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Head Teacher: Mrs S Skillcorn

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Dear Mum, Dad / Carer

Coronavirus

School continues to strictly follow regularly updated advice from Public Health England and will keep parents up to date with anything relating directly to Mill Lane Primary School through letter, text and our Facebook page.

Please be aware of hygiene expectations and discuss these with your children.

- All children to wash their hands before coming to school, before going home and when they get home.
- Teach children thorough hand washing techniques
- Children to wash hands or use hand sanitiser before snack and before eating dinner
- Inform school of any close family member who has been in an area known to be of high risk (whether that be abroad or a specific building etc.)
- Inform school of any close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed
- Inform school of any travel arrangements to high-risk areas including those of any close friends or family (abroad or here in the UK)
- Contact school if you require support

Website

Please check out the language option on our school website. You can choose to read the website in the language of your choice. Simply click on the box that says 'select language' on the top right hand side of the home page and scroll to your choice. This can be found at www.milllane.org.uk

World Book Day

Mill Lane had a great day celebrating World Book Day. The children (and staff) were inspired by dressing up and the work that the children produced was amazing! They enjoyed their learning experiences at/from Drake The Book Shop and I hope that they all enjoyed the book they chose with their free £1 book token.

Reminders

Smoking, vaping and mobile phone use is not permitted on school grounds.

Please check for head lice every 5 days and treat immediately.

Abusive behaviour and language, including swearing, will **NOT** be tolerated in or around the school.

PTO

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

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Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to see children’s work and to chat to their teacher about the progress they are making. You must be as proud of them as we are. If you were unable to attend your appointment for any reason, please speak to your child’s teacher for another appointment.

The Importance of Reading

As you know, reading is the key to learning and we place great emphasis on reading at Mill Lane as it helps with spelling, grammar, punctuation and English when writing too. Children whose parents listen to them read EVERY day progress so much more quickly than those who don’t.

Children who read for 20 minutes every day read 1,800,000 words a year.

Children who read for 5 minutes a day only read 282,000 words.

Children who read for 1 minute a day only read 8,000 words.

Reading TO children 6 or 7 times a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to.

Punctuality

Punctuality is monitored. I am very pleased to say that lateness is rare. A form needs completing and signing by parents if children arrive late for school. Please make EVERY effort to get your children to school on time (by 8:45am) as the first part of the lesson is often the most important and it is difficult for children to ‘catch-up’ if they miss it.

Attendance

Just a reminder that IT IS AGAINST THE LAW to take your children out of school during term time and parents WILL be fined or taken to court by the local authority for doing so.

Please arrange to speak to Mrs Skillcorn BEFORE booking any trip (either in the UK or abroad) if you are planning to go during term time.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd April

School closes for the Easter holidays

Monday 20th April

Children return to school

Friday 8th May

School closed for the Bank holiday (changed from Monday 4th for 75th anniversary of VE Day)

Friday 22nd May

School closes for half term holiday

Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Thursday 16th July

School closes for summer holidays (17th is a Training Day)

Thursday 3rd September

Children return to school

Communication

If you would like this or any other letter translating, then please see the office staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn
Head Teacher