



Newsletter 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have now completed their first full week in school and I have had several opportunities to join them in class and observe their working attitudes and enthusiasm. They have come back to school very settled and both the staff and the children are demonstrating very high expectations. Well done to everyone.

I also would like to say a big thank you to our staff, who are working incredibly hard behind the scenes developing and implementing a new core curriculum to raise outcomes in all year groups, in Reading, English and Maths.

Learners of the week:

Reception – Ada

Year 1 – Jason

Year 2 – Halle

Year 3 – Leo LLW

Year 4 – Everyone!

Year 5 – Reuben

Year 6 – Everyone!

Well done!

Home Learning

At The Mill Academy we believe homework consolidates and reinforces skills and understanding in numeracy, literacy and other curriculum areas, helps raise the level of achievement of individual pupils, provides opportunities for parents and children to work together and, thereby, fostering an effective partnership between home and school.

In Foundation stage children have reading books, key words to read and spell and links to explore number and phonics through their theme work.

In Years 1 to 6 children have

- Regular home reading – 4x per week. Use of Boom reader to log children's reading at home.
- Phonics homework in EYFS and KS1 (and for some pupils who still need this in Key Stage 2)
- Weekly spellings to learn and spelling test in Years 1 – Year 6
- Times table tasks
- An extended homework grid. These activities will be presented at the beginning of the half term and children can choose the order in which they complete them.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Come along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September in the Key Stage 2 Hall at 9am! We always have a fabulous turn out and very kind donations for this charity event so please come along and enjoy this with us. If you are going to be busy baking can we ask that all donations are brought to KS2 reception either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning please. Any cakes or buns left over will be sold in the hall at the end of the school day.

Punctuality

Can we please remind all parents and carers to be punctual with their children at the start of the day. The official start time of the compulsory day is at 8.55am and pupils are actively learning by 9.00am, any children with missed learning time need to catch up during the school day. The children will receive extra house points as a reward for coming to school on time.

Attendance

This year improving attendance is a huge focus of ours in school and it is an area on our school development plan. I hope you support us in achieving the national attendance target of 97% each week and ensuring your child/children are in school daily and on time. Every day is a learning day.

Class	Weekly attendance
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	99.1%
School average this week	96.5%

Well done to Year 6 for the highest attendance across school!

Behaviour

At the beginning of the year, the teachers and I spoke about our high expectations of behaviour in school this academic year. The responsibilities of the children are to; treat others with respect, co-operate with other children and staff, co-operate with and follow the instructions of all adults in school, work to the best of their abilities and allow others to do the same, respect and care for property and our environment, both in and out of school. At times, children may be given sanctions for their inappropriate behaviour. If you need any clarification on sanctions, please visit our website and read the Behaviour Policy and Home School Agreement Policy – where we expect parents and carers to support the school's rules and expectations of behaviour, in school and on-line.

On behalf of all the staff at The Mill, we hope you have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

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