

## Dear Families,

Welcome to the new academic year. We are so delighted to have our team back together and have all taken much joy in watching every child make such a positive return to their learning and friendships. Playtimes have been a particular highlight over these last few days as children from different year groups have enjoyed the freedom of playing together again. School really is looking fabulous and we are looking forward to opportunities to welcome you back into the building this term. Information regarding class routines, themes and areas of learning for this term were shared during meet the teacher sessions and on class curriculum newsletter Padlets shared on Seesaw last week. If you are interested to see the class themes and learning taking place in other groups across school, you can access the team Padlets by clicking the names below.



If you have any questions, don't quite understand something or want to know how you might support learning at home please contact class teachers so they can help.

## School communication

Teachers can be contacted directly via Seesaw or email. Teachers will use Seesaw to share messages and information regarding the class, we also use this platform as a way of documenting examples of children's learning as the year progresses. School PING will be used for whole school messages and information sent from the school office. There is no question that we have an incredibly dedicated and hardworking staff here at Millview, as a school we take our responsibility of supporting their health and well-being very seriously. As such, we do not have the expectation that staff will respond to Seesaw messages or emails later on in the evening or at weekends. If you urgently need a response to a message out of school hours, please contact me directly at [head@millview.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@millview.cheshire.sch.uk).

## Nursery

Further to the success of the application to lower the age range of our school, we have recently received the fabulous news that our planning application for a modular classroom on site has been approved. Unfortunately, due to issues nationally regarding the supply of building materials, we have been forced to delay our planned opening date. We are now set to open our Nursery doors at the beginning of Summer Term in April 2022. Over these next few months we will be refining school policies and ensuring the formalities of the process are in place. If you are interested in Nursery places for younger siblings or if you know of others in the community who may be interested please ask them to contact the school office to be added to our mailing list. Please note that being on our mailing list does not secure a place in the provision when it opens. When we do open the admissions process, the same criteria that is in place when applying for a reception school place at Mill View will apply for our Nursery provision.

## Educational visits and Residential trips

One of the things we have really missed over the past 18 months has been the opportunity to enhance learning in classrooms by taking children on educational visits. We are therefore very excitedly planning our team visits for this Term that link with themes being taught in class. This year we will also be taking our Key Stage Two children on Residential Trips, where we are able to offer opportunities & experiences that just can't be replicated in school. We have thought carefully about where we will take each year group so that children experience a range of different localities, activities & age appropriate challenge throughout their junior years. These experiences will provide them with many memories and also the confidence to embark on further adventures when they move to high school.

This year we will be visiting;

**Kestrels** – Tattenhall, Cheshire   **Hawks** – Colomendy, Wales   **Falcons** – PGL Shropshire   **Eagles** – Isle of Man

We appreciate that our families will be keen to know costs so they can plan and budget to cover residential costs. This information will be sent as soon as possible. We have payment options available to help support families in managing trip costs so please do get in touch with Mrs Callaghan if necessary.

## CREATING INCLUSIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

### Inclusion Lab

This year we are very excited to be working in partnership with the Inclusion Lab. The Inclusion Lab team will support us in the further development of our understanding and curriculum to ensure that diversity, equity & inclusion is integral to every child's educational, cultural & personal development. Mrs Hetherington has already started the ground work and we invite interested parents to join us. If you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Hetherington [Katie.hetherington@millview.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:Katie.hetherington@millview.cheshire.sch.uk), more information can also be found on the Inclusion Lab website <https://inclusionlabs.co.uk/about-us/>

### Survey Questions

We are always striving to be the best we can be and it is important that we understand the views of our families and children regarding our school. Over the coming weeks we will be working with children in school to collect their views and also sending out a series of quick questions for you to respond to. If there is ever something you wish to discuss regarding your child or school, we strongly encourage you to make contact so we can work together.

In the tables below you will find dates for coming events in the school diary and contact details for staff. We will continue to add to and amend dates as necessary so keep checking each newsletter for any updates.

Here's to a great Term,

Mrs Doyle & The MVP TEAM

Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added as events are arranged so please do check each newsletter for changes.	
Celebration Assembly – all families welcome Zoom Code to follow	Every Friday 2.30pm
School led clubs start (8 school weeks)	W/B Monday 04 <sup>th</sup> October
School photo day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
New starters Reception 2022 show round – call office to book a place	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
Reception Robin & Year 1 Sparrows parent stay and play - more information will be shared on Seesaw	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 8.50 – 9.30am
STEAM week celebration day – we invite you to come and share your children's work in school at the following times;	
Year 2 Owls	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 9.30am 10.15am
Year 3 Kestrels	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 10.15am 11.00am
Year 4 Hawks	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1.00pm 1.45pm
Year 5 Falcons	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1.45pm 2.30pm
Year 6 Eagles	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 1.00pm 1.45pm
Last day of Autumn Term 1	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Staff INSET day (school is closed to children)	Monday 01 <sup>st</sup> November
First day of Autumn Term 2 for children	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
School led clubs end this week	W/B Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Community carols and hot chocolate – all welcome	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Key Stage One Christmas performance - Families will be issued 2 tickets per performance (younger siblings will require a ticket if they are attending).	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm
Key Stage Two Carol Concert at St Michael's	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm
Last Day of Autumn Term	

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