

Uniform

We have had a great start to the year and all children have come back happy and ready to learn - some seem to have grown a lot in just 6 weeks!!

Most children are in the right uniform but if your child is wearing leggings or jogging pants they must be black and not grey.

Nearly every child has been wearing trainers for The Daily Mile which has been fabulous. Your child can change into/out of trainers if you do not want them to wear them for the whole day.

Lost Property

We have accumulated what can only be described as a ridiculous amount of lost property at Mill Lane over the last year.

We have tried to return this to its owner but as most does not have a name in we have been unsuccessful.

I have spoken to all the children about this and we will be doing the following:

We will give out lost property to your children to bring home and wear (if you really do not want it please pass it to a charity shop) as we believe this teaches them about reducing waste.

We will be buying pens in school and will write your child's name in their clothes if it is not already there - if you would prefer us not to do this please let me know as soon as possible and ensure you put your child's name in all their school clothes.

Charity

Thank you for your phenomenal support for MacMillan last year. As this was such a huge effort we have decided not to nominate a charity this year.

This year we plan to raise children's awareness of other people who are less fortunate by supporting national events such as Sports Relief and supporting local charities such as the food bank; if you know of any charities that would like some support please let me know.

Any money raised this year on non uniform days will be used to enhance your child's education through events such as in-school performances.

Homework

This is a very thorny subject and one upon which we never achieve agreement!

The homework policy is currently under review and will be shared as soon as it has been approved by governors.

From experience we know that the children who are most successful in school have a loving and supportive home where they are talked "with" and not "at" and they have a broad range of appropriate experiences with their family. In addition reading is of huge benefit to ALL children and should be encouraged as much as possible - not just school reading scheme books but comics, magazines and other books.

ParentPay

School is no longer able to take credit/debit card payments for ParentPay.

The corner shop has re-opened and takes PayPoint payments in cash.

Safety

To make sure all your children are safe in school we try to keep the main gate closed.

Please help us by closing the gate after you as we are unable to watch it all the time.

Health and Fitness Reminders

All children need breakfast either at home or at breakfast club; children cannot perform to their best if they are hungry. If this is something you struggle with we are very happy to support you and your family - just ask!

Children are often peckish by mid morning - this is normal and healthy. Please send in a snack of fresh fruit or vegetable with your child - some very resourceful children have taken items from their lunch as they were hungry today!

Water is vital for everyone and if your child does not drink throughout the day they could become physically dehydrated and unable to concentrate. Each child needs a water bottle in school every day (don't forget they start the day with a 15 minute run!!) so please let us know if this is a problem.

Packed lunches should NOT contain sweets, crisps or chocolate bars or juice/flavoured water of any kind.

We will be running fitness based after school clubs starting week commencing 16th September and details will be sent separately.

We would like you to feel the benefits of improved fitness also and will be running free yoga classes in school every Friday at 9am starting Friday 13th September. If you would like to join please let the office know as places are limited. You need loose comfortable clothes and water - easy! I will not be there so you can relax and enjoy!

Once again I would like to say a personal thank you for your support last year; it was a tough year but we all felt that the community pulled together and made things easier - thank you.

We will continue on our mission to develop happy and healthy children and will try to create opportunities for you to join in; if you have any ideas please let me know.

Here's to a fabulous year.

