



Newsletter 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had lots of exciting learning taking place. Our Year 4 children enjoyed their first swimming session at Hoyland and behaved brilliantly! and our Year 5 children had a great French session meeting with children from our partner school in Leon! They got to meet each other virtually and looked at the differences between the school in France and here at The Mill Academy. It has also been great to see our children enjoying a range of after school clubs again this week.

Thank you.

Earlier this week, Mrs Maguire posted out information regarding the need to develop our school resources to support our children's curriculum learning. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who have already purchased a school Atlas on our Amazon wish list. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and this will really help with our Geography lessons across school.

School Day

Please can I remind parents and carers the timings of the school day. Gates will still be open at 8:45 to allow a staggered start, and children must be in ready for register at 8:55.

School finishes at 3:25 for FS2 and KS1 and 3:30 for KS2.

Please can we remember to keep with the one-way system that is in place. No adults should be walking around the back of the building to get onto Key stage 2. This is a safety issue and we need to ensure that the correct gates are being used when dropping off and collecting.

Traffic on Lobwood

A number of residents have raised concerns this week regarding the volume of traffic on Lobwood. If you do arrive early, please can you ensure your vehicle engines are switched off whilst sat in your vehicle, as this will limit the amount of pollution from car fumes. Can we all work together to ensure we are driving and parking with respect for others and to avoid any accidents. The safety of our children is paramount. If you live close enough to walk or bike to school that would really help with our 'Healthy Schools' initiative. Thank you for your support with this.

PE days

Please note that pupils are forbidden to wear any form of jewellery for P.E and staff **cannot** remove them. This is to keep your child/children safe. If your child/children have ear piercings, please ensure that they can remove these themselves on PE days or even better, come to school without their earrings on PE days.

Attendance.

It is so important for our children to be in school on time and learning every day. Our target is to achieve 97% attendance each week. Well done to Year 6 who won the weekly attendance this week! I wonder which class will be top of the attendance leader board next week?

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| nursery am | 90.7 |
| nursery pm | 87.3 |
| reception | 93.1 |
| 1 | 91.3 |
| 2 | 93.2 |
| 3 | 94.2 |
| 4 | 93.5 |
| 5 | 96.4 |
| 6 | 98.8 |
| Average | 93 |

MacMillan Coffee Morning

This week you child/children will have come out with a leaflet about our MacMillan coffee morning taking place on 24th September 9-11. We are really looking forward to raising as much as we can for a great charity and would love to see you there for a cuppa and a cake. Thank you to our amazing PTA for all your hard work organising this event.

Mrs Chambers

Headteacher.