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Milverton Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Another great week here at Milverton! We continue our great success in the sporting arena winning the indoor athletics tournament. The Fire service visited our Year 1 children yesterday using a fire alarm to ensure quiet, an effective tactic I hear but not one we will adopt!

Parent Governor Position

The last page in the newsletter shows a statement from each candidate. Please vote for your preferred option on the slip provided, slips are available at the school office. We ask that you submit one vote per adult in the household. Thank you for your support!

Highly Sprung theatre production

specifically for children aged 7-11.

It explores biomedical sciences- focusing on chromosomal malfunction and abnormalities, educating children about the real differences that science can make in the lives of people who suffer chromosomal disorders. They are performing on the 2nd February at Warwick Arts Centre.

Missing Blue Shirts

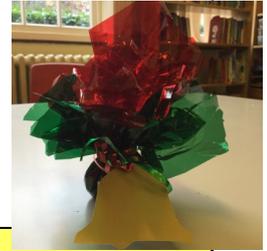
We seem to be missing some blue sports shirts that children have worn at a competition. They have been taken home to wash but not returned. Please could you check at home as they are needed for upcoming events! Thank you!

Crossing Patrol

Bob Costello, the school crossing patrol on Northumberland Road, won't be on duty on the morning of Monday 23 January 2017. He will be on duty for the afternoon shift.

Water Aid

On the evening of Friday 16th December at 'Merry Milvertonians,' the Eco-Rangers sold gift-wrapped tulip bulbs. They collected £105.70 which will be donated to our main project this year, which is to raise money for the organisation WaterAid.



Diary Dates

Fri 10th Feb	Class Assembly 5/6T
Wed 15th Feb	Y1/2 Sea Life Trip
<b>Mon 20th Feb-Fri 25th</b>	<b>Half Term break</b>
<b>Mon 27th Feb</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
	<b>(School Closed)</b>
Tues 2th Feb	YR Vision Screening
Tues 7th Mar	YR Dinosaur Day
Fri 10th Mar	Class Assembly 3/4 TH
Tue 14th Mar	Learning review meetings
Thur 16th Mar	Learning review meeting
Fri 24th Mar	Class Assembly RN
Fri 24th Mar	Y3/4 Family Lunch
Mon 3rd Apr	Y5/6 Highly Sprung Workshop
Thurs 6th Apr	Y5/6 Highly Sprung Performance 6pm
<b>Sat 8th Apr</b>	<b>Easter break</b>
<b>Sun 23rd Apr</b>	

Messages from Mrs Belmega

Please, Please Story CDs



As part of our continuing efforts to update our school libraries, we are on the hunt for stories to listen to. We would be very grateful to receive any unwanted story tapes or story CDs.

Depending on how many resources we collect, Mrs Butterworth and Mrs Potts are planning a story and craft activity session as part of the Friday activity hour in the Spring Term.

Thanks for your support.

Mrs Butterworth

Safeguarding Corner

We had a near miss incident on the road outside of school. A double parked car obscured the view for a family crossing Greathead Road on their walk home, at the end of the day. A car passing the parked car nearly hit the family crossing. Please be mindful of children's safety when parking!

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR CHILD(REN)'S CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY NAMED



## Sports Report Indoor Athletics



Congratulations to the children in years 5&6 who took part in this week's sports hall athletics meet at Myton School. After an exciting afternoon of races and field events, the children returned to Milverton victorious, having won their heat, therefore qualifying for the finals on the 8th February. All the children displayed amazing sportsmanship, cheering on their own team and children from the other schools taking part - well done guys, you smashed it!

Girls' Team: Ella, Evie, Hannah, Charlotte, Alice, Joely, Lylia, Molly, Candice, Olivia, Mhairi & Jana.

Boys' Team: Jake, Tashrique, Oscar, Ben, Tom, Oliver, Sam, Alex, Dan, Joel & Elliot.

## Meet the Governors Tom Sidwell



My name is Tom Sidwell and I have been teaching PE at Milverton for over 10 years. Last summer, when I was asked to become a governor, I jumped at the chance. I am a member of the Premises Committee, which allows me the opportunity to put my experience of both Health and Safety and Safeguarding to a very worthy cause.

