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Milverton Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The weeks appear to be racing by at the moment, which would indicate we are all having lots of fun here at Milverton. Children are settling into the routines with their new class teachers and they continue to bring happiness and joy to our days.

We are busily practising our Autumn songs to sing at St Marks Church for the Harvest festival. We hope a few parents will be able to join us to help classes walk down to the church. Although, there is an expectation you should join in the singing with us!

A huge Well Done!

Well done to Sarah from the Whole Milverton Community in raising £3100 for McMillan Cancer Support. She completed her 'Brave the Shave' challenge last weekend.

Unpredictable Weather

Along with the uncertain weather conditions we are facing at the moment, please could you ensure your child has a light rain jacket in school, as if at all possible we like for the children to play outside at break times during the day. Thank you for your support!

Brass Lessons

We still have a few places for children to enrol for Brass lessons during the school day. The lessons are at 9am on a Wednesday before children leave for swimming. The cost is £28 per half term. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Flu Spray Letter

Our annual letter to request permission for children to receive the Flu Spray will be coming with Today's newsletter. The process of receiving the spray is very quick and provides little disturbance to their school day. This is in the hope they will not have to miss time from school suffering with a flu bug and possibly upsetting your Christmas break together.

King Henry VIII Senior and Prep School

Open house Friday 14th October
Open morning Saturday 15th October

For more details see www.khviii.com

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



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!

Infant Librarian Update

A big thank you to the Padda family who have volunteered to man the infant library after school on Fridays. They will be on hand to offer suggestions and record your book choices so feel free to pop in!

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

Safeguarding Corner

Please ensure your child has a healthy start to the day by eating breakfast before they come to school.

Parents can send in a healthy snack for their morning break. Leading up to their lunch time meal between 12 and 12.30.

We would like all our little Milvertonian's to have enough energy and enthusiasm to last them for a full day.

Thank you for your support!

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Meet the Governors Alex Davidson



My name is Alex Davidson and I have been a parent governor since the beginning of this year. It has been an interesting and busy year so far for me, with the change of Head and I have learnt a tremendous amount in a short time! I have 2 children at Milverton - Elliot in year 3 and Cora in year 1.

Milverton primary and our local community is a big part of our family life and has been since Elliot started in reception. Being a parent governor is an opportunity for me to contribute to making Milverton the best place to come to school and I feel privileged to be part of the governing body. I want the children who come here to be happy, fulfilled and to realise their potential.

I work in the NHS as a midwife in public health. My work has much to do with standards, quality improvements and good governance and I hope the skills I have developed and use at work will help me support school to achieve it's goals.

As a parent governor I do my best to actively represent what school is like for the children who go there and understand how the decisions made affect everyone in school. As well as school delivering teaching to a high standard, I am particularly interested in the work done around inclusivity and equity of access to learning as well as the wider health and well being of our children. I am a member of the premises committee and am involved in school site inspections and monitoring the maintenance of the building and have recently been looking at how food in school could be improved.

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



Star of The Week Winners



Well done

Onika, Aman, Amelia, Elliot,
Meghan, Zoe, Jess, Harry, Sam
On Friday 9th September



Star of The Week Winners



Well done

Esther, Calum, Thomas, Charlie, Luciano, Willow,
Ivor, Jake, William
On Friday 16th September



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!

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

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

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.



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)

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.

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.