



WELLINGTON STREET, STOCKTON ON TEES

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27th November 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Children in Need

This year, children dressed in non-uniform and teachers dressed in uniform and we raised £111.50 for Children in Need. Thank you for your kind contributions.

Vouchers

Thank you for sending in your Aldi vouchers. We collected enough to earn a free team sports kit and have now been entered into a draw to win £20,000. We are now collecting vouchers from The Sun newspaper for free books for our library and would be very grateful if you could collect them for us from family and friends.

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

The expectation is for every child to have 100% attendance and our children enjoy a variety of rewards for good attendance. Unfortunately, this term one of our parents was fined £380 for her child's none attendance and another parent was fined £265 in court and given a 12-month Conditional Discharge and a 12-month Community Order. You should **ONLY** keep your child off school if your doctor has advised it. If they need to see a doctor then please bring them to school for their mark and return them to school after their appointment, unless of course your doctor specifically says that they are too unwell to attend. Holidays can be booked during the 13 weeks of the year when the school is closed for school holidays.

Parental and Community Links

We have lots of information for you on our website, www.milllane.org.uk, including the history of Mill Lane Primary School. Please take a look, it is fascinating. If you can add any information or photographs then please speak to Mr Abbott. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter where we regularly post lots of interesting pieces of information to keep everyone up to date. Just like our page for updates.

New Starters

Don't forget to put your child's name down for nursery so that we can contact you at the right time to offer a nursery place.

PTO

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Thank you

A huge thank you to Tomas Jones, from the Teesside Family Foundation, who worked tirelessly to prepare our sanctuary garden for winter so that planting can start in the spring and to the foundation for donating some much needed playtime equipment for our children.

Extending the Curriculum

At Mill Lane, we are creating the digital leaders of the future as Year 6 learned how to use Blippit to produce their own smartphone apps. Year 6 and Year 4 were visited by Angela from Cleveland Fire Brigade who taught them about fire safety. Our autumn party was a great success and lots of children (and teachers) enjoyed themselves. Glee Club took part in a Choir Festival in Guisborough. Year 4 had the opportunity to meet the author, Andy Stanton at Teesside High. KS1 and KS2 went to the cinema as part of The Into Film Festival. Year 6 attended the Remembrance Service in Stockton where they laid crosses and wreathes to show their respect to the people who have suffered in conflicts around the world. Children and staff took part in Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week and we saw lots of crazy combinations to emphasize the message that everyone is different and everyone is equal. Year 5 visited Stockton Library and met author Jo Cotterill.

Sporting Success

Year 4 attended the Tri golf tournament at Durham University. Year 3 and 4 pupils also took part in an indoor athletics festival at Durham University. Some pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 were chosen to represent Mill Lane and take part in a variety of indoor athletic activities. Year 3 enjoyed a yoga taster session.

£1 Book Shop

The £1 Book Shop will take place on Monday 16th December.

Christmas Fair

Any donations for the raffle, tombola or bottle tombola would be very welcome and can be bought into school for the Christmas Fair.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 27th November Flu immunizations for all classes

Friday 6th December

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

Wednesday 11th December KS1 Christmas performance. 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Fair 3:30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Wednesday 18th December

Nursery and Reception Performance. 9:30am and 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 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 6th December if your child would like one instead of a packed lunch. The cost is £2.05 for KS2 children.

Thursday 19th December

KS2 Christmas Performance. 9:30am and 1:30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Friday 20th December

Santa is visiting school in the morning – shhhh, its surprise!

Friday 20th December

Carols Around the Tree at 1:00pm for EY & KS1 and 1:45pm for KS2.

Everyone is welcome and you will be able to take your children home after their performance.

Friday 20th December

We break up for the school holidays

Monday 6th January 2020 School is closed for a PD Day

Tuesday 7th January

Children return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn
Head Teacher

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