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Dear Mum, Dad / Carer

A message from School Governors

Governors were delighted to hear that so many families and children have been able to take part in the recent out of school opportunities to visit Flamingo Land, Saltburn and Beamish. They look forward to seeing you at the end of term events. Do stop them for a chat. They always wear our Governor photo ID and lanyard.

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.

Gates

Doors are locked promptly at 9am and gates locked straight afterwards when parents have left the yard. This is for security reasons to keep children safe and to ensure that there is no lost learning time. If you arrive after 9am then your child is late and you must go to the main office and sign in with the reason for their lateness as registers will have closed in class. We have very few children arriving late for school but you can appreciate that this can cause children to become anxious and lessons are disrupted when they join them.

Collecting Children

Our children are usually collected on time by a parent or nominated responsible adult. Occasionally, for various reasons, you may arrive late. Please contact school to let us know that you have been held up. If a child is not collected on time, and we are unable to contact a parent, the advice to school is that we contact Social Services.

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. Children 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, then please bring them to school and we will call you if necessary. The Middlesbrough Football Club mascot, Roary, came to school this month as we are working with Middlesbrough Football Club to help boost attendance and punctuality even further.

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Sporting Success

Governors and Staff at Mill Lane Primary School are committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our care

Well done to our footballers who, despite working very hard, did not proceed to the finals in a recent tournament. However, they won Bowesfield 4-0 in a friendly.

Extending the Curriculum

We had a wonderful end of term party last month with lots of fabulous costumes. Our choir sang in the Guisborough Choir Festival and were commended for their outstanding effort. Reception children enjoyed a lovely, 'What happens when I fall asleep,' afternoon in pyjamas with their teddies. Y5 had a very informative trip to The Oriental Museum in Durham as part of their Egyptian topic. Y3 took part in a Stone Age pottery workshop with Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum staff as part of their topic Tribal Tales. The children's author, Joseph Coelho, visited Year 1, Year 2 and Class 7 to deliver a writing workshop. Everyone wore odd socks to launch anti-bullying week to remember that we are all different and all equal. As part of the Into Film Festival, our children enjoyed a trip to the cinema last week.

Parent and Communities Links

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our 'Keeping Children Safe Online' presentation by Dave Dixon. Over 50 children and families enjoyed a great day out at Beamish Open Air Museum. Parents and carers of Reception pupils joined in with reading, hot chocolate and biscuits as part of our bedtime reading celebration.

Children in Need

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 £215.87 for this wonderful charity.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Enterprise Fair 3:15pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Tuesday 12th December

Nursery and Reception Sing-a-long. 10am and 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 13th December

KS1 Christmas performance. 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 14th December

As a Christmas treat we have a theatre company booked to come into school in the morning to perform the pantomime Aladdin for our children. Oh yes, we have!

Monday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Performance. 1:30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Thursday 21st 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.

Friday 22nd December

Santa is visiting school in the morning and we have 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 22nd December

We break up for the school holidays

Tuesday 9th January 2017

Children return to school. (Monday 8th is a PD day for staff)

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn
Head Teacher