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Milverton Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Fantastic learners!

As I move around the school, sneaking in and out lessons, to try and understand the inner workings of Milverton, one particular feature really stands out... The fantastic learning!

Children in Years 5 and 6 have been watching 'Percy Jackson and the lightning thief' as a introduction into their topic. This has followed on from some exciting investigation work last week into a ancient Greek mystery they needed to solve. The children are so enthused and engaged by this exciting topic they cannot wait to talk about it!

Children in Years 1 and 2 have been working on figuring out the "Rabbit Problem!" We even had a visit from a Rabbit last week. I will be keeping my eyes peeled for missing carrots!!

I look forward to getting into a few more lessons over the coming weeks!

We Welcome new 'Milvertonians'

This week our new reception children began their Milverton Journey. A magical journey that I will hope to share with them for the next seven years. New experiences, new friends and a lot of fun. I have dropped in a few times to see the children and have been warmly greeted with big smiles and bags and bags of energy!

Bikes and Scooters

Please can all parents remind their children that we walk into the school grounds pushing our bikes and scooters. A busy playground with small children running around is not a good place for riding bikes and scooters. Thank you for your support.

Calendar Errors

We have corrected a couple of calendar errors from last weeks newsletter, apologies for the mistakes. Please check those you have already marked on your calendars. Thank you to those 'eagle eyed' readers for spotting the mistakes!

Diary Dates

Thurs 6th October	Harvest Assembly @ St Marks Church
Mon 10th October	YR Phonics Workshop @3.30pm
Mon 10th October	Y3/4 Compton Verney Trip - 3/4 F
Tues 11th October	Y3/4 Compton Verney Trip - 3/4 JN
Fri 14th October	Y3/4 Compton Verney Trip - 3/4 TH
Mon 17th October	Marle Hall Parent Meeting @6pm
Fri 21st October	School Closed Inset Day
Mon 24th Oct—Fri 28th Oct Half Term	
Mon 7th Nov	YR Numeracy Workshop @3.30pm
Mon 7th November - Fri 11th November	Marle Hall Residential
Tues 22nd Nov	Learning Review Meetings
Thurs 24th Nov	Learning Review Meetings
Tues 29th Nov	Y3,4,5,6 - Georges Marvellous Medicine @ new Alex Theatre
Mon 5th Dec	YR Christmas Play @ 2.00pm
Weds 7th Dec	YR , 1, 2 Stick Man @ Warwick Arts
Weds 14th Dec	YR Parent Craft Day
Thurs 15th Dec	Christmas Assembly @ St Marks Church
Fri 16th December	Last Day of Autumn term

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



Messages from Mrs Belmega



Your School Library Needs You!

We are hoping this year to continue to increase the use of both the infant and junior libraries within school so are again looking for volunteers who may be able to stay for half an hour after school on a chosen day to act as librarians.

The role will involve keeping a record of books borrowed and ensuring they are returned before a new one is issued and generally tidying/organising the books on the shelves.

If you are able to help - please contact Mrs Belmega or Mrs Butterworth.

Book Donations Wanted!

Do you have any high quality, primary age picture books, chapter novels or non-fiction books in a good condition that your children no longer read? If the answer is yes, please consider donating them to us! We now have a permanent donation box outside the junior library and we'd very much appreciate any quality books that you can spare!

Junior Librarian Update

A big thank you to Claire, Mia and Ella McNicolas who have volunteered to man the junior library after school on Wednesdays. They will be on hand to offer suggestions and record your book choices so feel free to pop in!

Our fantastic librarians from last year, Jo and Niall Potts, have also offered to run a weekly session during school time so groups of children from each class can visit - thank you to both!

We are still looking for volunteers for the infant library - please speak to Mrs Belmega or Mrs Butterworth if you are able to help.

Mrs Belmega can be contacted on wood.d2@welearn365.com or through the school office.

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Meet the Governors Mrs Belmega

For those of you who don't already know who I am, I would like to introduce myself..

I have been lucky enough to work at Milverton for ten years now, first as a curriculum leader and now as deputy head, during which time I have seen a fantastic school grow from strength to strength. Milverton is a unique place, full of amazing people who are truly dedicated to providing the children with a memorable curriculum that will inspire them to reach their potential and have fun along the way; I feel truly privileged to be part of it.

Being a member of the full governing body and the performance and standards committee has allowed me an opportunity to see the school through the eyes of other members of our community and to make use of the expertise that professionals from other walks of life can offer. My role involves providing insight about the daily life of our school and working collaboratively with governors so we continue to move forwards. It is a role I really enjoy both for the challenge provided and the joint celebration of success.

I look forward to seeing what the new academic year brings!

Danielle Belmega
Deputy Head



Class Assemblies Autumn Term

Children's classes will perform a short assembly about their current learning. Parents are welcome to attend to watch the performance. Please arrive at 10am.

Friday 14th October Class 5/6 JB

Friday 18th November Class 3/4 JN

Friday 2nd December Class 2 TB



Would you like to be a Milverton governor?

We are looking for a new Local Authority (LA) governor. The LA has suggested we might like to look for the right person ourselves from within our school community. Despite the name, there is no political affiliation, or link to the LA required in this role; this is a great opportunity to join an active governing body, which works energetically to help make Milverton the best it can be.

If you would like to contribute to the impact and progress of the school by joining the governors, or if you have an interested friend, neighbour, family member or work colleague who would like to do so, please contact me through the school office, or via any governor you know. We would be happy to discuss what the job involves.

