



Milverton News

Diary Dates

Weds 13th Dec	YR Nativity Play @2pm
Weds 13th Dec	Christmas Cinema
Fri 15th Dec	5/6T Class Assembly
Fri 15th Dec	Yr 1 Family Lunch
Tue 19th Dec	YR Parent Craft Day
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Wed 20th Dec	YR Christmas Party
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Assembly @ St Marks Church
Thurs 21st Dec	Inf Theatre Trip
Fri 22nd Dec	Last Day of Aut term

Mon 25th Dec—Fri 5th Jan Christmas Break

Mon 8th Jan Teacher Day School Closed

Your governing board needs you!

We have six elected parent governors on the Milverton governors board: there is now an opportunity to join us as Cheryl Scott is nearing the end of her four year term. Cheryl has been an excellent governor, and has made a very valuable contribution to the school.

If you would be interested in joining the governors as a parent (or carer) representative, we would welcome your nomination, which should be submitted to Mr Fisher by **Friday 8 December**. Your nomination needs to include the name of another Milverton parent who is willing to second you.

If you would like more information about what the role of governor involves, please chat to one of the current parent governors (Kay Lawrie-Stiven, Alex Davidson, Emily Lim, Sophie Staniszewska, Hannah Stephenson, or Cheryl Scott), or contact me at robbins.c52@welearn365.com.

If more than one nomination is received, there will be an election open to all parents at the school.

Your governing board needs you – come and join us!

Catherine Robbins
Chair of Governors

Thank you to everyone for purchasing school photographs. Braiswick Photographers donated £390 back to the school and £70 to Cancer research.

We received a thank you card from the Royal British Legion for our Poppy sales in school that raised £290, Thank you!

New Spring Clubs

A couple of notes regarding the next round of before and afterschool clubs

- Sports 4 all take childcare vouchers.
- Anyone needing financial assistance for their child to attend a club please contact Mrs Green or Mr Fisher.
- New clubs include Adobe Creative, Basketball, and French.
- To book a place give your completed application form to the school office (this is the only way to book places).
- All club details can be found on the website, follow the link on the home page.

Special Visitor

We were treated to a couple of special visitors this week as Mr and Mrs Hill made the trip from London to visit the school. Mrs Hill was a pupil at the school in the 1940's when she was relocated to Leamington Spa as an evacuee. She spoke with myself and some of our Year 5 and 6 children, recollecting some of the difficulties she had faced during those times. The school has changed dramatically since she had attended. We really appreciated their time spent with us and the real life experiences they were able to describe regarding the World War two topic the Year 5 and 6 children have been learning about.





Fomps Upcoming Events

Autumn Term

Wednesday 13th Dec – Christmas Cinema night
Friday 22nd Dec – Merry Milverton Christmas Market



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We have had a super response for the Christmas Shoe box appeal, thank you to all who have donated. Isla was nearly squashed by all of the boxes for the picture! Thank you to Kate B and Kay LS for organising and collecting the boxes to go and make a happier Christmas for some families in great need!



Christmas stocking fillers!

Please take a look at Fiona's Usborne books for some stocking fillers.

10% of purchases made will go to the FOMPS and Fiona will have a stall at the Merry Milvertonians Christmas Market on Friday 22nd Dec!

The catalogue link is

https://issuu.com/usbornebooksathome/docs/catalogue_usbah_2018_low_res_issu_9

The FB page link is @thereadingchair.leamingtonspa

The cut off date for Christmas orders is 15th Dec

Reading Volunteer Workshop

Would you like to make a difference to the children at Milverton?

Could you spare an afternoon a week to hear children read?

If the answer is yes, Mrs Belmega will be leading a workshop on Wednesday 17th January at 9am in the library.

All parent volunteers (existing and new) are welcome to attend.

Please email Mrs Belmega if you would like to book a place: wood.d2@welearn365.com



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Parent Forum

On Monday we hosted our termly Parent Forum. The number of participants is growing and regular contributors continue to attend. I hope we continue to expand and more are able to attend our next planned meeting, with a suggested start time at 9.00am and the Summer term meeting will again be an after school 3.30 start.

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th March at 9.00am

We discussed two main topics communication and home learning.

I aim to summarise our discussions here as many opinions were raised but it would be difficult to provide an exact account. Please, for those who attended, let me know if you think I have missed any vital information

Communication

It was noted that the school had been making improved efforts to provide more text and email updates to parents for planned events following our previous meeting. Many noted they really appreciated the increased volume of information as this helped if they had forgotten something that would happen the next day. I had suggested that some parents had felt their may have been too much information being transmitted but most felt this was a positive step. There were some positive comments regarding the organisation of newsletter and the calendar of events was a really useful aspect to the front page. Although it was pointed out that I had missed a couple of key events during the first term, apologies for this, but I have now figured out how to change the colour on the newsletter links on the website!

The discussion turned to the informal network of communication between many classes, some being much more organised than others. It was raised about the difficulties new parents or parents who were not on the playground very often find entering into this network and perhaps an improved solution would be to establish a class rep system. This system would ask someone in each class to be nominated or share responsibility to be a information hub or organise a communication chain that would enable parental support in a more constructive way for all classes. Some different communication strategies were discussed, but I would say the first point of order would be to establish the volunteers for each class.

So if you would be interested in being a Class Rep, please contact our first FOMPS Rep Leader Fiona Henshaw. Who will collate volunteers for these positions and will establish a way to start a group for parents to join.

