

# Millhouse Primary School

## Newsletter

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A Small School with a Big Heart



### Message from Mrs. Gray:

We had a super first week back with children across school quickly settling back into their learning.

This week, Mrs. Crouch and I are looking forward to taking 5 fantastic readers – 1 pupil selected from each class for their commitment to home reading – to Read Bookshop in Holmfirth. They will each choose a book to bring back to school to share with their class.

Thank-you for your continued support with home reading. Part of our home learning expectations is that all children read at home at least 3 times a week. Please can we request that parents/carers remember to record this in their child's reading record along with any comments they wish the teacher to see. We were delighted last half term to receive a letter from the Minister for Schools, Damian Hinds, who congratulated us on 100% of our Y1 pupils achieving the national phonics screening check, placing us in the top 1% of schools in the country. Developing a firm grasp of phonics is the first stage in the journey to becoming fluent and confident readers. We are passionate about building upon this as the children move through school so that all pupils leave us with a love of reading and the skills they need to access the wider curriculum. Your support in this journey is vital.

**WE LOVE READING!**

### Special Mentions Assembly

Special Mentions were awarded on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to:

**Class 1 – Henry and Jack W**

**Class 2 – Tia and Hettie**

**Class 3 – Lyrah-Jayne and Oscar**

**Class 4 – Bailey and Billy**

**Class 5 – Felicity and Javier**

Fabulous effort!



### Attendance

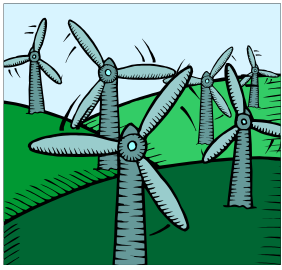
Class 1 achieved the highest attendance last week with an amazing 100%. Well done!

**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. There was **1** recorded late w/c 19.2.24.



### Pondering Pandas

This half term we are encouraging children to plan activities carefully, to review their work and to think about how they can improve it. Our Pondering Pandas of the week were:

Beni (Class 1);  
Leo (Class 2);  
Charlie B. (Class 3);  
Evangeline (Class 4);  
Jaimes (Class 5).



**Well done!**

### Comic Relief Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, it is Comic Relief Day. We will be having a non-uniform day in return for a small donation to Comic Relief. The School Council will also be organising a special competition linked to Red Nose Day – more details to follow!



### PE kits

Please ensure children have PE kits in school for their PE lessons each week. Some children recently have forgotten their PE kits or only brought part of a kit e.g shorts but not a t-shirt to change into. Many thanks for your support.

### Save the date - Parent Consultations

Our second round of parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> (4:00pm – 6:00pm). These will be face to face in school. There will be the opportunity to look at your child's work as part of these. Letters with further details, including booking information will be sent out shortly.

### Reminder - World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children will be able to wear their pyjamas to school and bring a teddy for a day filled with snuggly reading fun! A special Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed school dinner menu will be on offer. This is available to all children in school and not just the children who usually have a school dinner.

If you would like your child to have a dinner instead of their usual packed lunch, please pay for the meal on School Money by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please do not email / contact the school office to request a meal – paying on School Money will be taken as your request.

