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Dear Mum, Dad / Carers

Welcome Back

All of our children and staff have returned after a lovely summer holiday and they have settled very well.

New Staff

We welcome three new members of staff to Team Mill Lane. Mrs Twidle is teaching in Y6 and is our new KS2 lead, Miss Spence is teaching in Reception and Mrs Taylor is teaching in Y1.

Coffee Morning

We are holding our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 29th September 2017 in aid of the Macmillan Trust at 9:15am. You are very welcome to join us for coffee/tea, a biscuit and a chat. Our school nurse, Claire Cagill, will be popping in too, so if you have any queries or want some advice please have a chat with her. Please come through the main entrance after dropping your child off at school.

Parent Consultations

Mums, dads and carers will be invited to consultation meetings which will be held on the evenings of 3rd and 5th October. This will give you the opportunity to discuss progress, learning targets and any other issues. Letters will be sent nearer the time.

Nuts

We have a little girl in school who has a severe allergy to nuts. Please do not send in nuts of any kind and please check packaging for nut content.

Attendance

Attendance continues to improve across school. As a reward at the end of the school year, we took all of our children with 100% attendance and no lates to Hollywood Bowl for a game and a meal. We reward children on a termly basis too. If your child achieves 100% attendance with no lates for a full term they will enjoy a lovely treat too. Middlesbrough Football Club are supporting Mill Lane with attendance this year, so please continue to make sure that holidays are **not** taken during term time, that children are only kept off school if they need to see a doctor and children arrive at school at least 5 minutes before school starts. Children still need to come, even if they are late, but could be marked with an unauthorised absence.

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Paperwork

Please return signed paperwork to school as soon as possible. It is important that details such as phone numbers are kept up to date. Please remember to let us know if you change your phone.

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the summer fair. We raised an incredible £1,226 which will be spent on a pantomime for the children and subsidising transport for educational visits.

PD Days

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

Sporting Success

After a closely played game, teachers won the annual rounders match against the children 22 to 18. Teachers managed to uphold their reputation and just managed to win the netball match too. Sports Day was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported us, especially those who took part. We provide PE kits to all of our children but please make sure that your child keeps PE shoes in school (either plimsolls or trainers) so that they can take part in all of our sporting activities.

Extending the Curriculum and Rewarding Hard Work

Staff and parents were so proud as children graduated from Nursery in July. They looked so cute in the caps and gowns! Y6 enjoyed a well-deserved post-SATs treat to Hollywood Bowl. Over 100 Mill Laners had a great family day in Saltburn. We have had an amazing start to the school year and learning has been fun and exciting. As part of their topics Reception enjoyed fantastic sports activities and a picnic in Ropner Park, Y1 had an amazing time at the Hancock Museum learning about fossils and dinosaurs, Y3 learned lots when they visited the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum and Y2 learned about castles during their visit to Raby Castle.

Playground

PLEASE take your Freddo wrappers home and put them in a bin. Mr Hamer had to pick up 26 last Friday! It would be a shame if children lost this reward because of litter. Mobile phones are not to be used on school premises. Please make sure you are here on time to collect your child from school. Nursery collection is 11:25am – 11:40am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm, Reception is 3:05pm, Y1 & Y2 is 3:10am and everyone else is 3:15pm.

Family Fun Day to Beamish

Following our successful family trips to Flamingo Land and Saltburn, our next family outing takes place on Saturday 4th November to Beamish. If you and your family would like to come along then please return the form or pop into the office on Monday. The price is only £18 for adults and £5 for children including the coach. Payments can be made weekly.

Family Learning

You are very welcome to join us every Tuesday 9.15am – 11am for our family fun course called "Talk Together" to help to support your children with reading. Why not pop in this Tuesday for more information.

Website

Our school website can be found at www.milllane.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn

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