

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Your children just amaze me. They have all been utterly brilliant since our return. Things are very different in school and they are all getting used to new routines at playtime and lunchtime, their classrooms look different, they are having to sustain learning for longer periods of time and have needed to interact with people again. I want to say a HUGE well-done to all of the children because they have handled all of this superbly.

This half term the children are all thinking about 'kindness' and each and every one of them are impressing us all with the way they are demonstrating this value. We have introduced kindness as another one of our HEART Values and this can be seen on our new value logo's which are on display all over the school.



The teachers have all been working incredibly hard to find out where each individual's learning needs are, following such a long period away from school. What we have learnt throughout the school is that the children all need to focus on their reading and phonics/spelling and I know that you will all want to support us getting these things back on track as quickly as possible. To support you with this we will be holding a virtual parents session on **Thursday 8th October at 6.30pm**. This session will give you some guidance and we hope that you all find it useful.

COVID-19

May I remind you:-

Children and staff who feel unwell should get tested if they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms.

These are:

- A high temperature (over 37.8 degrees C)
- A new, continuous cough
- The loss or change of their sense of taste or smell.

The government guidance is very clear 'No one with symptoms should attend their nursery, school, college or university.' (Taken directly from the Gov.uk website)

If a pupil or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Children or staff may feel unwell with a sore throat, stomach upset, cold or a headache. These children and staff do not need to book a test however may need to stay off school/work and seek advice from their GP or pharmacist as usual.

If we all stick to these guidelines, we will ensure children are back to school learning happily and safely

Prompts and reminders

Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the school day, we request that you provide proof of that appointment. If you are unable to provide proof of the appointment your child's absence will have to be recorded as unauthorised.

PE Days

Children need to continue coming into school in their PE kits on PE days. As the weather cools please can you send your child in in tracksuit bottoms.

Rabbits – Wednesday

Owls – Wednesday and Friday

Hedgehogs – Tuesday and Wednesday

Badgers – Wednesday and Thursday

Year R Photograph

The New Milton Advertiser will be taking a class photo of our new Year R's, date to be confirmed.

Individual Photographs

Individual photographs will be taking place on Tuesday 24th November. Unfortunately we are unable to offer sibling photographs this year.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Value Certificates

The following children received certificates for demonstrating our school values

Elliemay
Oliver
Edward K
Tallulah
Maisie
Ralph T

WOW Work

The following children's work is on display in the hall because their work has demonstrated enthusiasm and ambition towards their learning

Lilley C
Lillierose
Lily F
Kenzie
Harry
Marta

I have particularly enjoyed visiting all of the classes and seeing the fantastic work they have done so far.



Children in Owls class have been busy in maths lessons making 'teen' numbers using Numicon.



Rabbits have had a great start to the term exploring the outdoors.

They were very excited to explore making sounds using resources outside in their lovely new outdoor learning area.



Badgers have been researching the rainforests - there is so much to find out! Discussing the ozone layer and the impact it has on our world.



Hedgehogs have been getting their facts straight about the Vikings completing true or false questions.