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Dear Mum, Dad / Carer

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who came to parent consultations. As always, it was lovely to see so many parents in school to discuss their children, progress and targets. If you were unable to attend your appointment for any reason, please see your child's class teacher for an alternative appointment after school.

Medication Reminder

A doctor must have prescribed any medication that is brought into school. Antibiotics can only be given if they are prescribed to be taken four times a day. Medication must be in the original containers stating the doctor's prescribed dose. This includes inhalers, medicines, creams and drops. Before any medication is administered at school, you will need to complete a medication form from the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week is in November so we are planning lots of activities which teach children how to deal with unkind and bullying situations. We are a telling school and always encourage children to tell an adult if they are aware of any kind of bullying. This is then dealt with quickly and robustly to stamp it out immediately.

Safety

You are invited to a parents' internet safety awareness meeting on Monday 6th November at 9:10am. Dave Dixon will give lots of practical advice about how you can keep your child safe on the internet and when playing computer games. Our Police School Liaison Officer, Eric Barrett works in school delivering special assemblies teaching children how to keep themselves and others safe. He will continue to work in school and also listen to children read. Northern Gas Works have also held an assembly to teach our children how to keep themselves safe around road works. In the interests of health and safety, bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school premises and the windmill area is out of bounds before and after school. As Bonfire Night approaches, please remind children about the dangers of fireworks.

Funding

If you are in receipt of any benefits, school may be entitled to apply for extra Pupil Premium funding for your child. If you haven't already done so, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can apply.

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Coffee Morning

Thank you for your generous support last month at our Macmillan coffee morning. We raised an amazing £160.50 for this wonderful charity.

Attendance

Attendance continues to improve across school. It is the expectation that every child has 100% attendance. Please only keep your child at home if they need to see a doctor and not for any other reason and continue to ring on the first day of absence to give the reason for your child's absence. Some families are being supported by school to improve their child's attendance. Unfortunately, we are unable to authorise holiday requests. This half term class attendance is:

Class	Attendance
Morning Nursery	90.0%
Afternoon Nursery	95.3%
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	99.3%
Year 6	97.7%
Class 7	94.7%
Class 8	98.6%
Total	96.2%

Sporting Success

Y3 have enjoyed learning to swim this half term and have really gained confidence and earned lots of certificates as a result. Nursery have loved their Yoga Bugs lessons which have really helped to develop their balance and coordination. Y5 and Y6 played in a Tag Rugby tournament with enthusiasm and although they didn't win on this occasion, they were praised for their good sporting attitude and were very proud of themselves. Y6 enjoyed an evening cheering on England U21s against Scotland at Riverside Stadium. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the 3-1 win.

Extending the Curriculum

39 pupils from year 3 to Year 6 sang in a Guisborough choir festival this week. The children behaved and sang beautifully and made their school proud of their performance. Our Glee Club are to be commended for their outstanding effort. Y5, Class 8 and Y6 attended Mr Nixon's music workshops at Inspire 2 Learn. They learned to read and write music and used the Garage Band app on iPads to compose their own music.

Trips

If any of our KS2 children would like to attend one of the residential planned for the summer term then please return the form and deposit by Monday 30th October 2017. The balance for our family trip to Beamish also needs to be paid by Monday 30th October 2017, please.

Holidays

School will close for the half term holiday on Friday 20th October and will reopen on **Tuesday** 31st October. We will be closed on Monday 30th October for a Professional Development day.

Website

More information can be found on our school website at www.millane.org.uk.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Skillcorn
Head Teacher

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