



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

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It was fantastic to see the children return to school in such high spirits last week. We have enjoyed our 1<sup>st</sup> week and are all looking forward to the year ahead.

### Millfields Gain School Games Gold Award

As we all know, it is very important that all children are involved in regular exercise and activity. That is why at Millfields we promote extra-curricular clubs and encourage all pupils to get involved. We are also active participants of the Crewe and Nantwich Sports Partnership and have taken part in numerous sporting competitions over the past 12 months. This has included winning the Crewe & Nantwich Cheerleading competition and qualifying for the C&N finals in: Sportshall Athletics, Basketball, Dodgeball and Hockey. There has been lots of hard work from a number of Millfields' staff that allows these activities/sports to take place. This includes Miss O'Neill (extra-curricular co-ordinator); Jo Mascarenhas (Sports Council lead) and many others.

Each year, the school is assessed against the School Games Mark for an independent judgement on our promotion of physical activity and competitive games. I am delighted to say that this year Millfields have been awarded the Gold Award for the 1<sup>st</sup> ever time. Thank you to everybody who has given their time and efforts to ensure the growth and success of extra-curricular activities at Millfields.

### Nursery, Reception and KS1 Nativity

Please note the dates below for our 2018 Nativities. After consultation with staff and parents, we have decided to perform separate Nativities for Reception and KS1. This will give the Reception children more time on stage to show their singing and acting skills to proud parents. The dates are shown below and there will be 2 performances for each play.

### Sporting Fixtures

It is only week 2 in the new school year but we already have our first sporting fixture of the year lined up. The Y5/6 football team play Shavington Primary this Thursday in a home fixture. Mr Cornes has been busy preparing the pitch and the team are excited about the season ahead. There are many more matches scheduled for a range of sports in the coming weeks. Look out for updates on future Newsletters and on our Twitter feed: @MillfieldSchool

### School Charity

I am pleased to announce that our school charity for this year will be the NSPCC. We look forward to supporting the charity and also receiving some fantastic training and education from the children's charity. The aim is that, by the end of the school year, we will have raised valuable money for the NSPCC and our children will be much more aware of how to keep themselves and others safe and happy.

## Attendance

I am sure that you understand the importance of regular attendance at school. Not only does regular attendance increase the chances of making good progress, it also allows more time and opportunity for children to develop their social skills. One of the most recent studies in the UK, based on 2014 KS2 results states:

*'pupils with no absence are 1.3 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above, and 3.1 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above, than pupils that missed 10-15 per cent of all sessions.'*

At Millfields we value the importance of attendance and encourage children to attend school whenever possible. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that the Governing Body at Millfields have taken the decision to reinstate the policy of requesting the Local Authority to issue fines for unauthorised absences, including term-time holidays. Please go to the Cheshire East attendance webpage for more information:

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/school-attendance-service/school\\_attendance.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/school-attendance-service/school_attendance.aspx)

## Parking

Thank you to the vast majority of parents, who either walk/cycle/scooter to school in a healthy fashion or drive/park safely around school. Please can I ask that all parents give consideration to the safety of our children when driving/parking in and around school.

## Dates For the Diary – Autumn 2018

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET – 9:00am start
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children back in school
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Swimming Lessons begin
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Individual/Family photos
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening (3:30 – 7:00pm)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> October (pm)	Reading celebration (pupil completed CE Library Challenge)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Autumn half-term holiday
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	anti-bullying week
w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Road Safety week
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 WaterPark Residential
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity (2:15 & 6:00pm)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Nativity (2:30 & 6:00pm)
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Nativity (11am)
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Visit to Crewe Lyceum
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Govs Award/Attendance assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	INSET Day
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> day of spring term 2019