



Millhouse Primary School

Newsletter

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A Small School with a Big Heart



Message from Mrs. Gray:

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas despite the restrictions in place. With the positive news over the holidays regarding the vaccination programme, let's hope that we can look forward to the return of more normal conditions in 2021.

I updated families yesterday regarding this week's school opening. We will continue to follow government and local advice closely and provide updates where needed.

Christmas Performances

You should have all received a private you tube link to the Carol Concert during the holiday.

Key Stage 1 parents should also have received a link to the Class 1 and 2 Nativity. These performances will be available to watch until 11th January. If anyone has had difficulty accessing the links sent, please contact school and we will endeavour to help.

Special Mentions

Special Mentions were awarded on Friday before the holiday to:

Class 1 – Lyra and Ellie

Class 2 – Harry M and Caleb

Class 3 – Javier and Rosie

Class 4 – Reegan and Oliver E

Class 5 – Lillian and Luke

Fantastic effort!



Reminder - Adverse weather

I hope the children enjoyed the recent snowfall! The long term forecast suggests it might be a cold January! Before the holidays, we included details of how we would communicate with parents if a decision is made to close the school due to adverse weather. A text message will be sent to all parents and information about the closure will also be uploaded to the Barnsley Council website. The closure will be broadcast on Greatest Hits Radio South Yorkshire – the new name for Dearne FM - and Hallam FM.



Tough Tortoises

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

In our last Celebration assembly of 2020, we awarded certificates to:

Whole Class (Class 1);

Whole Class (Class 2);

Daniel (Class 3);

Flynn (Class 4);

Jacob (Class 5).



Dinner Money

The cost of dinner money remains £11 per week. If you wish to pay for the half term the cost is £66. Please ensure dinner money is paid in advance each work.



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Covid-19: Important reminders. We ask that you read these carefully.

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 10 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 10-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.

The latest government advice for parents can be found here:

[Guidance for parents and carers](#)

Dropping off and collecting children from school

Please can we ask that parents do not arrive before the allocated arrival/ departure windows for their children if possible. By allocating 10 minute windows for each class, we are aiming to minimise the number of people having to wait in order to support social distancing. In addition, we request that parents enter the school site and stand in the collection area if collecting pupils from Class 3 or 4 and do not wait on the pavement at the front of school – this needs to be kept clear to allow people to leave the school site safely. If younger children are waiting alongside parents, please can you ensure that they do not run about and particularly that they stay away from class entrances. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Face Coverings

We are asking all parents/ carers who are able to, to wear face coverings when on the school site in line with the policy of the Barnsley Alliance Board. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

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 and Seesaw. This will mirror as closely as possible the work that the children are covering in class. 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.