



A *journey* for the mind
A *home* for the heart

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We're already at the end of the first half term of our new academic year. It has been a fun-filled, action-packed half term and I'm sure the children are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

INSET Day

A reminder that this Friday, 20th October is an INSET Day. Teachers will have the opportunity to benefit from professional development and school will be closed for children. School reopens after the half-term break on Monday, 30th October.

Sports Competitions

There has been lots of sports action over the past few weeks and all the children who have represented Millfields have enjoyed competing against other schools.

Hockey – 4 hockey teams, comprised of children from Y3-6, took part in a Crewe and Nantwich hockey competition. Well done to the A Team (Freya Moulson, Ella Hemmings, Faith Hancock, Charlie Allport, Will Davies) who qualified for the Crewe and Nantwich Final, where only a couple of late goals by Highfields prevented a Millfields' success.

Football – The football team have enjoyed mixed fortunes in their first 3 games of the season. After defeats by Weaver and Pear Tree, a fine 6-0 victory over Shavington (Will Davies 3 goals; Charlie Allport 2; Alfie Walley 1) has left the players looking forward to the knock out competition after half-term.

Cross country – There was a fantastic turn out of over 30 children for the 1st cross country race of the year. It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying their athletics. Well done to Isaac Daniels (Y3) who came 3rd and received a bronze medal.

Cubs Swimming Gala – The cubs have been enjoying their swimming outside school as well. Congratulations to Elliot Rowe (1st), Will Gardner (2nd), William Taylor (3rd) and the whole cub pack for receiving the 'Most Improved' trophy.

Community Bulb Planting

Years 3 and 6 have enjoyed getting out in the local community to hone their gardening skills. The classes planted a mixture of garlic, foxglove, wild anemone and daffodil bulbs. The children will be revisiting the area around Nantwich Lake in springtime to see the plants blossom, bloom and brighten up the area. Thank you to local wildlife expert Doug Butterill who organised and led the activity.

Parents' Evening

It was a pleasure to see so many parents attend last week's information evenings. The teachers found it very worthwhile to be able to meet parents and give an update on how the children have started the year. Thank you for taking the time to come to school and meet your child's teacher.

School Uniform

To make ordering school uniform easier for parents, we have arranged for orders to be placed directly with School Trends. If you visit www.schooltrends.co.uk you will be able to search for Millfields on the homepage and place your order. Deliveries can be made to school (free of charge) or direct to your home for a small charge. For further information please visit the school website:

Millfieldsprimary.org.uk → school information → school office → school uniform

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the children in all classes for producing some fantastic pieces of homework in the recent Reading Challenge. It has been incredibly pleasing to see the levels of independence and support from home within the work. The teachers found it extremely difficult to select the winners from the many wonderfully creative, thoughtful and imaginative pieces. However, a special well done goes to: Alexander Bowett, Chloe Emmington, Dylan Waring, Grace Luck, Will Gardner and Luke Bailey for their fine efforts.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the almost 100 parents who returned their surveys earlier in the year. Below is a sample of the questions and the responses. We take the responses very seriously and are currently looking at communication/information sharing to parents and our education around bullying as a result of the feedback.

The comparison is a grade (A high – E low) compared to almost 300 other primary schools.

Question	% agree	Comparison
The school is led and managed well	100	A
The school is friendly and welcoming	100	A
Feel comfortable app school with questions	99	A
Takes account of suggestions and concerns	93	A
Feel child is safe and well supported at school	99	A
I feel staff really know my child as an individual	97	A
Child has not experienced physical bullying	91	A
My child feels very safe and secure at school	98	A
My child enjoys school very much	96	A
Well informed about my child's subjects	91	B
The teaching is good	97	A

Furniture

As we have just purchased some new tables and chairs for Nursery, we have the old ones available. If anybody would like to collect some free of charge, please speak to the school office the first week back. Any unwanted items will be discarded.

Dates For the Diary – Autumn 2017

Fri 20 th October	INSET Day (children not in school)
23 rd – 27 th Oct	Autumn half-term holiday
Mon 30 th Oct	Children return to school
Fri 3 rd Nov	Halloween Disco
6 th – 10 th Nov	Y6 WaterPark Residential
Fri 10 th Nov	Fluenz administration (R-Y4)
Fri 1 st Dec	Christmas Fair (+ Decoration and Christmas Jumper Day)
Mon 4 th Dec	Last Swim Y4
Thur 7 th Dec	Nursery Nativity (11am)
Thur 7 th Dec	Music Performance (Y4 p-bones and School Band)
Thur 14 th Dec	Nursery Party (am)
Thur 14 th Dec	Infant Nativity (1:45 and 6:00)
Thur 14 th Dec	Y5&6 Carol Singing at Millhouse
Fri 15 th Dec	Santa Dash
Fri 15 th Dec	Reading Challenge II entries
Mon 18 th Dec	Whole School Visit to Crewe Lyceum
Tue 19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner (+ class parties)
Wed 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
21 st Dec – 5 th Jan	Christmas Holidays

