

Tuesday 25th April 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer Term, we have had an excellent first week back to school with team themes and projects off to a great start. Curriculum Newsletters have been shared on class Seesaw Pages to give you lots of information about what is happening in class this Term, it's always great to see our families also exploring themes and projects so do share on Seesaw if you make any links to learning in school.

School clubs are currently being organised and will be shared over the next few days, we are really lucky to have so many staff members with hidden talents and the willingness to lead extra-curricular activities, in addition to their class responsibilities, and I'm very grateful for the time they give to provide such opportunities. If there are any parents or family members able and willing to support the running of clubs, do let me know.

As always, there are many things to celebrate across school and the last few weeks have been full of great opportunities and magic moments. This weekend we all really enjoyed the PTA school disco where everyone had a really good time while raising funds for school. On Sunday, some of our children took part in a St George's Day performance and parade through Chester, it was great to see so many of our children and families taking part and enjoying the event so much. Thanks to all who came along to take part and watch.

On Sunday afternoon, our outdoor TEAM spent a soggy afternoon working in a kitchen garden and forest school to complete some essential jobs before the summer months. It was incredible to see how much could be achieved in such a short time, a huge thank you to the families who came along to help us out.



It was a pleasure to recently welcome our families and friends into school to watch and enjoy our Year 3 & 4 (Kestrels and Hawks) perform so brilliantly on the stage. It was an absolute joy to watch their performance of Aladdin; the acting, singing and dancing was absolutely stunning and we are so proud of them all. Their pride and enjoyment in coming together to create something so special was clear to see and undoubtedly a moment they will remember forever. Our Kestrels then welcomed families back into school later that week to share their class guitar performance, they played beautifully and we know that many of them will now want to take this newly developed skill and the feeling of enjoyment that learning an instrument can bring, on into the future.



Staffing update

We are delighted to share the lovely news that Mrs Hutcheson and her husband are expecting their first baby, due in September. We are all very excited to welcome another Mill View baby and be a part of this special time in their lives. We are currently in the process of finding the right person to cover Mrs Hutcheson during her Maternity Leave and will keep you updated.

We are also really pleased to be able to share the news that Mrs Callaghan, our School Business Manager, has been promoted within our Trust to a newly created position within the central trust team. This is an excellent opportunity for Mrs Callaghan and reflects her hard work and many talents that we have benefitted from over these last four years. She has run our financial systems with excellent and noted efficiency and has been pivotal to the big and small projects and great outcomes we have achieved over these recent years. We have started the challenging task of finding the right person to fill her position here at Mill View and will keep you updated on our progress. We welcome applications from those with appropriate financial and systems based experience and are keen to find the right person to fit this multifaceted role within our school, therefore the person we are looking for may not come from a school background. If you are aware of anybody who might be interested in finding our more about the role, further details can be found here https://ats-cheshireschooljobs.jpg.co.uk/vacancies/237383?ga_client_id=944fa3cd-2704-4b20-bc01-c06dd4a5fc1d

Safeguarding – NSPCC

Over the last couple of weeks we have taken part in the NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ campaign. Last week Mrs Hughes and Mrs Gibbons led assemblies for Key Stages One and Two. This week our Eagles and Falcons took part in age appropriate workshops run by the NSPCC to develop deeper understanding of abuse and potential signs of abuse, workshops included activities to ensure children understand that abuse is never their fault and that they have the right to be safe, it also taught children where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including Childline. If you would like to find out more about the campaign you can do so at <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>



Parent Survey Feedback

Many thanks to all those who completed our most recent Parent Survey. Your responses are valued and we have taken the time to reflect on all of your comments. These results will also be shared with our Local Governing Body and Central Trust for information and as part of their ongoing evaluation of school. It was a pleasure to be able to share the many positive comments with our team and we appreciate the time you took to contribute.

| 130 responses | Strongly Agree | Agree | Don't know / Neutral | Disagree |
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| When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly | 63% | 25% | 11% | 1% |
| The school has high expectations for my child | 58% | 35% | 6% | 1% |
| My child does well at this school | 69% | 31% | 0 | 0 |
| Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (yes/no) | Yes 15% | No 85% | | |
| If yes, the survey asks parents how strongly they agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.' | 66% | 26% | 8% | 0 |
| Following teacher / parent meetings that have taken place this week, do you feel well informed regarding how your child is getting on in school? | 75% | 24% | 1% | |

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a wonderful week. Please do take the time to check the dates below to make sure you're up to date with what is coming over this busy term!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Doyle & The Mill View TEAM

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| Dates to add to your diary Information regarding school trips or class specific events will be shared directly on Seesaw. Please check dates on every newsletter to avoid missing additional dates or changes. MVP holiday dates https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/serve_file/10430264 | |
| Book makers - MVP family & friends social group & chat while book making for school | Every Wednesday 9am, all welcome. Grandparents are very warmly encouraged to come along too! |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 01st May |
| Summer Term school run clubs start this week for 9 weeks (until w/b 03rd July) | W/B Monday 01 st May |
| PTA meeting in school | Tuesday 02 nd May 7.00pm |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 08th May |
| Year 6 SATs week | Tuesday 09 th May – Friday 12 th May |
| PTA bags to school – please only drop bags on this day – more information to follow | Thursday 11 th May |
| MVP Active Citizenship award starts this week (info on seesaw to follow) | W/B Monday 15 th May |
| Little Wrens stay and play session | Wednesday 24 th May 9.00am |
| PTA film night 3.15pm - 4.45pm | Wednesday 24 th May |
| End of Summer Term 1 | Friday 26th May |
| INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY IN SCHOOL | Monday 05 th June |
| Start of Summer Term 2 for children | Tuesday 06th June |
| Jump into June starts! (info on seesaw to follow) | Tuesday 06 th June |
| Little Wrens leavers celebration stay and play | Monday 12 th June 9.00am |
| EYFS / KS1 performance | Wednesday 21 st June 1.45pm Thursday 22 nd June 1.45pm |
| Transition morning to September new year-group classrooms to meet new teachers | Friday 23 rd June |
| PTA summer fair / family event | Saturday 24 th June |
| All day in next year classrooms to meet new teachers | Wednesday 28 th June |
| Sports Day and family picnic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Wrens sports 10.10am - 10.40am • Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports 10.45am – 11.45am • Family picnic on the field – all welcome 12.00pm – 1.00pm • Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports 1.15pm – until the end of the day Please come along to any parts of the day you are able to, photos and clips will also be added to Seesaw throughout the day. More information will be shared closer to the event. | Friday 07 th July *please note this is a change of date * |
| Mill View open school grounds and community art exhibition Do share the date with family, friends, neighbours and community groups. Our school gardens, forest and grounds will be open to the public. We will also be exhibiting our whole school art project 'The best part of me'. | Saturday 08 th July Between 10am – 2.00pm |
| School run clubs end this week | W/B 03 rd July |
| Year 5/6 End of Year production at St Michael's Church | Wednesday 12 th July 1.30pm & 6.00pm Thursday 13 th July 6.00pm |
| End of Year reports sent out | Friday 14 th July |
| Year 6 Leavers celebration with families | 1.15pm – 2.15pm Year 6 pupils are welcome to leave with their families at the end of the presentation. |
| End of Summer Term 2 | Friday 21st July |