



Newsletter

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Fire Drill & Data Collection

It is essential that we have up to date information for our pupils. We would be grateful if you could carefully check over the data collection form that will be sent home this week. This sheet should not be returned to school. Any amendments to personal information can be made through the 'forms' section on our website at <https://www.millisleprimary.co.uk/safety-information/parents/data-collection-form>

If there are no changes registered before **Friday 10th September**, we will presume all previous information remains current and correct. The information we receive is secure and can only be accessed by school.

It is also essential that your child has permission to evacuate the building in the event of an emergency. Our full evacuation is to Millisle Baptist Church. Our first drill of the year is on **Friday 10th September**. We would be grateful if an online permission form could be submitted for all pupils well in advance of this date. <https://www.millisleprimary.co.uk/safety-information/parents/fire-drill-and-emergency-evacuation-permission-form>

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is back up and running each day for all pupils from Nursery to P7. Pupils will remain in socially distanced class bubbles. In order to facilitate this, pre booking on School Money is essential. Pupils can come from **8am** and the cost remains frozen for 2021/22 at **£1.00 per day** which is made possible through Extended Schools funding.

Healthy Eating in Millise P.S.

At the end of September, we will be launching our new 'Healthy Break Policy' in school. Promoting a healthy lifestyle within our school community is hugely important and the break policy will reflect this.

Healthy Snack is available from school at a cost of £5.00/month which works out at approximately 25p/day. Healthy snack currently consists of apple and toast from Monday to Thursday with yogurts and pancakes on a Friday. In 2021/22, we will be introducing croissants, brioches and breadsticks into our provision in order to increase the variety for our pupils. In order to assist the office with ordering in advance, we would be grateful if those taking snack could commit to the full school term. The payment can however still be made on a monthly basis.

Robert Sinclair

We are delighted to have the exceptionally talented Robert Sinclair back to school with us this year. Robert is a highly renowned music tutor who has taught keyboard and guitar in school for a number of years which was unfortunately disrupted by Covid-19 last year. Robert takes small group sessions from P4 to P7 at a cost of £4 per pupil per week.

Robert will be in school each Monday. So that we can begin to timetable the sessions for this year, I would be grateful if you could send Mrs McAvoy an expression of interest via Dojo message on behalf of your child. Simply state your child's year group and preferred instrument (guitar or piano) and also whether or not they have previously been in one of Robert's groups within school.

Covid-19 Close Contacts

Young people (aged 5 to 17) who are not fully vaccinated and are identified as a close contacts should self-isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

If the PCR test is negative, they can end their self-isolation and should arrange to take another PCR test eight days after the last known contact.

If the young person who is a close contact develops symptoms at any time they should immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test, even if the earlier PCR tests were negative.

If any of the PCR tests are positive, this means they have the infection and they should self-isolate for 10 days, in line with advice for confirmed cases.

After School Care

After School Care is also back up and running each day until **4:45pm**. After School Care is facilitated either in year group or family bubbles depending on numbers. In order to book After School Care, you should contact Mrs Weir in the office in the afternoon who will then be able to generate a bill that can be paid using School Money.

After School Care costs £3.00 per hour for the first child in a family. Additional siblings are charged at £2.50 per hour.

School Crossing Patrol

We have issued a separate letter on the school crossing patrol situation on the Abbey Road. A group of local councillors alongside members of our school community have started a petition to have a 20mph zone established outside school as an alternative approach to having our school crossing patrol reinstated. As a school, we see the crossing patrol as the best possible solution but our requests have been rejected now on numerous occasions. As such, our attention turns to the petition and the 20mph zone.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/reduce-the-speed-limit-at-millisle-primary-school-to-20-mph?fbclid=IwAR3vXxLAWQsZY0n2x1-Iddgw38kx2dL2W7cTWFAOQCryzcTmQREvF6Zzglw>

Additional Uniform

Thank you for the quick uptake of old stock uniform that was re-embroidered for us free of charge by The Signature Works. The only sizes now remaining are age 3 to 4 jumpers and cardigans. There are also still some reserved items awaiting collection at the office.

Dates for your Diary

06/09/21	P1 stay until 12.15
10/09/21	Whole School Fire Evacuation
15/09/21	P6 swimming commences
27/09/21	After School Clubs commence
01/10/21	Flu Vaccination (P1 -P7)
22/10/21	School closes for half-term. Normal finishing times and after school care operational
01/11/21	Staff Development Day
02/11/21	Pupils return after half-term .



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