



Newsletter

25th September 2020

Well done to all for another lovely week at school. Our systems and procedures are working well and school is very calm and settled. The children have adapted to the new ways of learning in school incredibly well and are engaged with their learning. Thank you again for your support for the school and the procedures we are now working with, I am enjoying having the time to speak to families at either end of the day and also see the children.

We are also pleased with our current attendance. Parents and carers are remaining positive and working with us at this time and despite anxieties are still confident to send their children to The Mill Academy. Our attendance so far this year is **95%**

Communication with teachers

We appreciate that during these times your chances to speak to the teachers face to face are limited. We ask that if you do have concerns and need to speak to the class teacher you either email the teacher or ask them for a phone call back at the end of the day.

In order to keep you informed we are trying to add as many pictures and posts as we can of the children learning on our social media sites and we will also be having a parent's evening after the half term.

These meetings will be held over the phone and more information will follow.

Census Day

On Thursday, 1st October 2020 is school census day. On this day we are looking to offer a school meal free of charge to every child in school to encourage more children to take up our school meals service. Matt, in the kitchen will be asked to cook and serve a meal for every pupil who attends school on this day. We will allow children to fetch a packed lunch but this will be in reserve just in case they do not like the school meal offering. We have created a fun menu for this day
See below

British Pork Sausage Hot Dog

Margarita Pizza

Jacket Potatoes served with toppings Tuna mayo, Cheese, Baked Beans or Coleslaw

Jelly, Artic Roll or Fresh Fruit Selection

All children who have a school dinner on this day will be entered into our census day raffle and the prizes will be drawn at the end of the day.

Staff member leaving- Mrs Trask

Today is Mrs Trask's last day with us in school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in the future and her new adventures. She will be missed and has made a huge impact on the school during her time with us. I do hope she will stay in touch.

Water Bottles in School

As always, we encourage all our pupils to attend school with a water bottle in order for them to remain hydrated throughout the day. Their water bottle can be refilled throughout the day, this will sometimes be done by the staff, to keep the children safe in this current climate. The bottle should be come to school in the morning filled with plain water, which is the practice in all primary settings, not with cordial or flavoured water. If your child has a medical condition related to this and this needs to be discussed further then please come to see Mrs Wilson at the main reception to complete a medical form. Thank you for your understanding. Further information about the values of drinking fresh water and the impact on learning is now available on our website

COSHH risk assessment

As part of our risk assessments within school we need to monitor the use of chemical and cleaning substances. This is all done as part of our health and safety work. Although the children are enjoying their personalised sanitiser bottles, we need to ask that these remain at home, for home use only. This is to ensure that children do not get harmed by the contents when not being supervised by an adult and due to the fact that we cannot monitor the product inside them. All of our classrooms and work areas are stocked with soaps and sanitisers. I hope you will support us with this.

Google Classroom

As you are no doubt aware, tighter COVID restrictions are currently in place across the country. In case we need to close down a bubble in school due to COVID, we are working with St Mary's Academy Trust to launch an excellent interactive platform called Google Classroom. This can be accessed via the internet on laptops, iPads, phones, PlayStations and games consoles using an app.

Please can you inform the school office if you would **NOT** be able to access this platform for future learning if needed.

Class of the Week

As one of our new incentives this year we have a Class of the Week award. This is presented on a Friday to the class in school who have had the most positive comments made about them. These are comments from all the staff including dinner staff and office staff. The class that have made the biggest impact in school that week will be awarded with a trophy to keep for the week and a bag of treats for them to enjoy individually.

Our Class of the Week is **Nursery! Well done to you all.**



Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of T. K. Gulliver

Mrs T Gulliver,
Headteacher.