

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are now nearing the end of Autumn Term. I have felt incredibly proud of the pupils and staff here at Mill View since I took the post of acting Principal in April 2019, but this half term has truly shown the strength, resilience & commitment of all within our school. Despite the challenges posed by the strict measures we have all had to follow and the changes that have had to be made to the running of school, every child has experienced success and when walking around school the engagement and excitement in each classroom can be clearly felt. I would like to thank our incredible staff who have worked so hard to find positive solutions to ensure that we have continued to provide the very best for every child. I would also like to thank our families for your on-going support, care and encouragement.

Social media platforms and internet use

The internet and social media have been so important to many of us over these last months and have allowed us to maintain contact and relationships at a time when we haven't been able to be close to others. Internet Safety is part of our curriculum and in response to the increased time children have recently spent using technology, we have greatly increased the frequency and content of teaching in class. As a school we can educate children regarding safe internet use but we have no control over the platforms children access or how families monitor the use of devices and internet use at home.

It has recently come to our attention that many of our children have TikTok and Snap Chat accounts, some of which are open for public view. We recommend that you regularly take the time to look closely at the devices, apps, accounts and social media platforms that your children use at home. Please make sure you are fully aware of what they are accessing, check the privacy options that are set and be sure you know exactly who they are in contact with.

Good advice for parents can be found at:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



We would also like to remind all parents that images or films that have been shared on Seesaw, showing children other than their own, must not be shared on other platforms or social media. It is vitally important that images are not shared without permission to protect the safety and privacy of all of our children.

Being good citizens

We have continued to be amazed by the good work and thoughtful deeds our children have created in response to our Citizenship Padlet. Thank you to all of our families who have helped them to achieve such special things and develop that understanding that we all have the power to make a positive difference to others.

Two of our children in Year One had the great idea of setting up a car wash and managed to raise an incredible £265 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. If you would like make a donation to their just giving page you can find more information here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/austinandislacarwash>



We had a great response to our most recent West Cheshire food bank collection and it was really lovely to see and hear children excitedly bringing their contributions. These have been dropped off and will make a real difference to families in need this Christmas.



As mentioned in our last newsletter, this year we are encouraging children to bring in one extra special card for their class rather than individual cards for each child. If you would like to join staff in making a 'Christmas card' donation to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd Reflect service these can be made on Parent Pay.

Christmas performances

As detailed in the letter sent earlier this week, both the Key Stage One and Two recorded performances will be available to view on the evening of Thursday 17th December. We will meet at 5.45pm to introduce the KS1 performance and at 6.30pm to introduce KS2. We are very grateful to Vicar Pete and St Michael's for allowing our KS2 children to record parts of their performance in their church building.

If you are looking for an activity to do over the next couple of weeks, St Michael's church have organised a trail around the local area.

Maps can be collected from the

KANRA Hub, Kingsway Café or downloaded at <https://stmichaelschester.com/lighttheway/>

Look out for Mill View stop on the trail!



Covid-19

As detailed in the letter sent via PING yesterday, it is important that you are aware of what to do if your child develops symptoms after we close on Friday 18th December.

1. If your child develops COVID symptoms up to 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December, please email head@millview.cheshire.sch.uk to notify us that your child has become symptomatic. *If they become symptomatic after 3.30pm on Sunday no school action is required as separate track and trace systems will take place.*
2. The school will notify all parents in the relevant bubble via PING to inform them that a child in their year group has symptoms and to consider reducing their own child's contact with others.
3. Once a test result is known, the parent of the child who has been tested should contact school again via the email above (negative or positive) without delay.
4. School will make contact with all parents in that bubble once they are aware of the result. This may be as late as the 24th of December, depending on the wait for the test outcome.

Please continue to remain vigilant for symptoms of Coronavirus and do not send your children to school if anybody in your household displays any of the following symptoms or is awaiting the results of a test;

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss of taste or smell

If you have any questions at all about booking tests, symptoms or what you should do please contact us and we will help you find the right advice.

Have a great weekend everyone,

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.	
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
KS1 Christmas Performance – A letter has been sent confirming performance details	17th December 5.45pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - A letter has been sent confirming performance details	17th December 6.30pm
Non-Uniform Day Christmas Dinner Day Whole school panto day	18th December
Last day of Autumn Term	18th December
First day of Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5th January
Conscious Discipline behaviour sessions for parents – Training will take place over two sessions. Both session 1 & 2 will be repeated in the daytime and evening to allow as many parents as possible to attend. If you would like to sign up please contact admin@millview.cheshire.sch.uk telling them the session times you would like to attend	Session 1 21st January 11.30am 21st January 6.00pm Session 2 28th January 11.30am 28th January 6.00pm
STEAM week celebration – you will be invited to join your child's class during the afternoon remotely to share their learning	11th February (Time TBC)
Last day of Spring Term 1	12th February
First day of Spring Term 2	22nd February
School photos	23rd February
World Book Day Celebration day – Children come to school dressed as a book character	05th March
Parents Evening	24th and 25th March
Last day of Spring Term	Thursday 01st April