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MILLFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Spring Term Newsletter

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## Read Every Day in 2020



At the start of this new term and new year 2020 we have been talking about new year resolutions and our whole school resolution which is for all pupils to RED - **Read Every Day**.

By reading in school and at home **every day** pupil will develop the speed and fluency of their reading as well as their understanding of what they have read. The more pupils read the more vocabulary they will acquire and the easier it will become for them to understand what they have read.

Every month in 2020 we will be focusing on the books of a particular author in order to develop pupils love of reading and the work of particular writers. This month our author of the month in EYFS / KS1 is Jeanne Willis whilst in KS2 our author of the month is Jacqueline Wilson.

## Supporting Pupils With Allergies



As part of their first aid training on Monday our support staff and lunchtime supervisors received training and education to ensure effective emergency response to allergic reaction situations.

As a school we want to minimise the risk of any child or member of staff suffering an allergic reaction. An allergic reaction to nuts is the most common high risk allergy - therefore we would ask that parents / carers are aware of this when preparing packed lunches for pupils and try to ensure that they are 'nut free'.

## School Crossing Patrol Funding



As parents may be aware funding for the school crossing patrol outside our school was withdrawn by Staffordshire County Council in December 2016 in order to make 'significant financial savings' This patrol was deemed as 'lower priority' as part of a review carried out by Staffordshire County Council because of the additional provision of a traffic signal controlled crossing point.

For the past three years (since January 2017) this crossing patrol has been funded by Fazeley Town Council.

We are pleased to inform parents / carers that Fazeley Town Council has agreed to fund the provision of this crossing patrol for a further 12 months from January 2020 to December 2020. The cost of this provision this year is £4,416

The school is extremely grateful to all members of Fazeley Town Council for making this decision which will be welcomed by all parents and pupils.

The school understands the criteria of Staffordshire County Council regarding the funding of patrols at light controlled crossings, but has registered its concerns again this year that by using this simple criteria the council ignores some of the unique issues presented by the school's location on Coleshill Street which is an A road linking the M42 to Tamworth as well as being the main road for traffic accessing Drayton Manor Park and a great deal of local traffic

### Dates For Your Diary

#### **Friday 14th February**

School closes to pupils for half term

#### **Monday 24th February**

Pupils return to school after half term break

#### **Friday 3rd April**

School closes to pupils for Easter

#### **Monday 20th April**

Pupils return to school for start of new term

#### **Friday 8th May**

School closed for VE day 75th Anniversary Bank Holiday

#### **Monday 11th May**

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Test Week

#### **Friday 22nd May**

School closes to pupils for half term

#### **Monday 1st June**

Pupils return after half term

#### **Friday 17th July**

School closes to pupils for summer holidays

#### **Wednesday 2nd September**

Pupils return to school after summer holidays for start of new academic year.

#### **Thursday 22nd October**

School closes to pupils for half term

#### **Friday 23rd October**

Staff In Service Training Day

Our staff will be joining other staff from the Rawlett pyramid of schools today to participate in joint staff training.

#### **Monday 2nd November**

Pupils return to school after half term

## **Governing Board - Parent Governor Vacancies**

Our school currently has two vacancies for parent governors on our governing board.

Parent governors are elected by and from other parents and are vital to our governing body. They share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of responsibilities. Governors do not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor, and we value the experience that all governors bring to the role.

To find out more about what being a governor at this school is like please contact the school office to arrange for to meet with a current Millfield school governor who will be very willing to answer any questions.

If you would like to take the opportunity to put yourself forward as a candidate, you may only do so by completing an official nomination form (available at the school office or via our school web site). **Nomination forms must be returned by 3.30pm on Friday 31st January.**

The school would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Penn Bourton and Mr Pratt for their support for the school during their four year terms of office as parent governors.

## **Stars of the Week!**



Our Star of the Week Awards for Friday 10th January were:

EYFS: <i>Jake Barry</i>	<i>Martha Shiels</i>
Year 1: <i>Chloe Newman</i>	<i>Seb Matthews</i>
Year 2: <i>George Disspain</i>	<i>Ronav Dhadwal</i>
Year 3: <i>Bogdan Zanet</i>	<i>Poppy Marshall</i>
Year 4: <i>Scarlett Petricca</i>	<i>Beatrice Watkins</i>
Year 5: <i>Tia Grainger</i>	<i>Tiana Richardson</i>
Year 6: <i>Harry Tivnan</i>	<i>Rohan Skelton</i>

EYFS / KS1 Lunchtime Award: *Blake Limm*

KS2 Lunchtime Award: *Jake Lee*

Head Teacher's Award: *Ruby Anderson*



*Special mention this week to Jessica Tonks in Year 1 who is the first Key Stage 1 pupil to complete 10 miles as part of our Golden Mile challenge.*

*Well done to Jack Dolan in Year 6 who joins Dominic Harper as the only pupils so far this year to have completed 25 miles.*