

## Dear Families,

It was an absolute pleasure to be able to invite families into school before the half term break to share STEAM projects and learning from the first few weeks of the year. For many of our Reception parents this was the first time they had set foot into our building and for many others it has been a very long time. Staff also enjoyed the opportunity at Parents Evening to share an update on children's learning and how they have settled into new-year groups. Many thanks to you all for following the steps we set out to ensure that things ran smoothly. If you would appreciate further conversation with staff regarding anything that was discussed during the parent / teacher meetings or how you can support children at home, please make contact via Seesaw with class teachers.

We have had a great start to the second half of Autumn Term, with the last couple of weeks absolutely brimming with exciting moments and memorable learning. Last week we all took part in Parliament Week, a great learning experience for all involved. This week our Sparrows and Owls have enjoyed a great day out at The World Museum where they represented our school brilliantly. Children in Years 5 & 6 had the exciting opportunity to take part in casting videos with the BBC for a programme they will be making at Chester Zoo in December and today we welcomed The Cheshire Phoenix coach and player Rad Bakalli into school to meet us & to tell us a little more about basketball.



## Mill View Local Governing Body

We are currently looking to appoint a parent governor from within our school community.

This is an exciting opportunity to help support us in achieving our current aims and vision for the future. If you are able to help support the school, we would love to hear from you.

For an informal chat or to express an interest in becoming a governor please contact Mrs Callaghan at [businessmanager@millview.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:businessmanager@millview.cheshire.sch.uk) no later than Friday 26th November, to arrange a good time to come and meet us.

## Pupil Parliament week

Pupil Parliament week was a great success, with children all across school developing a clearer understanding of democracy and the things they can do to make a difference in their own and other's lives. It was wonderful to welcome Chris Matheson MP, Councillors Jill Houlbrook and Richard Beacham into school to learn more about their roles and the work they have done to support our community. Our children asked excellent questions with some even presenting letters containing things they were concerned about to our guests.



## **Christmas Celebrations and Christmas Cards**

Although it is only November, our staff and PTA are busily planning for school performances and events in December. Please keep an eye out for upcoming PTA events including the Christmas café and Grotto event on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and the Christmas Film night afterschool on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Dates for school performances can be found in the diary date section below.

This year we ask that children do not bring Christmas Cards for every child in the class, if they would like to give a card to their friends we suggest they bring one really special card that will be displayed by their teacher. Instead of Christmas cards this year staff will be donating to the Share Shop in Chester, this has been inspired by Lia in Team Owl who has been working hard to raise money and collect donations for this charity. If you would like to join us in donating the money you might have spent on cards, there will be an option on Parent Pay to do so.

## **Sports events**

There was a real buzz in the air yesterday as our Year 5 / 6 boys football team took part in our first fixture of the year. It was brilliant to see so many families had come along to cheer them on. They played an incredible match, showing great determination and resilience throughout. This is just the first of many games that we will take part in across the year, we are all absolutely determined to give as many children as possible the opportunity to participate and compete in a range of sports and hopefully have lots of success along the way!



Please find upcoming diary dates and events detailed below,

We wish you all a fabulous weekend,

Mrs Doyle & the Mill View TEAM

<b>Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added and alterations may be need to be made so please do check each newsletter for any changes.</b>	
PTA Non-Uniform Day in aid of PTA Christmas raffle & Children in Need.  PTA fair donations - KS1 raffle prizes KS2 Bottles for the tombola  Bring £1 or donations can be made on Parent Pay for Children in Need	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Grounds Day – Bring the family to come and help us tidy and tend our ground ready for Spring	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm
School led clubs end this week	W/B Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
PTA Christmas Café and Grotto after school	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
PTA Christmas film night after school  Please note that this replaces the Community carols event.	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Non-Uniform Day in aid of Share Shop Chester. Donations can be made via Parent Pay or on the day.	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Key Stage One Christmas performance - Families will be issued 2 tickets per performance (younger siblings will require a ticket if they are attending).	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm
Key Stage Two Carol Concert at St Michael's	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Staff INSET day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
First day of Spring 1 for children	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January