



## **Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week across school there has been some wonderful learning taking place. I have seen a number of children in my office this week to share their amazing work! There has been some super writers, mathematicians, scientists and artists (just to name a few!) Also, children have given their absolute best for their practise tests in Years 2 and 6 this week and there has been some amazing phonics in FS2 and Year 1. A big well done to all! We are very proud of how they have done.

### **Breakfast and After school clubs.**

A reminder please that payment for breakfast club and after school clubs must be made in order for children to attend this wrap around provision and secure their places. We currently have a reserve waiting list (as we are still operating on reduced numbers for our clubs) Places will be offered to other children if payment is not received.

A list of all the clubs in Spring 1 will follow very soon.

### **Communication between home and school.**

As of today, the Mill Academy Facebook group will no longer be used as a method of communication between home and school. This social media platform was not being used as an effective method of communication and therefore the decision has been made to remove this.

Instead, communication will take place through our weekly newsletter, class pages on the school website to share children's learning, key information under Parent Zone (where there is a termly calendar of events so you have information in advance) and also the school Twitter pages.

If you do have any questions or would like to discuss anything, class teachers and the school office, as always, are your main points of contact. Staff will always arrange a convenient time to discuss/meet with you. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Year 6 London Trip.**

Our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful trip this week to London. Staff all commented on their impeccable behaviour and the comments made by the children say it all! They really had a day to add to their memory bank of their final year at Primary school. Please can I also thank all of the staff who went on the trip, the long day was certainly worth it.

### **Christmas Fair and concerts.**

This week we have received an update from Public Health regarding the increase in cases across many of the primary schools across Barnsley and around gatherings of large groups of people in doors which could increase transmission rates. Many schools have cancelled Christmas events due to this. However, as our risk assessments are working so effectively and thankfully our positive cases across school are extremely low, the decision has been made for our concerts to safely go ahead. Concerts and nativities are being performed in the

appropriate bubbles (EYFS, KS1 and KS2) have been risk assessed in line with Covid procedures. There is a cap on our capacity in the school halls (which also adheres to health and safety regulations) The children in all classes have been working so hard during rehearsals – you are in for a treat! Tickets are now available from the main office.

Unfortunately, this year we have made the decision to not have a whole school Christmas Fair. This decision has been made in line with our Covid risk assessment to reduce the chances of anyone falling ill so close to the Christmas break. Instead, each class will be making something for their own families to purchase and raffles and refreshments will be on offer at the concerts too.

### **Santa treat**

On the afternoon of 2<sup>nd</sup> December, all children in FS2, KS1 and 2 will have a special treat from Santa. Morning nursery will have their Santa visit on the morning on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A big thank you to our PTA for organising this and your continued support.

### **Parent governor Vacancy.**

We still have one space available if you would like to join our governing body. Please see Mrs Wilson in the office for further details.

### **Attendance**

Am Nursery	80.4%
Pm Nursery	84.8%
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	90.7%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	91.0%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	96.9%

Kind regards,

Mrs Chambers

Headteacher.