



**WELLINGTON STREET, STOCKTON ON TEES**

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24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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.

### **Residentials**

This year we are giving Y5 and Y6 the fabulous opportunity to go to Caythorpe Park on an outward bounds residential. We will also be offering our Y3 and Y4s the wonderful opportunity to go to Robin Hood's Bay. School will be fundraising throughout the year for this. No child from this school will miss out on any key educational trips or opportunities because of money. If you are unable to pay by the deadline, please speak to Mrs Skillcorn. If you or any of your friends and family are taking part in any sponsored events such as 5k runs or half marathons then please would you consider raising funds for Mill Lane?

### **Extending the Curriculum**

I was so proud of the school choir who performed wonderfully at Guisborough Choir Festival on Wednesday. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when they sang, it was so beautiful. As part of their topic 'Mexico', Y6 visited the Chocolate Story in York (as chocolate was invented in Mexico!) KS2 had a UK Parliamentary Assembly and Y5 met our local MP, Alex Cunningham, and asked him lots of questions. They then held a debate but were much better behaved than our MPs in Parliament! Y3 enjoyed a great day at Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum. They created cave art, looked at Stone Age animals' teeth and bones, acted out a story and even hunted a mouflon! ENGIE came into school to do a special assembly on the dangers on and around construction sites and Y6 were visited by Cleveland Fire Brigade who taught about fire safety. The school end of term party was a great success. Y6 enjoyed their swimming lessons. Children and parents cheered England Ladies on in their international match at The Riverside Stadium and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At Mill Lane, we always like to take our learning to new dimensions, to push technological boundaries and explore new way of doing things. Children from Y2 - Y6 have been exploring virtual reality and Y6 have been using Blippit to produce their own smartphone apps. At Mill Lane, we are creating the digital leaders of the future! We offer various clubs and activities throughout the year, including netball, tag rugby, basketball, athletics, choir 'Glee Club', ball skills, computing, gardening club, Change for Life, Samba, Art and Craft, sporting festivals, educational visits, residentials, family trips and various performing arts opportunities. Their sportsmanship and behaviour have often been recognised and praised by organisers and members of the public.

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### **Aldi Vouchers**

We only need just over a 100 more to be eligible for free PE equipment and to be in with a chance to win £20,000. If you spend over £30 in any Aldi store, please will you ask for a voucher at the till. They

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don't offer them or ask you if you want one. We would be extremely grateful if you could collect these for us. Thank you.

### **Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who ate, baked, took part in the tombola and contributed to this year's Macmillan coffee morning. We raised an amazing £197.67 for this vital charity.

### **Computer Games and Apps**

Please ensure that your child only accesses age appropriate games and Apps and limit their screen time if necessary.

### **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 to give the reason for your child's absence. Some families are being supported to improve their child's attendance by school, the school nurse and the local authority Attendance Team. 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:

Class	Attendance
Morning Nursery	100.0%
Afternoon Nursery	91.4%
Reception	96.9%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	96.4%
Total	96.8%

### **Medication Reminder**

In school, we are only allowed to administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. 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.

### **Secondary School**

Time is running out for Y6 children to apply for their secondary school place. They are not automatically given one without applying. Please apply using this link:

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/.../time-is-running-out-deadline.../>

### **Holidays**

School will close for the half term holiday on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This half term, Stockton Baptist Church are holding a Space Academy Holiday Club. It is free to attend with free lunch provided and is open to all of our pupils from Y1-Y6.

### **Thank You**

We asked Teesside Family Foundation for help to tidy up the sanctuary garden area for the winter so that we could start planting for the spring. Up stepped Thomas Jones and hey presto it was done in a morning for free. A huge thank you to Tom.

### **Website**

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

### **Free Friday**

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Mrs Cole will be giving out free fruit on the KS1 gate and free cereal on both gates at the end of school today.

**Support**

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; wheelchair access; explaining issues over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender or involvement of an interpreter.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Skillcorn  
Head Teacher