

Autumn 2 News

Welcome back to Millfield after a lovely Autumnal half term break.

As you will be aware, the nursery extension build is well underway with much of the groundwork completed including trees removed and replanted elsewhere in the playground, the clearing of the shrubbery in the area at the front of the school, and the demolition of part of the existing nursery build. Following a meeting with all relevant parties yesterday, the build is on track for completion by Easter 2025 but we will keep you informed of the progress. Thank you to everyone for their patience and support regarding the changes with drop off and pick up for Nursery, Reception and Stay and Play children. It seems to be working for now but we continue to monitor the situation to ensure we keep our children safe and provide the safest environment and routes in and out of school. Ben, our Site Manager is very approachable and understanding of the impact of the work in the school and will always do his best to keep disruption to a minimum. Coulsons, who are the builders, completed our previous extension to the school (Y5/6 classrooms) so they are very familiar with the school. We are keeping photos of the progress and hope to display this journey in school so keep your eyes peeled for that.

The start of the term was relatively smooth and our children settled well. We have already had a visit from the Animal experience team who brought in some animals including snakes and other reptiles for our Y1 children to learn about. Many of the children were very excited to have a snake draped around them (much braver than I could ever be). Y5/6 were visited by the Mental Health Support Team who delivered workshops on Digital Wellbeing, which included information about how to keep safe online, cyberbullying and how to report concerns. Following the workshops, staff participated in a training session which focused on Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) and much of what was shared is already going on in school so we were reassured that our current practice reflects the needs of our children.

I want to thank you for your support with parking. Mrs Kennedy and I have been on 'parking duty' to try and discourage parents/carers from parking within our entrance/exits and this has had a positive result. We still have cars parking on the yellow lines which can cause problems for cars travelling along Grange Lane so we urge you to be mindful of this.

There are many things coming up this half term including Remembrance Day, Parent Consultations (information to follow), trips and visits, Reception Nativity, Christmas Church services, PTFA Christmas event, and a host more exciting opportunities.

I'd like to remind parents/carers to ensure children come to school with a coat. As you know, we encourage children to have time outside everyday (weather permitting) which includes often being out in cold or slightly wet weather. Many of our children are still coming to school without a coat and although when they are running around they may feel warm, we don't want them to catch chills or colds. The adults often feel very overdressed when we are all wearing big coats, hats and scarves!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact school via the school office or catch staff at pick up at the end of the day if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Lee
Headteacher