



Milverton News

Next Week

Monday
 Tuesday
Wednesday School Closed Teacher Day
 Thursday
 Friday Celebration Assembly
 Elm Class Assembly

Diary Dates 2019 / 2020

Wed 4th Dec EYFS Nativity Play 2pm
 Mon 9th Dec Y1/2 Christmas Performance
 Mon 9th Dec Parent Forum
 Tue 10th Dec EYFS Parent craft day
 Tue 10th Dec Y1/2 Christmas Performance
 Tue 10th Dec Full Governors Meeting
 Wed 11th Dec EYFS Theatre Trip
 Fri 13th Dec Chestnut Class Assembly
 Mon 16th Dec Milvertons Got Talent
 Mon 16th Dec FOMPS Christmas Cinema
 Mon 16th Dec FOMPS Carol Singing 6pm
 Tue 17th Dec Christmas Jumper Day!
 Tue 17th Dec Christmas @ St Marks
 Tue 17th Dec Christmas lunch @ school
 Wed 18th Dec Y1/2 Theatre Trip
 Wed 18th Dec Juniors Theatre Trip
 Fri 20th Dec Merry Milvertonians
Fri 20th Dec Term Ends
Mon 6th Jan School Closed Teacher Day

Parent Forum - Postpone

On Monday, we were going to be holding our Parent Forum meeting. I don't think this date has been well publicised so I am going to postpone this meeting to **Monday 9th December** at 3.30pm. This will be held in Chestnut classroom (Y5/6) straight after school.

Please drop me an email on head2606@welearn365.com if you would like to attend and would need us to provide a crèche.

The subjects to cover:
 Emails to school staff
 Parking around school

I am always happy to take emails prior to the meeting to share with the group and take in suggestions of topics to cover. Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 1/2 Christmas Performance

The year 1/2 Christmas performance this year is going to take the form of a special group poetry reading on:

Monday 9th December 2.00pm
 Tuesday 10th December 3.45pm

For the Tuesday performance we would ask that the children stay in school at the end of the day and the parents arrive a little later to see the performance. If you did not want your child to take part in this performance please can you let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

Everyone is welcome to stay and see the performance on the playground to join in the festive cheer!

Please see next page for Parent governor nominations

Don't forget FOMPS 5p challenge class winners announced in a few weeks!

Well done to our Star Learners this week!



Oak	Wendy
Chestnut	Zak
Ash	Ruairi
Maple	Seth
Elm	Harsh
Pine	Lucas
Apple	Naomi
Pear	Ellie
Cherry	Jack



Parent Governor Election

Oh no, I hear you say, not another one! But yes, we're getting into the national mood at Milverton with our very own parent/carer governor election. We are lucky that two parents of Milverton children, Helen Love and Farzana Meru, with some highly relevant skills and experience have been nominated as parent governors to fill our current vacancy.

Each of them has written a summary of what they can bring to Milverton governors:

Helen Love

I am committed to help in any way I can to support and develop the Milverton community. I have two children in school (Newton in year 3 and Adia in Reception). As a family we love the warm, thoughtful inclusive ethos of the school and I want to help it continue to be a fantastic place to come every day.

I work in the NHS as a Clinical Psychologist helping children with physical health needs and feel the skills I use at work will be an asset to the governors. I am calm, pragmatic and questioning whilst seeking to enable others. I think it is important to encourage pupils' self-esteem and good mental health creating a happy and healthy school environment in which young people reach their potential in all areas not purely academics. I think this is something that Milverton excels at and I want to help staff and pupils continue to flourish.

Farzana Meru

I am passionate about educating the younger generation. I am an Astronomer based at the University of Warwick, where I lecture and perform research on how planets form. Being an academic, I have a general view of the educational needs and aims in the longer term, with respect to the skills that children require in the future. And being a parent of a 4.5 year old I am constantly thinking about how to build her skills to give her the best future possible. These thought processes naturally make me very keen to help develop the children at Milverton in the best way possible, to set themselves up for a bright future. My perspective as a new parent at Milverton will be an asset, providing the "fresh eyes" that are always valuable.

