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Dear Parents,

Milverton Primary School Newsletter

Mathletics

Many of you have been onto the parent Pay website to make your £5 contribution, with many people generously paying a higher amount to ensure we access this fantastic provision. Thank you to all!

We do not yet have enough contributions to be able to purchase this , please encourage all parents to make this contribution, if they would like to, as I believe everyone will really benefit from the ability to access to this. Thank you all for your continued support.

Chess Club

Today, Niall in Year 6 will be leaving. Niall has been a regular supporter of the Friday Chess Club and has recently put some of the younger players through their paces. He has been a great opponent over the years and will take many skills to his new school. From everyone at chess club good luck and Checkmate, Niall!



School Garden Visit

We recently had a visit from two Heart of England Judges to look at our allotment area, playground planters and Eco Ranger environmental activities. They were very impressed with the enthusiasm of our children. We were the only school in Leamington that they visited this year. A big thank you to our Year 6 guides - Esther, Grace, Thom, Sam, Jessie, Jana, Evie and Elise.



Parent Forum

A really positive meeting took place on Tuesday after school, although lower numbers than we hoped for. We discussed a few main topics.

- Communication
- Teacher Days
- Reports
- The school website

It was hoped the school could send out more reminders for events via text, these were really useful. Particularly when children have to bring something in or dress up. The use of text for school trips was praised as parents found these reminders really helpful.

Also some inconsistencies about how and when dates appear in the newsletter. The calendar on the school website could be more prominent

Diary Dates

Mon 4th Sept Training Day school closed

Tue 5th Sept School opens

23rd - 29th Oct - Half Term Break

22nd Dec School closes for Christmas

and updated to be inline with dates on newsletter.

We also discussed class swap information and suggested ideas on how this could be improved for next year. I explained this was a topic of discussion for the governing body and staff next year.

We also discussed how new to year group parent meetings could happen, particularly introducing new staff. These currently take place in September and we discussed the best way to deliver this information.

We talked about school reports and while the feedback was very positive and the parents really felt the teachers knew their children from the descriptions given. The report was too lengthy and must be a very difficult task for teachers to complete. We discussed the use of pictures in the report and a simplistic reference of how well children were achieving in subjects, the importance of a quality personal comment and a description of the children's learning skills.

It was raised that some parents did not know about the Teacher Day on the 4th of September. The term dates have been put in a button on the bottom of the website home page. It was also requested to have future year dates agreed and put onto website now.

I requested that some parents write up an ease of use report on the school website letting me know which parts are user friendly and which are not. All agreed to complete this task and email back to me.

All in all, a very constructive and positive meeting where we all felt there are some changes that should help our school to continue to be a wonderful place to be. Thank you to all who attended for your valued feedback.

Safeguarding Corner

Please make sure your child has a bike helmet that is correctly fitted for the summer break!



Governors' thanks

for another great Milverton year!

What an eventful year this has been – it seems no time since September when we were welcoming Mr Fisher, and now he has finished his first year with us. It is a big thing for a primary school to have a new headteacher – there are so many people to get to know and begin to work with, and so much to find out about a school with the strong ethos and values of Milverton. Now Mr Fisher can look back on an excellent first year full of lots of learning, lots of achievements and lots of fun!

It is time to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this excellent year at Milverton: thank you to the teaching staff who work imaginatively to create an exciting learning experience for the children; thank you to all the support staff in their different roles who make sure that everything works smoothly to help that learning; thank you to all the parents who support the school and their children in so many ways; thank you to those parents who have worked incredibly hard as FOMPS to create magical social events and raise huge sums of money; thank you to the governors who give generously of their time and expertise to support the school in being the best it can be for its children; thank you to the children too, for being up for everything and doing so well in sport, art, drama, music and all the learning they achieve so well in. And thank you to Mr Fisher for his cheerful, friendly and utterly committed leadership of the whole enterprise.

We will be communicating with you in September to let you know more about the financial issues which are affecting Milverton, like so many other schools, but in the meantime, we wish you all a happy summer.

Catherine Robbins
Chair of Governors

Going for... going for... Gold!

We have been delighted this week to receive our School Games Gold Award for sports provision, competition involvement and competitiveness in school sports for this year.

We have been extremely successful this year due to the hard work and dedication of the children in their sports competition and also the school staff enabling children to take part in so many activities.

