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**WELLINGTON STREET, STOCKTON ON TEES**

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**Head Teacher: Mrs S Skillcorn**

27th November 2018

Dear Mums, Dads / Carers

**Road Safety**

Please make sure that younger children are closely supervised on their way to and from school. Sometimes children run ahead and the roads around school are extremely busy.

**Lates**

School opens at **8:45am** every morning**.** It is your parental responsibility to ensure your child is in school before 9am every day. If they are late you must accompany them into school and complete a form at the front office stating the reason for lateness. If this persists a meeting will be arranged with you, the Head Teacher, Parent Support Adviser and a representative from the Local Authority. We have very few children arriving late for school but you can appreciate that this can cause children to become anxious and lessons disrupted when they join them late.

**Attendance**

Attendance continues to improve across school. The expectation is for every child to have 100% attendance and our children enjoy a variety of rewards for good attendance. You should ONLY keep your child off school if your doctor has advised it. They are better off in school learning, even if they are not feeling 100%. If they need to see a doctor then please bring them to school for their mark and return them to school afterwards, unless of course your doctor specifically says that they are too unwell to attend. If you are unsure, please bring them to school and we will call you if necessary.

**Parental and Community Links**

We run an ESOL course (English for Speakers of Other Languages) every Thursday afternoon. You are very welcome to come along and join us. Please see Mrs Cole if you would like further details. Thank you to everyone who attended or donated cakes to our lovely coffee morning this morning. We also sold £1 books and made a total of £30 for school trips. Mr Abbott has been researching the history of Mill Lane Primary School and has put his findings on the school website, [www.milllane.org.uk](http://www.milllane.org.uk) Please take a look, it is fascinating. If you can add any information or photographs then please speak to Mr Abbott. Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. Our children enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform and were surprised to see the teachers dressed for Children in Need or in school uniforms for a change! We raised an amazing £132.04 for this wonderful charity.

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**Extending the Curriculum**

Mill Lane was thrilled to be awarded the Music Mark: ‘Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.' (Music Mark) The children of Mill Lane commemorated 100 years since the end of the First World War and worked together to produce an amazing memorial in the school entrance. Y6 attended the Stockton Garden of Remembrance on behalf of the entire school to pay their respects. Members of the public commented on their excellent behaviour, manners and politeness. We celebrated RADLD day, which is Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder. Glee Club took part in the Choir Festival at St Nicholas' Church in Guisborough. We celebrated Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks. The children learned the difference between bullying and unkind behaviour and what to do if they see or experience any kind of bullying. KS1 and KS2 enjoyed free visits to the cinema this month. Year 6 took part in the Road Safety Quiz with Stockton Road Safety Team. We look forward to seeing if they make it through to the final round in December. Dr Brennan started a Y4 Lego club.

**Sporting Success**

Reception enjoyed the EYFS Sports Festival this month and Year 3 & 4 took part in an athletics tournament at the University of Durham, Teesside Campus. They had a fantastic day, other schools commented on their wonderful behaviour and our excellent sporting attitude.

**£1 Book Shop**

Our amazing £1 Book Shop will be open on Friday 30th November. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase a book, please send in £1 on Friday morning.

**Christmas Fayre**

Any donations for tombola or raffle prizes would be welcome.

**Dates for your Diary**

*Friday 7th December* As a Christmas treat we have a theatre company booked to come

into school in the morning to perform the pantomime, Cinderella for our children. Oh yes, we have!

*Wednesday 12th December* KS1 Christmas performance. 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

*Thursday 13th December*  Christmas Fair 3:15pm. Everyone is very welcome.

*Tuesday 18th December* Christmas dinner. All children are included so if your child

normally brings a packed lunch they are invited to have a Christmas dinner too. Please let the office know by Friday 8th December if your child would like one instead of a packed lunch. The cost is £2.05.

*Wednesday 19th December* Nursery and Reception Nativity. 9:30am and 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

*Thursday 20th December* KS2 Christmas Performance. 9:30am and 1:30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

*Friday 21st December*  Santa is visiting school in the morning

*Friday 21st December* Carols Around the Tree at 1:15pm for KS1 and 2:15pm for KS2. Everyone is welcome and you will be able to take your children home after their performance.

*Friday 21st December* We break up for the school holidays

*Monday 7th January 2019* Children return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn

Head Teacher