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**WELLINGTON STREET, STOCKTON ON TEES**

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**Head Teacher: Mrs S Skillcorn**

23rd October 2018

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**

We are only allowed to administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. Antibiotics can only be given if they have been 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.

**CCTV**

We now have 14 CCTV cameras installed around the school grounds to keep our children safe.

**Coffee Morning**

Thank you for your generous support last month at our Macmillan coffee morning. We raised an amazing £184.93 for this wonderful charity. Thank you to everyone who came and to those who baked cakes.

**School of Santuary**

We were delighted to welcome The Mayor, Eileen Johnson, into school to present our School of Sanctuary award last month.

**Computer Games**

Some of our children have told staff that at home they play a very graphic game called ‘Violent Grandpa’ on their devices. We have stopped some children acting it out on the playground. Please ensure that your child only accesses age appropriate games.

**Disneyland, Paris**

We are giving Y5 and Y6 the fabulous opportunity to go on a residential to Disneyland, Paris in July and hope to make this an annual event so that all children will eventually get the opportunity to go. School will be fundraising throughout the year for this. If you or any of your friends and family are taking part in any events such as 5k runs or half marathons etc then please would you consider raising sponsorship funds for Mill Lane?

**PTO**

**Attendance**

Attendance continues to improve across school and for the first time we are pleased to say that we have matched the national average of 96%. This must be maintained. 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 any holiday requests and parents will be fined by the local authority for keeping children off school. This half term class attendance is:

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| Class | Attendance |
| Morning Nursery | 100.0% |
| Afternoon Nursery | 93.7% |
| Reception | 94.4% |
| Year 1 | 97.2% |
| Year 2 | 97.0% |
| Year 3 | 97.5% |
| Year 4 | 95.8% |
| Year 5 | 95.6% |
| Year 6 | 97.7% |
| Total | 96.5% |

**Sporting Success**

A group of older children went to Durham University to train to be sports leaders. They now coach other children with individual challenges and team games and they organise intra school tournaments. Our Cross Country Team entered the Cluster 1.5km Cross Country at Allen's West and qualified for the Stockton Cross Country finals. Some of our Y3s and Y4s took part in a chess tournament against Ings Farm Primary School, Redcar. Our Y6 Rugby Team took part in a Tag Rugby Cluster Tournament, winning all 4 of their matches and qualifying for the Stockton Tournament at Billingham Rugby Club.

**Extending the Curriculum**

Y4 enjoyed a visit to Segedunum Roman Fort in Newcastle. Y1 had a wonderful day hunting for dinosaurs and digging for fossils at Kirkleatham Musum. Y6 visited The Mayor at the Town Hall. Y3 learned a great deal at Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum. Y2 learned a great deal about castles from their visit to Raby Castle. Y6 visited Eden Camp as part of their World War 2 topic. Reception, Class 7 and Class 8 enjoyed a visit from Cleveland Police and learned a great deal about the role of the police.

We have had various other clubs and activities throughout the half term. Movie night and the school fancy dress party were great successes. We dressed loud and proud last week to raise awareness of developmental language disorder and the NSPCC delivered a Speak Out – Stay Safe assembly in school. Weekly clubs have included, netball, tag rugby, basketball, athletics, ball skills, ICT and gardening and we have enjoyed Wake Up, Shake Up every lunchtime.

**Holidays**

School will close for the half term holiday on Friday 26th October and will reopen on Monday 5th November.

**Website**

Further school information can be found on our school website at [www.milllane.org.uk](http://www.milllane.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn

Head Teacher