

Dear Families

Here we are at the end of a fabulous half term of learning. Despite the challenges that returning to school post lockdown have presented there is no doubt that as a school and community we have shone. There have been many magic moments over these past weeks and our children have shown themselves to be as hard working, motivated & determined as ever. It has been a joy to welcome our youngest children & watch them begin to form those ever so important relationships that will see them through the next 7 years here with us at Mill View.

I am delighted at the way in which our children, families and staff have embraced the new learning platforms we have introduced this half term. The connections they have given us to you at home at this time have been invaluable. During the period of time our Year 2 & Reception bubbles have been closed teachers have connected with their classes via Microsoft teams for daily live taught sessions and have used Seesaw to set work and connect with learners. Although our systems were set up and ready to go this was the first time they were put into action. Teaching in this way is something new and different for children, parents & teachers alike and all involved must be congratulated for the way they have thrown themselves into teaching and learning via these platforms and engaging so fully in the learning that was available.

Work on our new outdoor area has started and it is now really starting to take shape. Over the half term break work will begin on the new water tight canopy that will replace the red metal framed structure currently in place. All children will have the opportunity to play on the equipment when the project is complete.

STEAM

This week there has been an excited buzz in the air as children have completed their STEAM projects. In some cases these have been linked to class themes and in others children have been presented with a problem or question they must solve. It is an excellent way for children to make connections between subjects while also practicing critical problem solving and collaborative skills that they can then apply in different contexts. We are delighted that the children have been able to share their learning with you in their zoom presentations at the end of this week.



Charity work

Today children were invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes with a £1 donation to be given to their class charity of choice. It has been really interesting to hear of the different causes that are close to our children's hearts and they are happy that they are able to give something from us here at Mill View.

Many thanks to all of our families who gave a food donation for the West Cheshire Foodbank. We will organise another donation before Christmas for those who would like to help.



The GIANT Pumpkin raffle

I was told there was quite stir in school last week when Mrs Middleton presented her prize giant pumpkin to us to raise some money for our kitchen garden projects. Well done to Emily Vanson in Sparrow Class who was the lucky winner. We can't wait to see what you do with it! Many thanks to all of you who purchased a ticket as together you raised £163.00.

Our PTA are currently planning lots of exciting things for the children to take part in including a 'Spooky Spoon' competition. Look out for their ping to find out more information.



Covid-19

As a community we are all very aware that local numbers of cases appear to have risen in recent weeks. We continue to do all we can within school to reduce the risk of transmission and over the holiday will again be undertaking a deep clean of classrooms and shared areas. If you or someone in your immediate family develops one or more of the following symptoms then you should inform school, self-isolate and get a test.

- high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

We look forward to seeing you all when children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November. We wish the children a restful break after a busy and successful half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Doyle and the Mill View TEAM

| Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added as events are arranged so please do check each newsletter for changes. | |
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| 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 |
| Last day of Autumn Term 1 A sports club will be taking place in our school hall over the half term break. If you would like to book a place please call our school office. | 23rd October |
| STAFF INSET (No children in school) | 02 nd November |
| First day of Autumn Term 2 | Tuesday 3 rd November |
| Parents Evening – Parents evening will be held remotely this term. Booking information will be sent to you by Mrs Callaghan this week. If you have any trouble accessing the booking system do let us know so we can help | 10 th & 12 th November |
| New starters September 2021 Zoom welcome evening – please call the office if you would like to join us | 17 th November 6pm |
| Family Carols in the Forest – TBC dependent on social gathering restrictions at the time | 09 th December |
| KS1 Christmas Performance – We will confirm the format of the performance nearer the time | 15 th December |
| KS2 Christmas Performance - We will confirm the format of the performance nearer the time | 17 th December |
| Last day of Autumn Term | 18 th December |
| First day of Spring Term 1 | Tuesday 5 th January |