In recent years I have become involved in a number of activities where I have engaged the public in Astronomy events. I founded and was the project lead for a science fair where children as young as 3 brought projects that they had worked on at home and presented these to others; where parents could learn how to engage with their children in science and technology even at a very young age; and where children could learn about different science and technology professions. I was also appointed on the Aga Khan Education Board where my remit is to oversee the "Future Skills and Careers" portfolio within the Ismaili community. Within this, I manage STEM related projects for children (including a coding club, hackathon, Space Camp and science fair) as well as to understand and inform members of the community about the future skills that children will need to succeed, and to help them understand the educational and workforce options available to them. These projects have forced me to think quite hard about the benefits to children and their development.

I chose Milverton for my child because I love the unique experiential learning journey that it provides and I strongly share Milverton's values in terms of how to prepare the children for their journey ahead. I very much want to be a part of the positive Milverton experience that will shape our children's future, and give something back to this wonderful school. I believe my experience will be useful as a parent governor to help develop the school in fruitful ways

How to vote:

Your child will bring home a letter and voting slip today (Friday). Please complete the voting slip and return it to school by **Friday 29 November** at 4 pm. You can return the slip in your child's book bag, or directly to the school office. Please do take this opportunity to have a say in who is on your governing body!

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, but were unable to put yourself forward this time, there may be further opportunities next term. Please contact me on robbins.c52@welearn365.com if you would like to know more.

Catherine Robbins
Chair of Governors



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Helping Hands is a charity that is all about local people helping local people in need. With nights getting darker and colder, they have launched their shoebox appeal. Two years ago Milverton School families donated over 50 shoeboxes to people in need in Leamington. Do you think we can beat that this year? If you would like to create a shoebox as a family and donate it to a homeless person in Leamington, then here is what you can do:



1. Find an empty shoebox and cover it in wrapping paper (so it can still be opened)
2. Include items such as; Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, dry shampoo, deodorant, sanitary products, hairbrush / comb. Coffee & meal vouchers, clothes vouchers Hat, scarf, gloves, socks, hand warmers Book, 2020 diary, notepad & pen, pocket games (e.g. cards), chocolates & sweets (No thank you: Sharp objects such as scissors & razors)
3. Bring your wrapped and filled shoebox into the school office by Friday 6th December 2019 and we can deliver it to the Helping Hands shop for you.

Anybody that wants help with ideas or finding boxes, let me know. Thanks! Kate Beckingsale.

WAM Teacher Training Day

Just to remind you, on all of Milverton's inset days, WAM provide all day childcare for the children at Milverton.

Times: **8.00am-6.00pm**

Where: **Milverton Primary School (drop off and collection in the dining room)**

How much: **£35.00 per child *School hot dinner included***

Children will have the choice to take part in a variety of activities throughout the day;

- *Multi Sports
- *Football
- *Dance
- *Arts and crafts
- *Cooking
- *Climb and Roll
- *Wii games
- *Chill out time



We have two inset days coming up;

- Wednesday 27th November
- Monday 6th January

If you would like your children to take part in the exciting days we have planned then please book your place on WAM's online booking system. We work on a first come first served basis, booking your place on the system will secure your place. You can find the booking system through the School's website;

WAM before and after school Provision; WAM's online booking system.

If you have any questions or queries about this, then please email us on wam@welearn365.com and we will be happy to answer any of your questions.
Many thanks, The WAM Team and Amanda

Could you donate a prize for the Tombola ?
Please bring to school office,
for the Merry Milvertonians Christmas Fair - Friday 20th December



FOMPS

FRIENDS OF MILVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Christmas Calendars - process started. More details to follow next week with regards to ordering.

Christmas Crackers - to reduce plastic waste at the children's **Christmas lunch (Tuesday 17th December)** this year we are asking the kids to make their own crackers. This will be a home project which each child will then bring into school to be given out at the lunches. Your child may not receive their own cracker back. If you can make more than one it would be appreciated.

You will need

Empty toilet roll tube

A small (**non** plastic, **non** sweet) gift i.e. rubber, pencil etc.

Wrapping paper

String to tie each end closed

Cracker snap (available from office)

Please drop crackers off at school office in box provided by Friday 29th November!



We need **creative people** to help us with the new **school murals**. If you have any free time and can help on any of the following dates please contact Libby on 07963935152

Family Painting Dates - Saturday 23rd November - 1-4 pm

- Saturday 7th December - 12-4pm

Please don't just turn up without getting in touch first—so we can make sure there is enough equipment ready and we can manage numbers.

