



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

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Welcome to our very last Newsletter of 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their continued support of the school and staff this year. It is fantastic to be part of such a warm community at Millfields, where everybody pulls together to make the School the very best place it can be. Have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all bright and refreshed in the New Year.

### Woodland Tidy Up

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help with our Woodland tidy up. It was amazing how much we managed to clear up in a 3 hour spell. Year 1 have been benefitting from the new look woodland in their Forest Schools sessions with Mr Hadfield.

### Sports Competitions

Millfields' football team played well in the Nantwich Area Shield this half term. After convincing victories against Nantwich Academy and Shavington, the team qualified for the Shield final. Unfortunately, they came up against a strong St Anne's team and lost the game to finish runners-up.

It was fantastic to see 40 children from KS2 take part in the recent Sportshall Athletics competition at Malbank. The Y3/4 team competed well, eventually finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Y5/6 team performed excellently, including winning the last 2 races – the boys and girls relays. Other great athletic performances resulted in a win for the team, meaning they have qualified for the Crewe & Nantwich finals after Christmas.

### Year 2 Say Goodbye to Mrs Hubbard

Year 2 were sad to say goodbye as Mrs Hubbard spent her last Friday with the class. The staff at Millfields will be sorry to see Mrs Hubbard end her time in Y2 but hopefully we will be seeing lots of her at school in the future, both as a Mum and a teacher.

The reason for this is that Mrs Milner is returning from her maternity leave after 12 months away. Mrs Williams and Mrs Milner will be sharing the teaching duties in Year 2; a letter with further details will be sent to Y2 parents next week.

### Nantwich in Bloom

Congratulations to Mr Cornes, Mrs Crawford and the Gardening Club for their fantastic contributions to Nantwich in Bloom in the summer. Following the judging, Millfields were awarded GOLD Standard in the Community Competition and the 'Green Fingers' Award for decorating and planting a container for display at St Mary's.

### Reading Challenge

The children from all classes have been bringing in their Reading Challenge homework over the last few days. The teachers will have a busy weekend looking through the wonderful range of work. We will be announcing winners in Wednesday's assembly.

### 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](http://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

### School Attendance

Overall school attendance has been very pleasing this term. At an average of 96.7%, this is well above the national average at primary schools of 96.1%. Well done to 69% of pupils whose attendance has also been above the national average. 60 children have even managed to be in school every single day in the Autumn Term.

There is lots of research to show that children who attend school on a consistent basis outperform those children with regular absences. Thank you to parents for supporting the school and your child by ensuring they attend school regularly.

### Crewe Lyceum Panto Visit

The whole school will be visiting Crewe Lyceum for our annual day of festive fun on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. We are excited about watching Cannon and Ball starring in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

### Infant Nativity

If you have a spare hour or so on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm, you really must come and see the Infant Nativity. The children performed to the parents on Thursday for the first time and the feedback was excellent. The teachers and children were proud of their performance and are looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> show on Tuesday.

### Christmas Fair

The Friends of Millfields once again organised a very enjoyable School event. The Christmas Fair was really well attended and the support of pupils, family and friends ensured the day was a great success. The Friends do some incredible work to support the School budget

### Year 5 Business Enterprise

At the Christmas Fair, Year 5 ran their market stalls as part of their Business Enterprise project. 6 teams had worked hard planning, designing and making their products in the weeks leading up to the 'Big Sell'. All the teams sold their products very well and raised a total of almost £200 for the Nantwich Enterprise charity (still to be decided). This was followed by a 'Dragons Den' where the teams had to present their work (design, sales, finances, advertising, etc.) to the Dragons. The Dragons were very complimentary about the teams; none more so than Team Titanium who will now represent Millfields in the Nantwich Enterprise Final. Watch out Richard Branson!

### Dates For the Diary – Autumn 2017

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Visit to Crewe Lyceum for Aladdin
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner (+ class parties)
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity (6:00pm start)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Attendance Awards and Governors' Award
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Spring Term - return to school for pupils