There is no election for the LA governor role, as there is for parent governors, but if you are interested, please write about 100 words, explaining why you would like to be a governor, and what skills and experience you have to bring to the governing body, and send this to me, via the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Catherine Robbins
Chair of Governors

Term Dates 2016/17

Autumn term 2016

Mon 5th September Term Begins

Fri 21st October School Closed
Inset Day

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct Half Term

Fri 16th December Term Ends

Spring term 2017

Tues 3rd January School Closed
Inset Day

Wed 4th January Term Begins

Mon 20th - Fri 24th Feb Half Term

Mon 27th February School Closed
Inset Day

Fri 7th April Term Ends

Summer term 2016

Mon 24th April Term Begins

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June Half Term

Fri 21st July Term Ends

PTA Update

The PTA would like to invite all members and parents, including those who would like to join, to the group's AGM:

Thursday 6th October
3.30 in the Y5/6 area

Some really exciting ideas and activities have been discussed for the new year. The group will always need as many people as possible to 'share the load' with the organisation of these brilliant experiences for your children.

Please can you help?
Many Thanks

Harvest Festival Collection

The children will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a special service at St Mark's Church. We will be asking children to bring in:

- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Sugar (500g bags)
- Coffee
- Tinned Meat
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Sponge Puddings

As last year, **Warwick and Leamington Foodbank, the Salvation Army Way Ahead Project** and **Helping Hands** are jointly collecting to make sure your donations get to where they are most needed. Thank you for your continued support.



Scrap Store Play Pod

As you may have noticed the play pod, the small beige shed in the playground, has arrived over the summer break. A project I know Mr Wilde was delighted to complete.

We now need to fill it with recycled materials for the children to use in their creative play.

We will begin to collect materials in the coming weeks. Please start to store things at home and we will let you know when to bring them in.

Useful items will need to be clean and with no sharp edges.

- Large cardboard tubes,
- Boxes
- Old steering wheels
- Plastic tubing

There will be a wide variety of items we can and cannot accept and this will be quite difficult to set up. So please bear with us as we establish a list. And a procedure for how we will store the items. All ideas will be gratefully accepted!

I am really excited about establishing this as a feature to our playtime provision as I think the children are going to enjoy it immensely!

The Kingsley School

We have received some application information from the Kingsley School in Leamington.

There is an open day on Saturday October 1st between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

For more information contact our school office or contact the school directly.



Midday Supervisor Post

6.25 hours per week
paid at £7.52—£7.66p/h

We are looking to recruit a committed person or persons to our happy group of midday supervisors.

We require someone who is committed to the role, enjoys working with children, vigilant and professional in their approach.

We can offer a positive working environment with a delightful group of people. However, the best part of the job is the chance to work with the wonderful children of Milverton, engaging with children in a positive way that will brighten up your day.

Milverton is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful application will be required to undertake a check by the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) and positively engage in staff training.

Please contact the school office for details.

Friday Activity Hour

The school uses an hour on Friday afternoon to give the children of Milverton something extra, beyond the standard curriculum.

Can you spare an hour on a Friday from 2.15pm? Do you have an interest / talent / hobby you would like to share with KS2 pupils?

Can you knit? Crochet? Paint? Sew? Or do you have a hidden sporting talent? Maybe you play boules, hockey, golf or simply enjoy throwing a frisbee!

We need your help in our Activity Hour, an hour at the end of the week offering enrichment activities for your children. If you think you can commit and would either like to run a club or simply help a teacher run a club from 30th Sept for 10 weeks, please contact Mrs Jeremiah jeremiah.m@welearn365.com

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2016 – Sept – Dec 2016.

Lunch	Day	After school
	Monday	Squash (Yrs 5 & 6) Tennis (Yrs 3, 4 and 5) Drama (Yrs 3 - 6)
Spanish (Yrs 1 - 3) <i>Fencing (Juniors) TBC</i>	Tuesday	Football (Yrs 1, 2 and 3) Tennis (Yrs 1 and 2)
<i>Fencing (Juniors) TBC</i> Singing Lessons (Yrs 2 – 6)	Wednesday	Multi Sports (Yrs R - 4) Sewing Club (Yrs 4, 5 and 6)
Cheerleading (Yrs 5 and 6)	Thursday	Football (Yrs 4, 5 and 6) Dance (Yrs 1 and 2)
Chess (Juniors)	Friday	Squash (Yrs 3 & 4) Cookery (Yrs 1 – 6) Dance (Yrs 3 - 6)

Help a good cause

Sarah is raising money to help Macmillan Cancer Support by shaving off her hair! She would really appreciate your support and any donations you can spare. Good luck Sarah!

This takes place this weekend! From all at Milverton Primary School we wish Sarah good luck and a fond farewell to those flowing curly locks!

Read Sarah's story:

<https://www.justgiving.com/>



Letters for clubs

Please let the school office/Mrs Ryan know if your child is unable to attend a club session at any time as valuable time is then spent locating your child as they will be classed as missing. Mrs Ryan can be contacted via email a-ryan14@welearn365 or in the school office after 2pm.

- **Clubs running this week in Bold type**
- *Clubs not starting yet in italics.*

Please note - Your child should not attend any clubs unless a reply slip has been completed and returned with payment. You will have a text to confirm your child's place.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.