Football Fantastique

The Milverton Squad had their final away game before the long winter break. The team travelled to Clinton primary school on a dark and cold Thursday evening, on a pitch that hadn't been mowed, this game was going to find out what happens when the going gets tough! The game started very quickly on our arrival, due to the light fading fast. Too quickly for Sam C who was still getting his boots tied up when the teams kicked off, running onto the pitch after about a minute and a half. The Milverton team started strongly with excellent runs from Will B, Charlie A and Sam C, It wasn't long before one of these runs into the heart of the defence by Sam C resulted in a measured pass to Harry B who dispatched a bolt of lightning into the bottom corner, the keeper didn't stand a chance. The game continued in this way with the Milverton back line being led by the towering Sam E. The centre back Gandalf-like in his approach, not letting anything past him! The chances came thick and fast for the Milverton team but for some reason the final finish was lacking. The opposition managed to squeeze a few first half chances most notably though their nifty left winger whose footwork was exceptional. Veer managed to keep the winger under control and then sprang forward with some neat passing and fizzing speed. With Freddie in goal all felt safe at the back. The second half provided much of the same with the Milverton team probing and showing great gusto when moving forward. But with only the slim one goal lead, the nerves were jangling as the clock ticked on. Towards the end of the second half the Clinton side were able to capitalise on a miss-kick and fire into the bottom corner, levelling the game. Even as the Milverton side edged closer to the final whistle the chances continued to come but the final finishing touch did not appear and the game ended in a draw. A super effort by all. Well done to Freddie, Will B, Sam E, Zach A, Veer, Sam C, Charlie, Tristan, Harry B, Myles, Will, and Angus. This was Mr Walkers last game with team and we all thank him very much for his leadership this year as he has inspired the team to a great start and for all his enthusiasm when working with the team!



Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesday 3rd December 2019, 7.30pm - 9.30pm



Get into the Christmas spirit and make your own personal, luxury wreath. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and mince pie whilst **Regency Flowers'** City & Guild florists, Clare and Kate, guide you through the professional floristry techniques involved in wreath making.

You will be supplied with everything needed from beautiful foliage to cones and ribbon. You only need to bring a pair of scissors/secateurs and some change as there will be other lovely adornments that you may wish to use to style your own unique wreath. Raffle tickets will also be available for some great prizes.

BOOK/BUY TICKETS by MON 25th November 2019:

Contact Kate (07920 022638, kbeckingsale@yahoo.com), Gill Hayton, or Clare Stokes, or leave clearly named envelopes with correct cash/cheques at school office ASAP!

**£18, or £20 with
raffle tickets**

Do you feel like getting festive with a little Carol Singing?
Join the group Monday 16th December 6pm start!
Email FOMPS@outlook.co.uk if you would like to join the fun!



Notices

SAVE *the* DATE

MILVERTON SUMMER BALL
FRIDAY 12TH JUNE
2020
AT THE ROYAL
LEAMINGTON SPA REAL
TENNIS CLUB

STAND BY YOUR BEDS!

BOOT CAMP - TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING!

FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF REQUESTS, AND ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF BADGERING, TIMINGS FOR BOOT CAMP ARE CHANGING WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.

WHEN: EVERY **MONDAY** AND **FRIDAY** OF THE SCHOOL TERM -
RAIN OR SHINE!

TIMINGS: 0900 TO 0945HRS

LOCATION: MILVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, SPORTS FIELD CV32 6ES
(MAP REF: OS 221 GRID 35666)

Led by Andi* - a fully qualified and experienced Personal Trainer, Pilates Teacher and Massage Therapist - Boot Camp will be 45 minutes of high intensity body weight and cardio vascular exercise. Designed to burn fat, increase strength and improve your aerobic fitness.

Each class will last approximately 45 minutes and cost just £6 (£2 of which will be donated to school funds).

Experience is not necessary but enthusiasm, preparedness to endure and a sense of humour are essential! Oh and a mat or towel.

To find out more. Email DADWHATRUMS@GMAIL.COM or text 07500 015191.

I look forward to seeing you!

LANGUAGE VOLUNTEERS

DO YOU SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?
WE ARE LOOKING FOR CLASSROOM HELPERS,
SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS WITH LITTLE OR NO
ENGLISH. LOCAL TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID!

CONTACT US: INFO@EALVOLUNTEERS.CO.UK

Christmas Fun Afternoon

On Saturday December 7th
At 2-4pm
at St Mark's Church

Christmas Crafts]
Face painting
Decorate our big tree
Father Christmas
- bring your letter to post
Nativity Story
Drinks and Cakes





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.