



Milverton News

Coming up next week

Monday	Roaming Nativity 2pm
Tuesday	Forest Schools Apple Class EYFS Christmas Art day
Wednesday	Swimming The Wizard of Oz - KS2
Thursday	Roaming Nativity 4pm
Friday	Celebration Assembly Class Assembly Ash

FOMPS Festive Carol Singing

Save the date for our first FOMPS Festive Carol Singing fundraiser **Wednesday 19th December** (Sorry this was incorrect last week!)

Festive Door to Door Carol Singing, collecting for the FOMPS **5.30-6.00pm meet at the school**

Hot chocolate with warm up (£1 includes snack, song sheet + Christmas hat)

6.00-7.00pm Carol Singing around Greatheed Road, Northumberland Road, Wheathill Close and Beverley Road. Parents will be responsible for the children they bring.



Diary Dates

- Tue 18th Dec Christmas @ St Mark's
- Wed 19th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- Wed 19th Dec Christmas Lunch
- Wed 19th Dec FOMPS Carol Singing
- Fri 21st Dec Merry Milvertonians
- Fri 21st Dec Term Ends**
- Mon 7th Jan School Closed Teacher Day**
- Tues 8th Jan School Opens**

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...

We have put our Christmas tree up on the playground and are hoping to get the lights on this week.

We would like everyone to bring a decoration to hang on the tree, if you would like to. Please be careful when hanging the decorations.



Merry Milvertonians

For the past few years, on the last day of term, at the end of the school day, we have enjoyed our Merry Milvertonian's gathering on the playground. This is a chance for families to celebrate the end of term with a few festive nibbles and drinks together on the playground. Children will be singing some carols, parents will be very welcome to join in, as we wish everyone involved with Milverton a very Merry Christmas. I do hope you will be able to join us!

The FOMPS and some Children will be running some stalls at the event. The tombola will be running and the FOMPS are hoping you may be able to donate a prize. All proceeds towards the FOMPS.

Prizes for the tombola will be collected in a large box next to the office at the Greatheed Road entrance.

Boys and Girls Football Crazy

Our year 5 and 6 boys and girls attended the North Leamington football tournament. It gave us a chance to try out our new football kit. The Boys and girls gave it their all on a Muddy Thursday afternoon. Standout players were Izzy who had a marvellous tournament and Freddie really stood out for the boys. A massive well done to both teams.

Well done to Willow, Daisy, Connie, Idgy, Maddie, Izzy, Merrideth, Lexie, Hermione, Martha, Mae, Hollie, Chloe, Freddie, Mack, Jessie, Sam, Charlie, Sam, Freddie, Arthur, Toby, Frankie, Mason and Reece.



Parent Forum

The parent forum is a chance for parents to become involved with the school in discussions relating to current topics of interest. These termly meetings are one channel that parents can use to have their voice heard. We also conduct an annual parental survey at the March teacher / parent learning review meetings. Many parents also feel comfortable to approach Mr Fisher on the playground or contact Mr Fisher directly with thoughts, opinions and discussion points.

The meeting was well attended and we discussed 4 main items. The reading challenge and Poetree book, the playground re-development, communication and lateness.

Mrs Belmega joined us to discuss the reading challenge and poetree book. Parents praised the introduction of the scheme and then made some good suggestions to improve the project further next year, including having some blank spaces, clarification that any book from a featured series can be used and developing a swap shop for book titles between year group parents, through the class reps. We discussed how the class rep role could be improved further and Fiona is investigating this. The Poetree book is now available to order through parent pay, some parents suggesting to buy multiple copies as presents for family members.

Mr Fisher described the playground developments consultation that has taken place with children in school, the school council, parents and now school staff to reach our ideal plan. This plan is then going to be discussed and drawn up with some playground providers, MF has invited some school council members and FOMPS representatives to be involved in the meeting. It was discussed about setting up a parent working group to assist where possible with the project with either skilled or unskilled labour from our parent group. We discussed how having a firm idea of an end goal will then allow the school to phase this redevelopment over the next few years. The project will be funded by FOMPS donations, using money ring fenced to enhance PE and fitness provision and hopefully through some grant funding applications.

Parents praised the schools lines of communication including the weekly newsletter, text and email updates / reminders that parents find really useful. Particular praise was drawn to the Marle Hall blog where daily pictures are posted from the activities. Parents felt this was a real treat, particularly when it was known other schools do not do this. One area of frustration was how the gates locking and unlocking was communicated as this was a little unpredictable at the beginning of the year. MF explained the changes were made to ensure a safe / restricted site for WAM users and that the site manager has been off all term so staffing these changes had proved a little tricky at times. It was felt that this has now been rectified and a consistent system is in place.

We also discussed the schools approach to lateness, we discussed possible strategies to try and help improve this for the whole of the school community to develop a sense of the importance around good time keeping.

