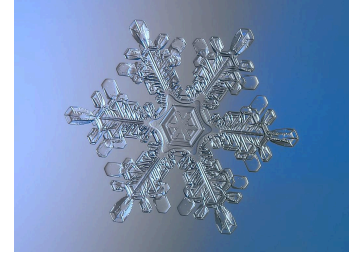




Milborne

NEWS



Winter 2023/24

Dear Families

Firstly, I hope that the New Year has started well for you. Life in school is off to a flying start, already seeing Year 1 and 2 have a fantastic trip to the Shire Hall in Dorchester and Year 3 and 4 starting to practise their songs ready for the Wessex Music Festival later this term. We know from the beautiful singing at our Christmas service at the Church that our children will shine on the Hardye's stage as always - more info to come soon as I am sure you will want to come and watch it - a wonderful event shared with our local first schools.

It has been wonderful to see our children's reactions to having Ladybirds on site. They have really enjoyed checking in with them at playtimes over the fence and siblings are very proud of their little brothers and sisters being up at school with them.

We are looking forward to continuing on our Harmony Journey this term, exploring the themes of Diversity, The Cycle, Adaptation, Interdependence, Health and Oneness. These are nature's principles that are vital for sustainability and our learning can all be linked back to these ideas. When our children share their learning through the Great Works later in the half term, look out for which principle they have been exploring more deeply this half term.

We would like to make a small adjustment to the start of the school day to enable us to improve the start of the first learning session. Could children arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am please. Arriving at 8.45 gives vital time to either complete early work learning such as spellings and handwriting or to prepare themselves so that the main session of learning starts promptly at 9am. This has always been the school start time - we have just relaxed it a little of late due to the hand over with Ladybirds. After half term, we will close the gate at 8.55am promptly and we would appreciate your support with this for the benefit of your children's learning.

With warm regards,

Michelle Cheeseman

GOVERNOR NEWS

We are looking for a new parent governor to join our fabulous team of governors. If you would like an informal chat about what this entails, please do talk to Mrs Cheeseman on the gate or drop in for a cuppa.

It can be so rewarding to contribute towards continuous improvement at your child's school and a variety of skills is important so please don't think you have to be an expert in education.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please look out for the parent governor elections or contact Mr Caleb Brown, Chair of Governors.
cbrown@milborne.dorset.sch.uk

PARENT FORUM

Mrs Cheeseman would like to invite those who are interested to a meeting on Wednesday 7th February. Please let Mrs Cheeseman know if you would like to be involved. Our first meeting will be to discuss ideas for what the agenda will look like for the rest of this year and Autumn Term 24.

Please ensure children only have water in their water bottles to protect their teeth.

Also, can we ask that you do not use 'Prime' bottles as we believe this is a drink that is limited to over 15s and 18s.

Why does attendance matter?

Attending school can be a passport to a child's future into adulthood, independence and achieving one's ambition. It has a direct impact on your child's learning and progress.

If a child has an attendance level of 90%, they will have missed one day a fortnight in school. Over a school year this will represent four weeks of absence.

Most of our pupils are achieving above 96% attendance - this is fantastic! Thank you for taking attendance seriously. I will be in touch soon if your child has persistently low attendance (at or below 90%) to talk with you about how we can support you to build on this.