I am a director of a company called Onside Coaching, a sports provision company working across the midlands in various educational environments. Onside delivers sporting activities to over 5000 children in schools each week. Leading a team of coaches and teachers in a range of settings has provided me with valuable experience of what it takes to keep children safe alongside providing a stimulating environment to learn.

I have two boys Finn who is six years old and Max who is four. Parenting is amazing (but certainly a challenge!) and learning about school life from a parent's point of view allows me to see things from a different perspective.

I am extremely proud to be a part of Milverton Primary School, and I am determined to help upkeep the morals and ethos of one of the most dynamic yet supporting schools that I have worked with, helping to maintain and develop the learning environment that consistently creates polite, intelligent and independent children will be a pleasure

## School Clubs

Lunch	Day	After school
	Mon	Squash (Yrs 5 & 6) Tennis (Yrs 3, 4 and 5) Drama (Yrs 3 - 6)
Spanish (Yrs 1 - 3)	Tues	Football (Yrs 1, 2 and 3) Tennis (Yrs 1 and 2)
Before school at 8am Street Dance Singing Lessons (Yrs 2 - 6)	Wed	Multi Sports (Yrs 1 - 4) Sewing Club (Yrs 4, 5 and 6)
Cheerleading (Yrs 5 and 6)	Thurs	Football (Yrs 4, 5 and 6) Fashion Fan Club (Yrs 2 - 6) Dance (Yrs 1 and 2)
Chess (Juniors)	Fri	Squash (Yrs 3 & 4) Cookery (Yrs 1 - 6) Dance (Yrs 3 - 6)



## Well done!

Toby, Elizabeth, Olivia, Izzy, Elise, Abhinash,  
Maddie, Jonah, Umar, Sid, Magnus

## Mobile Phones in School

We are changing our school policy following some incidents in school. From February we will be asking that children do not have a mobile phone in their possession while at school. Should your child need a phone to contact a family member at the end of the day, parents or carers will need to complete a form at the office. Each child will hand in their phone at the office in the morning, to be collected at the end of the day.



Mobile phones are extremely expensive pieces of equipment, loss and damage can be very upsetting for a family so we feel reducing this risk is extremely important. There are also problems with children having the ability to access the internet without filtering and having the ability to take photos—both present a number of safeguarding issues. I am sure you will agree that keeping all our children safe is our highest priority.



## **Emma Caplin Governor Election**

I have 2 children, both have been pupils at Milverton. My son is currently in Year 5. My daughter is now in Year 7 at North Leamington School. I have played an active role in the school community since my eldest child started in Reception; that's 8 years ago!

I am an approachable and friendly face, often seen in the playground. I know the school inside out, from the staff, and children, to the curriculum and grounds. I have been a Parent Governor since 2013. Highlights include: Helping to recruit our new Head Teacher. Seeing off the council's plan to increase admission numbers and build on our small site. Liaising with other local primary school, police officers and community leaders to develop (and implement) safer sustainable travel to school.

I am really keen to continue this important work, building on my experience and knowledge. Before becoming a Mum, I had a career as a designer in Film, TV and Theatre. I now run my own small business creating art, design and leading practical workshops. I am also a guide at a nearby Gallery and Museum. So, I am passionate about keeping Art, Dance, Drama and Music a vital part of the school day for all children. Today this is more important than ever, with what seems an increasing focus on testing, targets, and tightening of resources.

## **Hannah Stephenson Governor Election**

With my third child, Freddie, now in Year 2 and Sammy in Year 6, I have had the opportunity to experience Milverton School life for 10 years. My daughter, Eleanor, is in Year 9 at Stratford Girls Grammar School and fully embraced the opportunities Milverton gave her. A parent governor role would give me the chance to bring some of my own life and work experience to the school community. I can offer a background in both business and education. In business, I worked in sports and event management, as well as marketing communications for 12 years.

Since 2008, I have been a part-time teacher in a local infant school – teaching children across the age groups. It has been useful to bring in a business perspective to the school – including organisation, time management and processes to make the busy role of a teacher more efficient. I have a Biology degree and have been Science Co-ordinator for the school, as well as being involved in maintaining the schools Green Flag status. I feel that I can offer practical support and a range of skills and experience to really benefit the continued success of the school.

### **Parent Governor Election**

**1 Voting Slip for each adult in the immediate family**

**I would like to vote for;**

**Emma Caplin**

**Hannah Stephenson**

**Please tick one box only**