Congratulations to our 'Star Learners' this week

Hazel	Imogen
Willow	Jack
Cherry	Lily
Apple	Newton
Pear	Henry
Elm	Lola
Pine	Ben
Maple	Freddie
Chestnut	Izzy
Oak	Charlotte
Ash	Freddie





Christmas Wreaths

On Tuesday evening Kate and the FOMPS team organised a super Christmas event for many to enjoy. For a small price you could create your own bespoke handmade Christmas Wreath. The event was really well attended by our lovely Milverton community parents, staff and school governors, filling our small dining hall. Lots of festive fun was had by all and our huge thanks and appreciation to Kate and her team for putting on such a super event. The event will have raised nearly £800 towards the FOMPS total for the year.



Who are the F & P committee and what do we do?

The F&P (finance and personnel) Committee is the third committee of governors at Milverton and we currently have five members. We meet every half term with Mr Fisher and Mrs Bish to discuss finance and staffing issues at Milverton.

As a committee, we are primarily responsible for overseeing the financial management of the school and ensuring that all school funds are used appropriately and that the right financial decisions are made. This includes agreeing and monitoring the three year school budget in consultation with Mr Fisher.

We are also responsible for agreeing the pay of members of staff in line with legal requirements and reviewing relevant policies that are assigned to our committee. Policies on the agenda this term have included a new data protection policy to reflect the introduction of new legislation this year and the new pay policy for staff across Warwickshire. We report to the full governing body every half term on these matters.

Notices

IN SUPPORT OF TELFORD PLAY SCHOOL
IT'S POSSIBLY NORTH LEAMINGTON'S FINEST DAD BAND

"Nowhere near as bad as I thought you'd be"
CHARLIE AND THE MILVERTONES
"I almost recognised that one"

LIVE AT
LILLINGTON CLUB
LIME AVENUE, LEAMINGTON SPA, CV32 7DA
8TH DECEMBER 2018
7:30 P.M. 'TIL LATE
TICKETS £7.00 FROM TELFORD PLAYSCHOOL
OR ON THE DOOR

Milverton's Poetree is now on sale!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Exciting news—we are publishing our very own paperback poetry book in conjunction with Scholastic's 'We are Writers' service!



Our project was launched back in September with a visit from published poet, Dean Parkin, who shared some of his poems in a whole school assembly and then lead workshops for children in years 2-6.

Since then, **all** the children from reception to year 6 have been busy writing their own poems, in groups and independently, in school and at home, covering a wide range of poetic styles. From haikus to odes, free verse to rhyme and raps to nonsense poems, there is something in the Milverton Poetree to suit all tastes; here are a just a few extracts to give you a sneaky peek into the minds of some of our creative writers:

Space Jump

Looking down, it's so bright,
Flight.
Spinning to the ground,
Found.
Past the clouds, way up high,
Bye.
What do you hear?
Fear.
The highest skydive,
Alive.
Were you scared?
Prepared.
Safe at home,
Alone.
No more speed,
Relieved.
Way too tired,
Retired.



by Thomas H, Oak Class

I Like

I like spicy ham,
I like sweet jam.
I like hot coffee,
I like chewy toffee.
I like chocolate cake,
I like tasty steak.
But sweets are my favourite as
a special treat.



by Immy G, Apple Class

November

Nuts in the sky
Off into space
Vrooming
Exploding
Moving very fast
Breaking
Enjoyable
Rockets taking off



by Lewis, Harry S, Sean &

Beast

Big hunt!
Big hunt.
There's going to be a big hunt!
Let's kill a beast,
Let's kill a beast!
Get your sharp flint spears and
we shall hunt.
Off we go!
Walk slowly.
Walk,
Shhh.....
A beast,
A big woolly
mammoth.
It is huge
It would make a delicious feast
One, two, three.....
KILL!
We charge at full speed.
We speared it.
Now we are dragging the
beast home.



by Cora D, Maple Class

Ode to the Moon

Oh marvellous, magnificent moon,
You mean everything to me because you help me get to sleep.
You are a ball of ice and rock, just waiting to be cracked.
You are full of craters that swallow into the murky darkness
of space.
You are rough like sandpaper and dusty like a sandstorm in a
desert,
You are jagged like the teeth of a saw.
You look lonely even though you are surrounded by stars.
You're always feeling sad; we know you need a friend.
You look like you are cold because you never move around.
Oh marvellous, magnificent moon.

By Reggie B, Chestnut Class

**Books are
now on sale
via Parent
Pay!**



<http://www.parentpay.com>

Each book costs £7.99, which will cover the cost of publishing whilst also raising some money for school at the same time.

Please note: the closing date for orders is 12th December and whilst the books won't arrive until after Christmas, they will make great presents none-the-less!



Find out more about We Are Writers at:

www.wearewriters.com





Our school vision and aims



Where the Journey Begins

A journey ...

... that prepares children to find success in whatever they choose to do.

... as part of a nurturing, caring community that encourages children to enjoy life and love learning.

... full of challenge and exciting experiences that develop resilience, strength and determination.

... through a memorable curriculum to develop confident, creative and curious minds.

... that guides children to celebrate individuality, to appreciate differences and to respect others.

... that allows children to mature into empathetic people caring for themselves, for others and for the world around them.

... that empowers children to explore and become free-thinking individuals.

... that inspires children to reach for new horizons.