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Dear Mum, Dad / Carers

Welcome Back

All of our children and staff have returned after a lovely summer holiday. Children have settled very well to the start of an exciting year and are already working hard.

New Staff

We welcome one new member of staff to Team Mill Lane. Mrs Milburn is our new office manager in the school office.

Breakfast Club

Mill Lane continues to offer a FREE breakfast to EVERY child in school. Doors open at 8:45am and children have a choice of healthy cereal and warm bagels. Unfortunately, breakfast will NOT be available to children arriving after 8:55am as we will be clearing away ready to start lessons at 9am. We also continue to offer parents a FREE warm bagel on the KS1 gate.

Parent Consultations

Mums, dads and carers are invited to parent consultation meetings, which are being held on the evenings of 1st and 3rd October. This will give you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their classrooms and discuss progress, learning targets and any other issues.

Nuts

We have a child 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.

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the summer fair. The money raised will be spent subsidising transport for educational visits and residentials to make them more affordable to parents. In the past, we have taken KS2 children on residentials to Scotland, Robin Hood's Bay, Caythorpe Court Activity Centre, London and Disneyland, Paris!

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.

Holiday Club

Thank you to everyone who attended the FREE summer holiday club. Fun was had by all.

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

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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. 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. Doors open at 8:45am. Children still need to come, even if they are feeling under the weather or late. Children continue to receive a Friday Freddo Frog for a week of full attendance with no lates.

Enhancing the Curriculum

Mill Lane offers a range of FREE extra-curricular activities, which unlike other schools, we do not charge for. The Y6 leavers assembly was very well attended and a lovely way to see our Y6 children move on in their education. We wish them all well. Nursery enjoyed their graduation ceremony. Y5 enjoyed a fantastic day at the Great North Museum in Newcastle as part of their Egyptians work. Y6 attended Crucial Crew where they learned all about keeping themselves safe. Y4 had an interesting day in York learning all about Vikings and Y6 had an exciting day at York Chocolate Story as part of their topic Hola Mexico.

Coffee Morning

We held a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September 2019 in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support. Parents joined us for coffee/tea, a biscuit and a chat. Money was raised for this wonderful cause. Thank you.

Uniform

Children have returned to school looking extremely smart in their school uniforms. Please make sure that children wear black school shoes and not trainers. Unlike other schools, Mill Lane children receive a FREE sweatshirt, book bag, PE shorts, PE T-shirt and a free water bottle. Parents need only to supply black plimsolls or trainers for PE. If you shop in Aldi, please save the 'Kit for Schools' vouchers for Mill Lane as we can claim free sports kit and a change to win £20,000.

More Awards

I am very pleased to announce that Mill Lane has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) for our high quality Science Education, The Music Mark in recognition of a commitment to providing high quality music education for all children and young people and The School Games Gold Award for the high quality PE education and our commitment to PE and school sport.

School Information

We endeavour to keep parents up to date with school life. Please see the attached sheet for holiday dates. Information can be found on our school website, www.milllane.org.uk and updates are posted on Twitter and Facebook. Please 'like' our page for updates.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher