

## Dear Families,

We are now two weeks into the last half-term of this academic year, children have quickly settled back to their learning and we have felt many magic moments already. Before the break, we all enjoyed STEAM week during which children solved problems, created designs and adapted plans while developing skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths. Many thanks to all of you who were able to tune in to share the learning.

Last week we all had a great time raising funds for KidsBank Chester with our fun hair, there were some incredibly creative hair styles and we all had a good time. Together we managed to raise £354.00 for this fabulous charity, well done Mill View!



## Fun Hair!



## Some good news

Our staff team have also had lots to celebrate recently. Firstly, we have the great news to share that Mr Morris has successfully completed his Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) year. Over this last year Mr Morris has not had the traditional introduction to a teaching career one might expect but despite this he has made the most of every opportunity available, the whole TEAM have all learnt so much from working with him and I know he is also very grateful to the staff team who have supported him through this time. Over the half-term break we received confirmation that Mrs Redmond has achieved the National Qualification for Middle Leadership, this is great news for Mrs Redmond and our school. As a school we encourage staff to follow National Leadership programmes and as a result we have a huge wealth of Middle and Senior Leadership knowledge across school that directly impacts on our curriculum and areas of responsibility. And finally, we were all delighted to hear the lovely news that Mr Glendenning got engaged over the half term break, we all wish Mr Glendenning and his partner much happiness and our best wishes for their future.

## Staffing

In the next few weeks, Mrs Redmond will be returning to school following her maternity leave so do say hello if you see her. Sadly we will soon be saying goodbye to Mrs Turnbull who has been working with us since last June, Mrs Turnbull has worked with children in all year groups to support them following the periods of lockdown and to give academic support where needed. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Mrs Turnbull who has an incredible ability to lighten any room. Mrs Turnbull will return next year to cover classes when necessary so we look forward to catching up when we can. Mrs Whitehart will also be leaving us at the end of the school year so that she can spend more time with her family and young children, Mrs Whitehart has been an asset to the team during her time here and will be greatly missed by us all. In September we look forward to welcoming a new member of our support staff team, Mr Dann. Mr Dann will be an excellent addition to our team and brings with him a breadth of knowledge and experience. Year group staffing plans for September will be shared with parents in week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June.

## Scarecrow Trail

The fabulous Upton Scarecrow Trail is now open and I know lots of our families have already enjoyed following the trail and spotting Scarecrows. Maps are £3 and can be collected from our school office, a member of the PTA at the end of the school day, Upton Pavilion, Fish & Chips Upton Grove, The County Sports Club and Spar on Long Lane.

Many thanks to our PTA who do such a fabulous job of organising this event for our community.



## Sports Day – Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>

Due to the restrictions that are still in place regarding gatherings of large groups of people, we are unfortunately unable to invite families to this year's event. However, we are determined that the children will still experience a super active day and invite you to zoom in to join us for class races. Mr Glendenning will be commentating live from the school field and we have lots of exciting sporting activities planned. Children must come to school ready in their school PE kits and trainers, we are planning for sunshine so please ensure that children also have their water bottles, sunhats and are wearing sun cream.

## Covid in our local area

We are aware that positive coronavirus cases in our local area have recently increased. We ask that you remain alert to the rules and restrictions that are currently in place and follow the correct procedure should someone in your house display symptoms or receive a positive test result. If anyone in your household has reason to book a test, children must not be sent to school. Within school we continue to frequently review and refresh our Risk Assessments to ensure that we are doing all we can to reduce the risk of spread should someone in school test positive. We must continue to work together to reduce the risk to the health of those within our community and also to mitigate the risk of class bubble closure.

In the table below you will find dates for coming events in the school diary. We will continue to add to and amend these dates as necessary so keep checking each newsletter for any updates.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Doyle & The MVP TEAM

Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added as events are arranged so please do check each newsletter for changes.	
PTA Scarecrow Trail starts	12 <sup>th</sup> June – 27 <sup>th</sup> June
School led clubs end this week	Week of 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Class Teacher information September 2021 shared with families	25 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day & school picnic – School PE kit to be worn, water bottles, sun hat, sun cream (zoom details above)	25 <sup>th</sup> June
Class move up transition session with next year teacher	02 <sup>nd</sup> July 9.30 – 10.30pm
End of year reports out to families	02 <sup>nd</sup> July
Class move up day transition day with next year teacher	07 <sup>th</sup> July
Infant and Junior end of year productions shared with families	W/B 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers Evening	15 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 families please keep this evening free, we are currently awaiting advice regarding restrictions to inviting groups of people into school.	
Last Day of Summer Term	16 <sup>th</sup> July

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