gates at the Busy Bees end of the car park so that the taxi can leave the site at that end, rather than turning around in the car park. Therefore I would ask that parents **do not park at the top of the drive** as they have done in the past- if you wish to drop your child off in the morning, then please do so safely, without actually parking as that requires reversing to then turn round- just swing in, drop off without lingering and then carry on in the same direction, turning round at one of the roundabouts if you need to. For parents who walk, please stick to the path/pavement and do not wander down the drive, as this makes it unsafe for your child.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D. M. Hannaford
Principal

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Parent Forum Suggestions:

I should like Governors to consider the following, as subjects for a Parent Forum meeting:

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Signed:.....

My child is..... in class.....

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Friends of Millfield:

I would like to be involved/more involved in Friends of Millfield events and am happy for a member of staff to contact me.

Signed..... Contact number.....

My child is..... in class.....