

## Dear Families

We've had great start back to school following the half term break, it's fabulous to see the energy and enthusiasm that children are putting into their work and new class themes. Links to each year group's curriculum newsletters were sent via PING sharing class themes and objectives for this half term. If you missed the message you can also find them on our school website.

Many thanks to you all for supporting our first remote parents evening. The opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child's areas of strength and targets is vitally important in ensuring their success. If you feel there are things you would like to discuss further or would like some advice as to how to support your child at home do contact us. We will be sharing more information relating to your child's Autumn Term progress before the end of term.

On Tuesday I had the great pleasure of welcoming prospective parents to our wonderful school via zoom. We are currently unable to invite visitors into school for tours so we have also put together a short film to share a little more about ourselves. If you would like a look click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2hDz5OB3bs>

If you are applying for younger siblings due to join us in September don't forget that the closing date for applications is January the 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.

It has been truly inspiring to see the positive response to our recent Citizenship Padlet challenge. We will be continuing with the challenge throughout the next couple of weeks so there is plenty of time to join in. Each challenge is worth 1 stamp. Once they have completed a challenge they can look to see what other challenges they have yet to complete to earn more stamps.



## Communication

Seesaw is a great way for us to communicate with you at home as well as being an excellent tool for children and staff to use in the classroom. Miss Gaunt will be giving a Seesaw tutorial via zoom on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm for any parents who would some help or tips to support their use of this platform. If you would like to join her please contact [admin@millview.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@millview.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will send you an invitation.

This new platform has inevitably changed the way we communicate with each other and over the next few weeks we will be making some decisions regarding how we use the different lines of communication available to us in the future. For now we ask that if you have a message that requires a reply in the same day that you call the school office, this is very important if you are informing us that going home arrangements have changed. Other quick questions, clarifications you may require or messages that you would like to pass to class teachers can be sent via email or Seesaw. If you are sending a message that may require a detailed response, for example regarding your child's progress or attainment, we would prefer that you email us. Teachers will always respond to messages, within a reasonable time frame, during their working day.

If you ever have a question, query or something you are unsure of regarding school, please do contact us as we are the best people to give you the answer.

## PTA

A huge well done to all involved with the **Mill View Primary Upton virtual market**, it's fantastic that we are able to support local businesses in such a positive way while also raising funds for our children here in school.

The **PTA AGM** will be taking place via zoom on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm. If you would like to join our PTA or have any creative ideas for events please contact [pta@millview.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@millview.cheshire.sch.uk) for more information.

We will be holding a **Christmas Quiz on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** for our families to take part in via zoom. More details will be shared next week. It will be great to see you there for some festive good hearted competition!

It has been tradition over the past few years for us to make a whole school visit to see a Pantomime or Christmas show. In previous years the PTA have kindly funded the cost of the transport to get us there. This year of course, it isn't possible for us to go and see a live performance but our brilliant PTA have come up with another idea. On the last day of term we will be streaming a Pantomime performed by the Belgrave Theatre in Coventry purchased by the PTA. This is also Christmas dinner day so will be a really lovely way to end the Term while enjoying something together.

## Class Charities

Many thanks to all of the children who brought a donation for their class charity on our recent Non-Uniform day. It was great to hear of the causes close to our children's hearts;

Reception Global Giving (a charity that provides education for children across the globe)

Year 1 Hospice of the Good Shepherd – Reflect

Year 2 Marine Conversation Society

Year 3 R.S.P.C.A

Year 4 Children with Cancer U.K

Year 5 Cancer Research

Year 6 The Windrush Foundation

**WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK**  
**SHARING FOOD:**  
**CHALLENGING**  
**INJUSTICE:**  
**PROMOTING**  
**DIGNITY**

## Foodbank

This week we will be again collecting donations for the West Cheshire food bank. There will be a box on the bench on the main path down onto the playground for any contributions you would like to make.

## Christmas cards

This year instead of giving Christmas cards our staff will be making a contribution to Reflect. Reflect is a service provided by the Hospice of the Good Shepherd who support children who are bereaved. Over this past year the charity has provided much needed support for some of our families and we feel like we'd really like to give something back to help them carry on their vital work.

This year we suggest that if your child would like to give Christmas cards they bring just one special one for their class, they may also like to bring one for the other classes if they wish. This will reduce the risk of children bringing too many things to and from school and will also be a lovely thing to share with all of their friends and put up in class.

If you would also like to make a 'Christmas card' donation to the Reflect charity along with our staff donation this can be made on Parent Pay.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Doyle and the Mill View TEAM

<b>Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added as events are arranged so please do check each newsletter for changes.</b>	
Whole school zoom assembly  You are all welcome to join us if you can. Meeting ID 898 5770 4189 Password assembly  If you child is receiving a celebration assembly postcard their class teacher will let you know via Seesaw	Every Friday 10am
Parent Seesaw tutorial Please contact <a href="mailto:admin@millview.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@millview.cheshire.sch.uk</a> for an invitation	30 <sup>th</sup> November 4pm
PTA AGM Please contact <a href="mailto:pta@millview.cheshire.sch.uk">pta@millview.cheshire.sch.uk</a> for an invitation	30 <sup>th</sup> November 8pm
PTA Christmas Quiz – save the date – details to follow	4 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm
KS1 Christmas Performance – We will confirm the format of the performance nearer the time	15 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Christmas Performance - We will confirm the format of the performance nearer the time	17 <sup>th</sup> December
Non-Uniform Day Christmas Dinner Day Whole school panto day	18 <sup>th</sup> December
Last day of Autumn Term	18 <sup>th</sup> December
First day of Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January