

### Message from Mrs. Gray:

We had some very tired faces on Friday afternoon after our first week back in school! Staff have been impressed with how well the children have settled into their classes and how hard they are already working. I look forward to seeing some fantastic learning over the next few weeks.

### Her Majesty the Queen

Following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we held a minute's silence in Friday's assembly as an act of remembrance. Please contact school if your child needs any support at this time. The website below provides some helpful information about how to answer children's questions and to talk about loss.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/talk-to-children-about-death-of-queen/>

The official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday, including schools, have been instructed to close on this day as a mark of respect.

### Clubs

There are still spaces in Cartoon Club (Y1-6), Tuesday multiskills club (Y1/Y2/Y3) and choir club (Y1-6). If your child wishes to take part in any of these, return your letter to school as soon as possible. The Wednesday sports club (Y4/5/6) is now full.

### Special Mentions Assembly

Every Friday morning we hold a Celebration Assembly where two pupils from each class are awarded with certificates to recognise their hard work or positive achievements during the week.

Well done to the children who received special mentions in assembly on Friday:

**Class 1 – All our Reception children**

**Class 2 – Oscar and Turner**

**Class 3 – Vinnie and Bailey**

**Class 4 – Danny and Johnathan**

**Class 5 – Issabelle and Ruby**



### Fantastic effort!

If pupils receive any awards out of school, we love to celebrate these too in Friday's assembly so please encourage your child to bring them in!

### Attendance

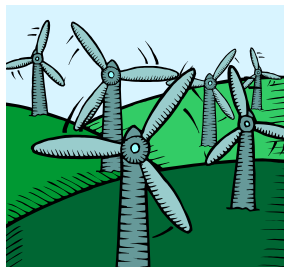
Class 1 achieved the highest attendance last week with 100%. They earn 5 minutes extra playtime. Well done!



### Remember every school day counts!

Late arrivals

We monitor the number of lates carefully and letters will be sent by school to any families where children have been late 5 times. If 10 lates occur, a letter from the Local Authority will be received. Please ensure children arrive before 9 o'clock.



# Millhouse Primary School

## Newsletter

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A Small School with a Big Heart



### Volunteers

We appreciate the support of volunteers in school particularly to support with reading. The children enjoy reading to adults and becoming confident, fluent readers is vital to their all-round success in school. Please email [k.gray@millhouseprimary.co.uk](mailto:k.gray@millhouseprimary.co.uk) if you are able to help us this year, whether you have done this before or you are new to the role.

### New Starter Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2:30pm, Miss Broxholme will be hosting a meeting for our Reception children's parents. This will provide parents with information about how we teach phonics in school and how they can support at home. Miss Broxholme will also show parents how our online platform, Seesaw, can be used to share learning at home and in school.

### Consent forms

Thank-you to all parents who returned the consent forms sent out last week. We would be grateful if any outstanding ones could be returned this week. Spare copies are available from the office if needed.

### Information update

If you/your child has had a change of circumstances over the summer holidays e.g. new telephone number/address or your child's medical needs have changed including food intolerances please email or telephone the school office giving full details so that we can keep our records up to date.

### Tough Tortoises

As part of our curriculum, we emphasise the development of key skills useful in learning and in later life. These are known as building learning power skills (BLP) and centre around four characters – Tough Tortoise; Resourceful Rabbit; Pondering Panda; Co-operative Chameleon.

This half term, we are focussing on Tough Tortoise – being determined; persevering even when we find things hard; ignoring distractions. In Friday's assembly, we awarded certificates to children who had displayed these qualities during the week.

Well done to:

**Gracie (Class 1);**

**Ava (Class 2);**

**Hughie (Class 3);**

**Bobby (Class 4);**

**Jay (Class 5).**



### We love reading!

Developing children as life-long readers is a key aim of the school. The school expectation is that children read at least 3 times a week at home (more if possible!). A raffle ticket is given to each child who reads 3 times (2 raffle tickets are gained if they read every day Monday – Friday) – this needs to be recorded in the child's reading record. In Friday's assembly, we pull a lucky winner out of each class's raffle pot and they win a prize. **Last week, every child in Class 5 achieved the expectation of reading at least 3 times a week. Well done Year 6 – a fantastic start and a great example to the whole school. Keep it up!**