

Dear Families,

We really have had a wonderful start to Autumn Term. Teaching, learning and outcomes across school are of an exceptionally high standard and we look forward to welcoming you to share your child's learning with you next week. Over these last few weeks I have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of visitors to school to share the work we are doing here at Mill View. Without exception, they have each commented on the impeccable behaviour and attitudes of our children, the high standard of expectation and outcomes across every class, the relationships between all members of the team & also our inspiring school environment. Next week we have been asked by Literacy Counts <https://twitter.com/LiteracyCounts> to take part in a photoshoot sharing examples of our writing outcomes and teaching processes, this is another great commendation of the skill and creativity of both children and staff and it is fabulous that our writing outcomes are being recognised by colleagues and professionals beyond our school community. I am extremely proud of every member of the Mill View TEAM and their constant drive to make our school the absolute best it can be. Below are some examples of writing across school from this half term;



Mill View Local Governing Body

At our last meeting Laura Edwards informed the Governing Body of her decision to step down as Vice Chair prior to the end of her term of office in July 2022. Laura has held the position of Vice Chair for a number of years and has seen the school through a number of changes, including the appointment of two school Principals! We are extremely grateful for the skill and expertise that Laura has brought to the role and are pleased that she will still be part of our Governing Body to support her successor over these next few months. Hailey Kelso has now taken the role of Vice Chair. Hailey has held the position of Parent Governor & Finance Link Governor since 2019 and will lead our Governing Body brilliantly alongside our Chair of Governors, Stephen Webb.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and will send further details regarding the role and application process soon.

School start and finish times

Since September we slightly staggered timings to the start and end of the school day to see if it made a noticeable difference to the number of people on site at the beginning and end of the school day. We have found that the start of the day has remained calm and parking seems to have improved, but the staggered timing at the end of the day has meant that younger children have to wait for their siblings and as the weather gets colder families with children in both Key Stages will be stood outside in cold and wet weather.

Therefore, after Half Term break the **school gates and classroom doors will be open between 8.40am and 8.50am with learning starting in all classes by 8.50am.**

At the end of the day children in **Reception & Key Stage One will be dismissed at 3.15pm and children in Key Stage Two at 3.20pm.** We hope by reducing the time difference between the Key Stages it will mean that families with children in both Key Stages do not have to stand outside for too long, but have long enough to get from one side of the school to the other!

Come and help us!

If you are willing and able we would really appreciate your help on Sunday 28th November to help us tidy and tend to some areas of our grounds that need some attention. If you have your own tools please bring them along. Grandparents, friends and others are welcome to come along too if they'd like to lend a hand. We held a similar afternoon a couple of years ago and it was a really lovely day and the work completed made a real difference. We will provide lots of cake and hot drinks!



Parent Survey

We were pleased to receive responses to our recent survey questions from almost every family in school. I have collated the results so far for your information. We will continue to send questions over the next few weeks for your attention.

My child is happy at this school	
Strongly Agree / Agree	96%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	1%
My child feels safe at this school	
Strongly Agree / Agree	96%
Disagree	2%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	2%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	
Strongly Agree / Agree	91%
Disagree	2%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	6%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively. The anti - bullying alliance defines bullying as the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.	
Strongly Agree / Agree	16%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	0%
My child has not been bullied	76%
Don't know	5%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	
Strongly Agree / Agree	98%
Disagree	0%
Strongly Disagree	1%
Don't know	1%



Pupil Parliament

A huge well done to all of our children who stood up and presented their views and ideas so confidently and passionately during our recent Pupil Parliament elections. We were blown away by the number of children who put themselves forward and will ensure they are very much part of the work that takes place this Term. Every class will be taking part in Parliament Week (1st – 7th November) with some of our children also taking part in a live session from the Houses of Parliament. Children will also have the opportunity to meet with Chris Matheson MP and Local Councillor Richard Beacham to discuss their views regarding local issues and to find out a little more about their roles.

Our elected Pupil Parliament members have now met and following work with their own class teams have set three areas to focus on this Term;

1. School Discos
2. Charity work & fund raising for others
3. Playtimes & equipment

They will be meeting with a representative from the PTA and Senior Leadership Team in their next meeting to plan their strategy to making positive changes for our school.

Parent Teacher Association

Our PTA have recently met to start discussions regarding events and fundraising ideas for the coming year. We have some dates in the diary and are very keen to recruit some new members after such a long time of being unable to easily meet. The good work of our PTA directly impacts on our children, while often providing great entertainment and a way for families to get to know others across our school community. If you would like to join the PTA email Lesley Carey who will be very happy to welcome you pta@millview.cheshire.sch.uk

Dates for the coming weeks have been added below, please update your diaries so you are aware of what is coming and if you have any questions we have time to answer them.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Doyle and The Mill View TEAM



Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added and alterations may be need to be made so please do check each newsletter for any changes.

Reception Robin & Year 1 Sparrows parent stay and play	Thursday 21 st October 8.50 – 9.30am
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STEAM week celebration day – we invite you to come and share your children’s STEAM work and books in school at the following times;

Year 2 Owls	Thursday 21 st Oct	9.30am	10.15am
Year 3 Kestrels	Thursday 21 st Oct	10.15am	11.00am
Year 4 Hawks	Thursday 21 st Oct	1.00pm	1.45pm
Year 5 Falcons	Thursday 21 st Oct	1.45pm	2.30pm
Year 6 Eagles	Friday 22 nd Oct	1.00pm	1.45pm

If you are unable to attend please contact class teachers to arrange a suitable time for you to come and look at your child’s work books.

Last day of Autumn Term 1	Friday 25 th October
Staff INSET day (school is closed to children)	Monday 01 st November
First day of Autumn Term 2 for children	Tuesday 2 nd November
Safer Internet for Parents with PCSOs Beth George & Linda Bailey (information has been sent via PING)	Wednesday 3 rd November 7pm
PTA AGM	Monday 8 th November
Parents Evening	Tuesday 9 th & Wednesday 10 th November
PTA Non-Uniform Day in aid of PTA Christmas raffle & Children in Need – PTA will confirm class donations for the raffle. Bring £1 or donations can be made on Parent Pay for Children in Need	Friday 19 th November
School led clubs end this week	W/B Monday 29 th November
PTA Christmas Café and Grotto after school	Friday 3 rd December
Community carols and hot chocolate – all welcome Children who are part of choir to arrive at 5pm	Wednesday 8 th December 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Non-Uniform Day in aid of Share Shop Chester. Donations can be made via Parent Pay or on the day.	Friday 10 th December
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 th December 1.30pm Thursday 16 th December 1.30pm
Key Stage Two Carol Concert at St Michael’s	Thursday 16 th December 6.00pm
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 17 th December
Staff INSET day	Tuesday 4 th January
First day of Spring 1 for children	Wednesday 5 th January