



# Weekly Bulletin

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Dear Parents/Carers**

## **After School Clubs**

Our after school clubs for KS1 were released this week! You will need to book and pay for your child's club via School Spider.

## **Dinner Menu Swap**

**Wednesday 4th October and Thursday 5th October are being swapped.**

If your child has a school lunch every day or packed lunched then you do not need to do anything, however if your child brings a packed lunch on the day we have pizza then they will need one on the Thursday instead and the same for if your child brings a packed lunch when we serve roast chicken or tomato soup they will need one on the Wednesday.

## **Tuck Shop**

Tuck shop will be opening on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and will be on every Friday. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they can bring in 20p every Friday to give to their teacher and mid-morning the children can then choose a tasty treat.

If any parents, carers or grandparents would like to help with the running of the tuck shop, please let the school office know.

## **Individual Photos**

The school photographer will be coming to our school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual photographs of all the children. Please ensure that children wear/bring their school sweatshirt.

## **Wrap Around Care**

**We open from 8am for breakfast club** every school morning and costs £2.50 (£1.00 if your child is eligible for pupil premium).

**We also have 326 Club** 3pm – 6pm during term time. Sessions cost £15 or £8 if booked for a shorter session until 4.30pm. Both sessions include a substantial snack tea. You will need to complete a Registration form. This means you can access full time term time child care should you need it (8am – 6pm, 5 days per week). You can book as few or as many sessions as are needed; we are flexible as long as sessions are booked and paid for in advance to allow for staff planning via school spider.

# Starting School For The First Time or Moving up to Year 3 in September 2024?

**Children who are in nursery** and celebrated their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 or are in **Year 2** must apply for a School place now, ready for September 2024. Although the deadline for applications is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January, don't delay – apply online by the end of November, then you can relax and forget about it.



In England every parent must apply for a place for their child at a school, even if it's linked to their child's current nursery. Maximise your chance of getting a preferred Reception or Year 3 place by doing the following:

## Apply on time

- The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Any applications received after this will be processed after national offer day
- A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences
- Notifications of the places offered will be made on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (unless your application is late)

## Apply online

- You can only apply online at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions) between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- You will be able to view, update and submit your application through the portal
- Communication with you will be quicker and your application will be secure

## Use all four preferences

- You can apply for up to four schools. The schools will not know in which order you have placed the preferences
- Each preference is considered in its own right, so please ensure that you give yourself four separate chances
- If more than one school is able to offer your child a place then the order of preferences is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order that you want them considered

## Choose Wisely

- Ensure you are aware of the oversubscription criteria for your preference schools. This is how all the applications will be ranked
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school if you don't state it as one of your preferences
- For Year 3 applications, give consideration to your secondary school liaison group – is your preferred school linked to the secondary school within the area?
- Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a nursery class attached to your preferred school
- Consider how easy it is for you to get your child to and from school.

## Attendance

W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> September		
Year	Class Name	% Attendance
Rec.	Hedgehogs	91.0%
KS1	Squirrels	94.4%
KS1	Rabbits	89.3%
KS1	Owls	100.0% 
Rec/KS1	Foxes	80.0%
<b>Total attendance</b>		<b>92.4%</b>

## LATENESS

**The gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am for morning registration.**

Being on time for school is an important life lesson for your child and currently too many children are starting school late. By law, it is parents' / carers' responsibility to get their children to school and on time.

## ABSENCES

**We expect you to:**

- Telephone the school or complete an absence request on School Spider to let us know the reason on the first day of absence by 8:30am
- If you do not contact the school, we will phone you to ask for the reason
- If we still do not know the reason for absence, we will send a letter home, or in some cases we will do a home visit.
- We must know the reason for absence, otherwise the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**.

If your child has a cold or cough but feels well, they can still attend school.

If your child has a high temperature or is generally unwell, they should not be in school.

If your child is well, but their brother or sister is unwell, the child should still attend school.

If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they must be off for 48 hours before returning to school.

Well done **Owls** with an attendance of **100%** for the week beginning **6<sup>th</sup> September**

The whole school attendance for the week of **6<sup>th</sup> September** was **92.4%**.

**We are aiming for 97%, please help us reach this target.**

Good attendance at school is important for your child's development & progress. Please ensure your child attends every day and not take holidays in term time.

We want every child to be a H.E.R.O every day.

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**E**very day.

**R**eady to learn.

**O**n time.

## Diary Dates

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	3:15 – 4:15pm	DANCE CLUB (KS1) Places to be booked on School Spider
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	3:15pm – 5pm	FILM CLUB (KS1) Places to be booked on School Spider
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9am	Willows Café (For parents/Carers) No need to book, just come along.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual Pupil Photographs 