A huge well done to Mrs Jeremiah, Mrs Evans, all the staff and parent volunteers who have helped ensure the sports provision for the children of Milverton has reached a Gold Standard!



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A Big Thank you

I would like to offer my thanks to all of the families of Milverton Children, the governing body of the school, the FOMPS and the school staff. Moving into a new head teacher position is never going to be an easy task. But everyone involved in the school has made me feel extremely welcomed this year and have shown their dedication and support for the school, helping us to continue to move forward. There are so many people who give up their time and efforts for free for this school and it is really appreciated. We have celebrated a number of great successes this year and I will endeavour to continue the wonderful school experience the children of Milverton receive.

I hope everyone has wonderful summer break!

Matt Fisher—Headteacher

Charlie and the Milvertones

'The legendary Charlie and the Milvertones play their traditional end of term gig at the Leamington Cricket Club, Arlington Avenue on Friday 21st July. Cricket and bar from 6pm, music and dancing from 8pm. All welcome. £5 on the door all proceeds to charity.'



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GOOD BYE
GOOD LUCK
SO LONG, ADIOS
CIAO, FAREWELL
AUF WIEDERSEHEN
ADIEU, CZESC, NAMASTE
BUT HOWEVER WE SAY IT
SORRY
TO SEE YOU GO!

To all of our Wonder Year Six children we wish you farewell and good luck as you all move on to the next step in your Journey!





£9000

£4500

THANK YOU FELLOW FOMPS

What a year! We would like to say a huge thank you to all children, parents, staff and other friends of Milverton Primary school for all the efforts you have put in this year to achieve amazing fundraising results and create some great social events.

We believe the total raised this year will be in the region of £15K!

Without your widespread and enormous efforts and generosity, this would not have been possible, THANK YOU.

What next?

- A class set of iPads will now be purchased for circa £9K, giving the children of Milverton Primary School some significant benefits including:

What happens to the surplus funds raised this year?

Teachers, Staff and Parents to submit all ideas on how to best invest the surplus funds to fomps@outlook.com by 1st September 2017

- Mr Fisher and the Governors will review/cost the list of ideas and create a shortlist
- The shortlist will be sent to parents via the newsletter in September 2017
 - Parents and staff will then vote for their preferred choices

Mr Fisher and the Governors will share the outcome by end Sept 2017

We look forward to another fun packed year next year (after a breather over the summer).

Please get in touch via fomps@outlook.com if you'd like to be involved, or via the FOMPS facebook group 'Friends of Milverton Primary School'.

Have a great summer everyone!



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Speed up your child's swimming progress this Summer!

At Freedom Leisure we run short swimming courses through the half terms and Summer Holidays. They are used to boost confidence, improve technique and offer a fun and proactive activity to fill holiday time.

Our aim is to speed up children's progress with either a 1 or 2 week course.

Monday 7 th to Friday 11 th August		Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th August	
9am	Stage 1	9am	Stage 1
9.30am	Stage 2	9.30am	Stage 2
10am	Stage 3	10am	Stage 3

Current swim school members can benefit from a 10% discount on normal prices. All children attending either 1 or 2 weeks will receive a certificate.

If you would like to enrol for this course or just wish to find out more information please don't hesitate to contact us on 01926 499779 and speak to a member of the management team or email warwickenquiries@freedom-leisure.co.uk

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Family picnic on September 3rd 12-3pm in Victoria Park - we would like to let the parents know about it please and invite them to come along - bring a picnic and enjoy the park.

This is our website - we will put more info on it nearer the date and hope to have a bouncy castle and punch and judy show - council permitting..!

<http://www.friendsofvictoriapark.co.uk/>

Lost in Space Holiday Club at the end of the holidays at Leamington Spa Baptist Church, Chandos Street (across the car park from Argos)

Thursday - Saturday, Aug 31st-Sept 2nd

For children in Reception to Year 6 *next year/Sept 2017*

Fun and Games, Sheep and Rockets, Songs and Stories!

10-12 each day. Sign in from 9.45am

£1.50 per child per morning or £4 for all 3 sessions.

Phone Church Office: 01926 336650 to reserve a place.

www.leamington-baptist.org.uk

LOST IN SPACE

Time 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 BOOKS OPEN AT 9:45

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS 2017

24th July - 11th August 2017
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