Please contact her on fionahenshaw@me.com

Home Learning

We began by hearing some really positive feedback regarding the mathletics we have adopted since our discussions at the last meeting. Almost unanimously, we heard about how children are really engaging with the games and excited to be doing maths homework. Lets hope with a few technical issues being resolved this continues as a set part of our homework provision.

The discussion highlighted the difficulty in pleasing all parties as many parents have very opposing views on what would be the best approach for home learning. I have noted all points discussed and I will be discussing with the teaching staff how we will try to improve this process for all parties. Ultimately, we would like a system that children want to engage in, demonstrates real gains for their academic abilities, doesn't add to the teachers heavy workload, allows parents to engage in a positive way with their children's learning and continues to develop their independent learning skills.

Thank you to all who participated and I hope to see even more parents there next time! I hope that parents see these meetings as a real opportunity to have their voices heard and hope you can see how this continues to help drive our school improvement forward.

Milver-Sports

Two of our sports teams have been in action this week. Our Year 5 / 6 children took part in a hockey tournament at North Leamington School on a bitter cold Wednesday afternoon. The competition was tough and despite being positive and playing to the best of our ability, Milverton finished bottom of the table. The children were incredibly supportive of each other and to the other teams in the tournament – enjoying the taking part and showing respect for others. Mrs Evans was incredibly proud of their determined attitude to a sport in which Milverton is relatively new to.



Well done to Izzy, Chloe, Hermione, Harry, Sam, Willow, Isla, Frankie and Freddie.



The second of our teams was the Year 3 / 4 Handball team who played incredibly hard and finished second place by only 2 points due to an injury. The boys and girls played with enthusiasm, despite the freezing temperatures in the playground at Telford School on Thursday afternoon. The teams playing were Brookhurst, St Paul's, Telford and Milverton. Handball is again a relatively new sport for Milverton so the team did incredibly well to come second. Well done to all of the players who showed incredible hand eye coordination skills, playing at such a fast pace.

Congratulations to : Polly, Izzy, Will, Oskar, Charlie, Charlotte, Freddie and Hugo.

A Big Thank you to Mrs Evans and Mrs Jeremiah for organising the teams and taking the children to compete!

Congratulations to our 'Star Learners' this week



Class RNS	Keiran
Class RH	Milla
Class 1W	Mataeus
Class 1/2CS	Aimee
Class 2TB	Ivor
Class 3/4JN	Will
Class 3/4TH	Zach
Class 3/4B	Freya
Class 5/6JB	Freddie
Class 5/6T	Elliot
Class 5/6G	Jasmine



Friday 1st December

FOMPS Cheese and Wine Night



Another delightfully planned event by the FOMPS for our parents to enjoy. Sampling a variety of cheeses and wines in Beautiful Bistro style setting. Lots of happy people showing why Leamington is the happiest place to live in the UK! Thank you to all for your planning and participation!



Notices

Christmas Holiday Sports Camp

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th January 2018

Sports camps for children aged 4 – 11 years old

Ofsted Registered!
we accept Childcare Vouchers

50%
siblings discount

SCHEDULE FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4 – 11

WEEKLY	9am – 3pm	£50	PAY-PER-DAY	9am – 3pm	£20
9am – 6pm session includes 4pm snack	9am – 6pm	£65	9am – 6pm session includes 4pm snack	9am – 6pm	£25

8.15am early drop off £5 extra. Available for Weekly & Pay-per-day sessions. Includes breakfast.

Booking information

Booking & debit card payments can be made securely over the phone or on the Holiday Camp booking page on our website sports-4all.com
Spaces are limited so please contact us on **024 7699 2523** for availability and prices.

Kids choose their own activities each day!

Activities include football, multi-sports, street dance, gymnastics, arts & crafts, games club, plus many more!

Medals, trophies & certificates awarded!

Sports 4 All Christmas Holiday Sports Camp venue:
Milverton Primary School, Greatheed Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 6ES

Kids' Birthday Parties!

Celebrate your child's big day with a Sports 4 All themed birthday party!

We handle the venue, the activities, the food and the entertainment, saving you loads of time so you're free to enjoy your son or daughter's special day. All of our parties are fully supervised by our qualified, DBS-checked team.

Party themes include:
Football, Multi-Sports, Street Dance, Princess, Pirate, Zumba, Pamper...

Prices from £100...

Our Parties Include:

- ★ Set of invitations
- ★ A choice of theme
- ★ A certificate for every child
- ★ End of party presentation
- ★ Qualified DBS checked staff

The birthday child will receive:

- ★ A medal, trophy, Sports 4 All t-shirt, and Sports 4 All sports bag

Our Party Venues:
Milverton Primary School, Greatheed Rd Leamington Spa CV32 6ES

Visit sports-4all.com for prices & info or **024 7699 2523** to book now!

Sports 4 Kids Saturday Sports Academy

New to Milverton Primary School for children aged 4 – 7!

Activities for ages 4 – 7	Times
Street Dance 4 Kids	9.30 – 10.30am
Taekwondo 4 Kids	9.30 – 10.30am
Gymnastics 4 Kids	10.45 – 11.45am
Football 4 Kids	10.45 – 11.45am

Milverton Primary School Greatheed Rd, Leamington Spa, CV32 6ES

Our **Sports 4 Kids** Academy has been established for over 7 years and was set up by ex professional footballer Chuck Eribenne. Our sports academies offer children of all ability levels the opportunity to participate in well organised and excellently structured sports coaching.

To receive a **FREE** taster session to any of our Saturday sessions simply present the voucher below on arrival.

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All sessions are held at Milverton Primary School
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