

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Families,

What a great start to Spring Term, with new themes and projects already taking shape across every year group, it has been a pleasure to watch our children return to school with such excellent attitudes towards their learning and responsibilities. Curriculum newsletters were shared on Seesaw class feeds at the start of Spring Term, do click the link so you are fully aware of the learning that is taking place in school, it is also a great way to support and encourage learning discussions at home.

School Clubs started last week and we are delighted to be able to offer so many children such a wide range of clubs and opportunities to choose from. If any parents have skills and talents that might lend themselves to a summer term club, so let us know!

Many of our children have already been given the opportunity to represent our sports teams over the last three weeks, we are very proud of the great resilience, determination and commitment our children have shown to their teams and the sports they have participated in. We are delighted to have been awarded a silver medal at the Year 5/6 Chester schools indoor athletics competition and are through to the next round of the Year 5/6 Football Chester Cup competition.



Some of sporting stars



Some of our TEAMs enjoying the recent wintery weather

### The MVP STEAM curriculum

A highlight of every term is always our STEAM learning project. This term, STEAM projects will take place week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February. More information about STEAM 2023 can be found at [https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve\\_file/10716679](https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/10716679).

Families are invited to our STEAM project presentations in school on Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> March. If you are unable to attend, let class teachers know and they will arrange for work to be shared on Seesaw and as well as a suitable time for you to come in and share your child's work with them.

Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception Robins (STEAM stay and play for families)	9.00 – 10.00am
Thursday 02 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sparrows	1.00pm
	Owls	1.00pm
	Kestrels	1.45pm
	Hawks	1.45pm
	Falcons	2.30pm
	Eagles	2.30pm

## Staffing

Next week Mrs Redmond will be starting her Maternity Leave as her family await their new arrival, we wish them the very best and look forward to meeting baby Redmond in the coming weeks. Mrs Ditchfield is ready to take over Mrs Redmond's role in TEAM Sparrow where she will job share with Mrs Gibbons for the rest of the school year.

Mrs Thomson is recovering well following her knee operation and we really hope to see her soon, TEAM Owl have been working very hard and I know she is checking Seesaw every day to see how they are doing. We will keep parents updated regarding her progress and return date.

We have really missed Mrs Gray in the school kitchen while she has been off with a broken arm following a slip on the ice before Christmas, we look forward to her return next week and thank Mrs Hall who has done an incredible job ensuring the smooth and consistent running of the kitchen, many thanks also go to other members of staff who have stepped in to help when we've needed support. Unfortunately, Paula who also works in the kitchen and in Miller club also fell on the ice last week and has also broken her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery and are very much hoping we've reached our quota of broken bones for this year!

## NEU Teacher Strike Action

You will be aware that the NEU have declared strike action for their teacher members, which has been set for the following dates;

Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> February, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

As mentioned in my letter sent via Seesaw last week, it is very possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. We hope to be able to share further information with you later this week, if we are able to, regarding any partial or full closure of school on Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> February. However, you may be aware that NEU members do not have to confirm their intention to strike or they may later decide not to strike, having originally signalled their intention to do so. We strongly recommend that you start to explore alternative childcare arrangements, should they be needed.

## Parent Governor Election

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, please look out for information regarding our prospective candidates so you can make your vote count!

## Safeguarding

We are very aware that patterns of family life vary and there is no one, perfect way to bring up children. Good parenting involves caring for children's basic needs which includes:

- Keeping them safe
- Showing them warmth and love
- Providing the stimulation needed for their development and to help them achieve their potential
- Providing a stable environment where they experience consistent guidance and boundaries.

As a parent, carer, neighbour or anyone in contact with children and families you may at times have concerns about the welfare of a child. These could be concerns about their development, appearance or behaviour which may indicate signs of abuse.

If you have concerns about a child you can and should seek advice from professionals. The Integrated Access and Referral Team **0300 123 7047 (option 1)** will give advice and guidance about making referral. If you believe that a child or young person is at immediate risk, this should be reported without delay to the police service as a 999 emergency

<https://www.cheshirewestscp.co.uk/parents-carers/>

If you ever need to talk to anyone in school regarding the safeguarding of your own children or have concerns regarding others, Mrs Gibbons, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Doyle are our school Safeguarding Leads. However, any member of staff has the relevant training and understanding to deal with any disclosures in the appropriate way.

Mrs Gibbons has now completed her half termly attendance checks and is currently in the process of meeting families as necessary to ensure excellent attendance for all. Information regarding our attendance strategy can be found on our school website.

<https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/page/attendance-and-punctuality/123905>

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support, have a wonderful week.

Mrs Doyle & The Mill View TEAM

<p>Dates to add to your diary Information regarding school trips or class specific events will be shared directly on Seesaw. Please check dates on every newsletter to avoid missing additional dates or changes.</p> <p>MVP holiday dates <a href="https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/10430264">https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/10430264</a></p>		
Book makers - MVP family & friends social group & chat while book making for school		Every Wednesday 9am, all welcome. Grandparents are very warmly encouraged to come along too!
Children's mental health awareness week – resources shared in school will also be sent home via Seesaw		Week beginning Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Little Wrens - Parent and families stay and play		Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 9.00-10.00am
<b>End of Spring Term 1</b>		<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Start of Spring Term 2</b>		<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>
World Book Day celebration – come to school dressed a book character		Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception Robins – Parent and families stay and play		Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup> March 9.00 – 10.00am
STEAM Celebrations in school – parents welcome to join us – Please see timetable below		Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup> March Thursday 02 <sup>nd</sup> March
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Class photographs		Monday 06 <sup>th</sup> March
School clubs finish this week		W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Neurodiversity awareness week - resources shared in school will also be sent home via Seesaw		
Teacher / Parents Evenings		Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 3 and 4 performances – families are able to book 2 tickets per performance		Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 1.45pm & 6.00pm Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 1.45pm
<b>End of Spring Term 2</b>		<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Start of Summer Term 1</b>		<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>		<b>Monday 01<sup>st</sup> May</b>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>		<b>Monday 08<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>End of Summer Term 1</b>		<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY IN SCHOOL</b>		Monday 05 <sup>TH</sup> June
<b>Start of Summer Term 2 for children</b>		<b>Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Year 5/6 End of Year production at St Michael's Church		Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm & 6.00pm Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm
<b>End of Summer Term 2</b>		<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>