

Millhouse Primary School

Newsletter

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A Small School with a Big Heart



Message from Mrs. Gray:

We all loved the visit to the pantomime last week – **Oh yes we did!** It was lovely to see the children's excitement – they joined in very enthusiastically! We'd like to say a huge thank-you to the FOMS group for funding this whole school visit and for all your support with their fundraising efforts over the year.

I need to say a huge well done to all our Key Stage 1 children for their super performances of **A Bundle of Joy** last week. They impressed us all with their fantastic singing, dancing and narrating. The naughty sheep were a particular highlight!



Y5/6 visit to Robinwood

Last week a reminder letter with details of final arrangements for Robinwood was sent home along with a souvenir form. The deadline for souvenir orders was today. If there are any concerns or questions regarding the visit which arise over the holidays, please contact Mrs. Gray directly by email – k.gray@millhouseprimary.co.uk

In order to ensure a smooth departure, due the visit departing on the first day after the Christmas break, it is important that we are aware of any potential issues.

Special Mentions Assembly

Special Mentions were awarded on Friday to:

Class 1 – Whole Class (Nativity performance)

Class 2 – Whole Class (Nativity performance)

Class 3 – Alfie and Josie-Rose

Class 4 – Harry D and Charli F

Class 5 – Ryan and George

Fantastic effort!



Attendance

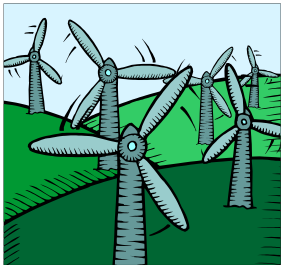
Class 2 achieved the highest attendance last week with 97.8%. They earn 5 minutes extra playtime.



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. There were **3** recorded lates w/c 11.12.23.



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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:

Esmay (Class 1)

Luke (Class 2)

Julio (Class 3)

Billy (Class 4)

Emily and Holly M (Class 5)

Super!



Christmas Parties

This week class parties will be held on Thursday. Children can wear non-school uniform on the day of their party (please remember that they will be playing outside in these clothes). Thank-you to the FOMS group who have funded prizes and some party food for each class.



Clubs

Our after-school club programme will start again after the Christmas break.

Monday – Cartoon Club

Tuesday – Gymnastics Y1/2/3

Thursday – Choir

Friday – Gymnastics Y4/5/6

Booking forms were sent out last week. Please return them as soon as possible to secure your child a place.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers in return for a donation to the charity **Save the Children**. Many thanks for your support.

Out of office details

Please note that the school office email is not monitored over the holidays. Any urgent correspondence can be sent to

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Reminder - Christmas Carol Concert

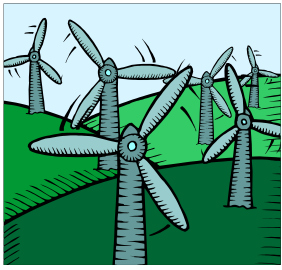
Our Christmas Carol Concert will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 10am at the Methodist Church. Reverend Bee has kindly offered to open the church from 9am and provide refreshments for any of you who wish to head down early after dropping children at school.

Christmas Holiday

School closes on Friday 22nd December and re-opens on Monday 8th January.

Wishing you all a
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a Happy New Year!





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Other information

Barnsley Council have produced a winter newsletter, in which they have shared some useful information, including winter support, driving safely, mental health and more.

This can be accessed at the link below:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBARNSELEY/bulletins/37ef129>



Is my child too ill for school?

The NHS has produced some helpful guidance to support parents in knowing when to keep children off school due to illness:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Similar guidance applies to COVID-19 symptoms:

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 **and** they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive:

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Please contact the school office for advice if needed.