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FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No. 20
14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has come to my attention that there has been an increase in requests for absence during term times recently. It is understandable that families will want to book holidays after the year we've all had, but I implore you to try to keep absences to the minimum during school time, and save them for school holidays. The children have had their learning disrupted more than ever before, and school staff are working very hard to try to help them make as much progress as we can to aid them in their recovery. Absences that aren't due to illness, or another permitted reason, work against our efforts and make it more difficult for your child on his/her return to school. If an absence is truly unavoidable, **the only way to inform us** is by filling in an absence request form (available from our school website here: <https://www.milvertonprimary.co.uk/parents/forms>) and emailing to our school office email address. Thank you for your continuing support,

Mr Stead



This week the Pre-school has been awarded the **SASP Early Years and Foundation Stage Physical Activity Accreditation**. This is fantastic achievement and is recognition of the provision we offer. Some of the comments they made were: "Milverton provide a plethora of physical activity provisions for the children to explore, these provisions are selected for the needs of the children and enhance their gross, and, in turn, fine motor skills. This audit was clearly a multi person collaboration. The pre

school work closely with the primary school. The setting not only promote free flow but showcase an ability for children to make choices, free flow is much more than just keeping a door open or allowing children outside, providing suitable choice both inside and outside is key, physical development takes place inside and out as a result of this." Well done, Pre-school!

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays:

19th May—Class 6

26th May—Class 5

MSA Break the Rules Day

Friday 28th May (more info to follow)

Half Term Break

31st May to 4th June

Tuesday 15th June

Class R group photo

Wednesday 7th July

Year 6 Kingsmead transition day

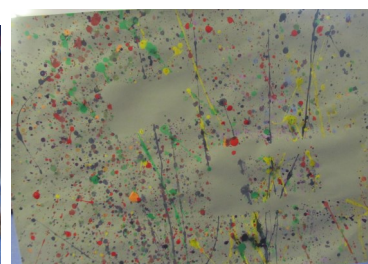
Friday 23rd July

Inset Day

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	229	715
Cork Oak	222	860
Blue Cedar	350	1086
Horse Chestnut	230	903



Children in classes 3 and 4 have been learning about light. Our biggest light source is the sun. However, the sun can be harmful and damage our eyes with its rays. So, the children have designed and made some sunglasses. Don't they look cool! Now all we need is the sun!



In Class R we have been learning about the artist Jackson Pollock and creating art in his style using splatter painting! We have had great fun, even though we all got rather messy!

Mrs Lewis



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-School	<i>Willow for her concentration and enthusiasm in everything this week.</i>
Class R	<i>Ethan and Harrison for being fantastic helpers at Forest school and being really sensible this week.</i>
Class 1	<i>Throughout the last few weeks, Amelia has aspired to be the best she can be. She has been organised, listened well, stayed focussed on tasks and tried her very best. Well done!</i>
Class 2	<i>Monty for his fantastic efforts during our work on Mary Anning.</i>
Class 3	<i>Harley for working his socks off in all subjects this week and for answering lots of questions in class. Charlotte for her amazing progress with fractions. Well done, both of you!</i>
Class 4	<i>Jay for great participation in class. Jay's arm must ache because it's up so much asking and answering questions! Well done, Jay, keep up the enthusiasm.</i>
Class 5	<i>Toby for his mature and conscientious approach to this week's learning.</i>
Class 6	<i>Charlie for his excellent effort in writing this week. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading your story which you have packed full of suspense features. Well done!</i>



Class 1 & 2 have done some fossil hunting in our topic work this week. The children have been finding out about Mary Anning and became fossil detectives. They were in small groups and had to find fossils using a magnifying glass and brush. They then had to carefully remove any fossils they found and talk about what they thought the fossils were. After guessing that the fossils could have been teeth, bones or claws, we found out that they were actually belemnites.
Mr Penny & Mrs McDonagh

The weather was kind to us on Wednesday and Class R had a wonderful morning at Forest School this week. The time whizzed by! As well as our usual favourites of the mud kitchen and swing, we spent our time hunting for birds hidden in the woods, working with a partner to complete the blindfold challenge, bird watching, performing on the stage, building dens, following a mindfulness trail, painting and much, much more! We, of course, enjoyed our hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows too. We learnt so much about looking and listening carefully, taking turns and working together. Another super session.
Mrs Smith



Message from the MSA

Just a note to you all to update you on our work this year. Obviously, it's been very challenging and we have greatly missed organising discos, film nights, bingo and all the fun events the children and families enjoy. Sadly, we are unable to run a summer fete this year either, but look forward to next summer when hopefully we can! The **Copper Challenge** is currently up and running so dig around at home for any spare pennies, the winning class gets extra playtime. We are also running a '**Break the Rules**' day on the last day of term which should be fun! Look out for details soon. We are also hoping to start a new school **lottery** after half term; details to follow. Finally, we are hoping to hold a **summer raffle**. If any parents are aware of any friends or family who could donate a main prize for this event, that would be amazing. Please have a think and email us on

msa-somerset@outlook.com

Funds raised so far this year will be spent on school resources for everyone and hopefully an enrichment day for all too, currently being planned. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your continued support; we really do appreciate it.
MSA Committee