



Millhouse Primary School

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A Small School with a Big Heart



Message from Mrs. Gray:

We had another busy week in school. I continue to be so impressed with how well the children have returned. They are working hard and producing some lovely work. An ongoing priority for us is the development of reading – our aim is to foster a love of reading so that all of our pupils become lifelong readers. We ask that you support us in this drive by ensuring that your child reads at home at least 3 times a week (more if possible!). We would be grateful if you could sign your child's reading record every time they read at home and add any comments which you feel would be helpful for their teacher.

Special Mentions

Last week's Special Mentions were awarded to:

Class 1 – Turner and Oscar

Class 2 – Charli and Caleb

Class 3 – Noah and Felicity

Class 4 – Scarlet and Holly

Class 5 – Alex and Holly

Fantastic effort!



Congratulations!

Mr. Ritchie and his wife welcomed their new baby boy – Edward – into the world last week. I'm sure you will all join us in sending our congratulations and best wishes.

Attendance

Super attendance across school last week! Well done to Class 2 for the highest attendance of the week! Fabulous!

Class 1 – 96.5%

Class 2 – 99.2%

Class 3 – 98.8%

Class 4 – 97.5%

Class 5 – 97.4%



Remember every day counts!

Tough Tortoises

We present Tough Tortoise certificates for being determined; persevering even when we find things hard; ignoring distractions.

In Friday's assembly, we awarded certificates to:

Evelyn and Emily (Class 1);

Bailey (Class 2);

Rosie (Class 3);

Harvey (Class 4);

Luke (Class 5).



Availability of IT for remote learning survey

We are aware that during the period of school closure before the summer, some families struggled with IT access. It would be helpful to understand the extent of IT access at home to support us with any future remote learning offers. This week we will be sending out a link to a quick survey. We would be grateful if as many families as possible could complete this to provide a complete picture across the school.



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Parents' Evening

We usually hold parents' evenings this half term to provide the opportunity to discuss how children have settled into their new classes and ensure any concerns can be addressed promptly. This year, as it is not currently possible to hold face-face meetings, staff will instead offer telephone appointments.

These will take place on:

Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October (4:00 – 6:00pm) – Classes 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October – Class 3.

A separate letter will be sent out this week to provide more details and explain the booking process.

Year 6 parents: PGS Open Evening

We have been asked to inform Y6 parents of Penistone Grammar School's virtual open evening, which is taking place on Thursday 15 October 18:00 - 20:00.

Parents will be able to join live online via social media and at www.penistone-gs.uk. For further information please contact PGS on 01226 762114; email enquiries@penistone-gs.uk or follow PGS on Twitter @PGSALC #PGSOpenEvening2020 #PGSClassof2026.

FOMS meeting

Friends of Millhouse School (FOMS) meet regularly to organise activities to raise money to enhance our children's experiences in school. Their biggest fundraisers are the termly fayres. Due to the pandemic, the Easter Extravaganza was unable to take place and we do not anticipate being able to hold the Christmas Fayre. The group are keen to explore new ideas for raising funds and are holding a virtual meeting on **Thursday 8th October at 2:00pm**. FOMS are always looking for new members and if you would like to get involved, please let school know via the school office email. If you are available to attend the meeting on Thursday an invite can be sent.

Individual school photographs

The school photography company, Tempest, is visiting school on Wednesday 14th October to take individual photographs. Covid-19 secure arrangements will be put in place – photographs will take place in the hall; each class will be allocated a separate session; staff will disinfect the area between each class. This year we will be unable to invite younger siblings into school for family groups and will not be able to offer group photographs for siblings in school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further information or if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken. There is no obligation to purchase any photographs taken.



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Covid-19: Important reminders

We all have a role to play in keeping our school and community safe. Contact school by telephone or email (k.gray@millhouseprimary.co.uk) if you are unsure about whether to send your child to school and need advice.

Do not send your child to school if:

- they have symptoms of Coronavirus (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual); a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) or have tested positive
- you, someone in your household or support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive.

You should book a free Coronavirus (COVID-19) test and self-isolate in line with the guidance below and at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

When should you self-isolate?

Self-isolate immediately for at least 10 days if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus.

Self-isolate immediately for at least 14 days if:

- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you've been told by NHS Test and Trace that you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Please inform school immediately if your child or someone in your household/ support bubble has symptoms of coronavirus or has tested positive. If this is out of school hours, email k.gray@millhouseprimary.co.uk.

BMBC have asked us to share the following link with families to support with the understanding of the current guidelines around Covid-19:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19->

Don't forget to refer to our FAQ document on the website and emailed out previously for further information about current protocols and procedures.

Remote Learning

If your child is off school because they have to self-isolate due to COVID-19 (either because they or a member of their household has symptoms/ positive result), staff will provide home learning via Purple Mash. This will mirror as closely as possible the work that the children are covering in class. Please be aware that staff are teaching and therefore it will generally not be possible to provide home learning on the first day of absence but staff will endeavour to issue it as soon as possible once notified.

We will also use Purple Mash to communicate with pupils and set home learning in the event of a wider school closure, for example if we are advised by PHE to close a class due to a positive case of Covid-19 within school.