

Dear Families,

We really have had a great start to term. As always, the first few weeks of the new school year have been jam-packed but it seems we are all now settled into the new routines and there is much to celebrate. Many thanks to you all for helping us to ensure a smooth start for the children, especially in supporting good attitudes and high expectations regarding homework and additional learning at home. Below are just some of the great things we have to celebrate from recent weeks.

It was great to see so many families at our recent KS1 reading evening and we are now looking forward to our Reception Robin's reading evening later this month. Please check the dates below for other opportunities to come into school or to engage in training led by our fabulous staff.

Since September it has been our pleasure to show round many different visitors and colleagues who are interested in our curriculum and approach. Without exception, our guests have commented on the high standard of work and expectation here at Mill View and the excellent attitudes our children have to learning. What a great TEAM we are, well done Mill View!



New additions to the TEAM!

Last week we received the fabulous news that Mr Glendenning and his partner welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Teddy Samuel Glendenning. We send them our love and best wishes as they navigate and enjoy these precious first days with their new born and look forward to seeing Mr Glendenning when he returns to school following his Paternity Leave.

We are also delighted to share two more baby announcements! Mrs Redmond and her husband are looking forward to welcoming a little brother or sister for Rosa. While Mr Dann and his wife are expecting a little baby brother or sister for Georgie.

What a pleasure for us all to be able to share such a special and memorable time for them all.



Parent Teacher Association and fundraising

We are very keen to give our PTA a fresh burst of energy and welcome new members keen to help us raise needed funds and provide great fun opportunities for our children and community. It's such a great way to support school and meet other parents. There are roles for everyone and the more members we have the less work there is for everyone. We will be out over the next couple of weeks asking for anyone interested to let us know, you might want to be a key member with a role or you may just want to support particular dates or events throughout the year.

Last year we had lots of fun raising an incredible amount of money for charities close to our hearts. We have already started this year off in the same way by raising over £300 and donating a huge pile of new pyjamas to <https://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk/>



Attendance

Good attendance at school is essential to the global development and academic progress of children. At Mill View we work through a progressive curriculum where every lesson builds on the one before & missing just one day can impact on future lessons and understanding. We absolutely understand that at times children are just too ill to attend and must stay at home, but encourage families to make decisions regarding other absences with careful consideration.

At the end of each half term, Mrs Gibbons tracks attendance, persistent absence, lateness and unauthorised absences. Should we have concerns regarding absences or patterns of lateness, she will be make appointments with parents to see how we can offer support. Please be aware that all term time holidays will be unauthorised in line with our local school partnership policy, further details regarding our policy can be found on our school website https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/8567033

Uniform swap

On Wednesday 9th November we will be holding a uniform swap event for families to donate items of uniform, forest school kit, PE kit or coats that you no longer need for others to use. Any freshly washed items that still have life left in them can be dropped at school from Monday 7th November and we will have them out for you to take throughout the day on the 9th.

If you are able to help us sort and organise we'd be really grateful so please let us know.

Dates to add to your diary	
Information regarding school trips or class specific events will be shared directly on Seesaw. Please check dates on every newsletter to avoid missing additional dates or changes.	
Book makers - MVP family & friends social group & chat while book making for school	Every Wednesday 9am
Tempest school photos	Thursday 13 th October
Reception Robins reading and phonics information evening <u>in school</u>	Tuesday 18 th October 6.00pm
Little Wrens stay and play	Wednesday 19 th October Between 8.45 – 10am
Reception Robins Stay and Play session, we will also give you the opportunity to watch a phonics session in class to model how to support your child at home.	Thursday 20 th October 9am – 10am Friday 21 st October 9am – 10am
Class teachers will ask you to book onto either session nearer the time.	
Non-Uniform day – We will be collecting donations for our chosen school charity	Friday 21 st October
End of Autumn 1	Friday 21st October
Staff INSET day	Monday 31 st October
Start of Autumn 2 for children	Tuesday 01st November
Conscious Discipline information evening	Tuesday 1 st November 7.00pm
STEAM week presentation – families are invited to join us for a presentation of STEAM week projects. All presentations will also be recorded for anybody unable to attend and posted on Seesaw	Tuesday 1 st November Year 2 1.00pm Year 3 1.45pm Year 5 2.30pm
If you are unable to attend but would like to zoom in, please let class teachers know!	
STEAM week presentation – families are invited to join us for a presentation of STEAM week projects. All presentations will also be recorded for anybody unable to attend and posted on Seesaw	Wednesday 2 nd November Year 1 1.00pm Year 4 1.45pm Year 6 2.30pm
If you are unable to attend but would like to zoom in, please let class teachers know!	
Parents Evening	Tuesday 8 th November Wednesday 9 th November
Uniform donations and swap day	Wednesday 9 th November
PTA Bags 2 school drop off day	Friday 11 th November
PTA Non – uniform day. Raffle prizes and bottle tombola donations to school (more information to follow). Children may also wear their Children in need spots and make a donation if they wish.	Friday 18 th November
Grounds tidy up and helping out day 10am – 1pm Please bring the family and come and help if you can, it really makes a difference to our grounds!	Saturday 19 th November
PTA Christmas film evening	Thursday 24 th November 3.15pm – 5.30pm
PTA school fair after school <i>*Information regarding other planned PTA events to follow</i>	Friday 2 nd December
Little Wrens Christmas stay and play	
Infant Christmas performance	Tuesday 13 th December 1.45pm Wednesday 14 th December 1.45pm
Junior Christmas Carol performance at St Michael's church	Thursday 15 th December 1.45pm & 6.00pm
End of Autumn Term 2	Friday 16th December
Staff INSET day	Tuesday 03 rd January
Start of Spring Term for children	Wednesday 04th January

We thank you for your ongoing care, support and trust,

Mrs Doyle & the Mill View TEAM