

Newsletter February 2023

Welcome Back!

We are now half way through the school year!!!

As the weather gets better, hopefully, please can I remind you that children should have a bottle of plain tap water in school so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

When children get warm, they take off their jumpers and put them down – it is almost impossible to return the huge number of jumpers we get to their rightful owners if they do not have names in.

Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you to all those parents who take the time to contact school if their child is going to be absent – this has improved enormously since the last newsletter.

We monitor attendance and punctuality every day and some of you may have received letters or had meetings so that we can find ways to help improve attendance and punctuality; please be assured that we want the very best for your children and always hope to work with you.

Telephone: 01924 477544 Email: office@mill-lane.org.uk

The text number is no longer available

Courses

The Strengthening Families Course has now begun and is being very well attended.

On Tuesday 7th March at 9.00 -10.00 we are lucky to have someone from St Giles SOS in school to talk about the issues facing young people in our community. This has been run in other local schools and parents have found it very useful.

Please see the attached leaflet and ring the school office to book your place.

Opportunities to Visit School

Thank you to those parents who attended the school assemblies last half term – this was very successful if a little chaotic. We are already thinking of ways to make it more efficient.

On Thursday 30th March we will be holding a Spring Assembly in school in the afternoon – we will send out details nearer the time.

School Trips

We are in the process of booking our school trips – just one left to confirm. As soon as they are all booked you will be notified of all the details and the costs so that you can start paying on ParentPay.

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Diary Dates

Friday 24 th February	Swimming starts for class 4/5
Thursday 2 nd March	<p><u>World Book Day</u></p> <p>Due to the cost of living crisis we are not asking children to dress up as a character – we have seen how expensive these outfits are.</p> <p>Children can come in non-uniform on that day. There is no cost for this day and we will be having book related activities in school.</p> <p>Safe footwear for running please and NO JEWELLERY.</p>
Tuesday 7 th March	<p><u>St Giles SOS Seminar for Parents</u></p> <p>See information above and leaflet below</p>
Friday 17 th March	<p><u>Red Nose Day</u></p> <p>We are ordering a limited number of red noses to sell in school.</p> <p>Children can come to school dressed in anything red that day and we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per family which we will pass on to Comic Relief.</p>
Thursday 23 rd March	<p><u>Ramadan and Eid</u></p> <p>Ramadan is due to start on Thursday 23rd March for most of our families with Eid al-Fitr falling on Friday 21st April or Saturday 22nd April.</p> <p>Children are permitted a maximum of 3 days off school for religious observance over both Eids. This means children can take one day for Eid al-Fitr and 2 days for Eid ul Adha (June) or the other way round.</p> <p>All religious observance is recorded as such on the register but still counts as absence officially but we exclude it when we calculate attendance at the end of the year.</p>
Wednesday 29 th March	<p><u>Parents' Evening</u></p> <p>Letters will be sent out nearer the time so that you can book to see your child's teachers.</p>
Thursday 30 th March	<p><u>Spring Assembly</u></p> <p>We will be holding a spring assembly in school in the afternoon – details to follow.</p>
Friday 31 st March	School breaks up for Easter
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school

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Excellence in Schools Together

A ONE HOUR CONFIDENTIAL AND INFORMAL SEMINAR, DELIVERED BY CARL MORTON SOS+ TEAM LEADER, DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES FACED BY YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF MAINTAINING A SAFE COMMUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT ISSUES ARE FACING YOUNG PEOPLE?

YOU WILL LEAVE THE SESSION WITH A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN SETTING UP AND RUNNING A COUNTY LINE, THE METHODS USED TO GROOM, RECRUIT AND EXPLOIT YOUNG PEOPLE AND HOW TO FACILITATE A SAFE PLACE WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHY CONVERSATIONS.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

THESE SESSIONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO INCREASE PARENTAL CONFIDENCE IN DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ORDER TO ADDRESS RISK AND PROVIDE OR SEEK SUPPORT.

WHAT IS A GANG AND WHAT DOES A GANG LOOK LIKE?

PARENTS AND CARERS WILL BECOME BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO A YOUNG PERSON BECOMING VULNERABLE AND SUSCEPTIBLE TO COUNTY LINES INVOLVEMENT AND HOW TO RECOGNISE KEY SIGNS AND INDICATORS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BEING EXPLOITED.

THE SESSION AIMS TO SUPPORT PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE PRACTICAL ADVICE AND APPROACHES TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE.