



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## **Dear Parents/Carers**

# Starting School For The First Time or Moving up to Year 3 in September 2022?

**Children who are in nursery** and celebrated their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 or are in **Year 2** must apply for a School place now, ready for September 2022. Although the deadline for applications is Saturday 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 2022
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (unless your application is late)

#### 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

#### Apply online

- You can only apply online at <u>www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions</u> between1st September 2021 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 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
- You will be able to log on from midnight on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to view the school that has been allocated

#### **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.

# **Diary Dates**

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Community Volunteer Day (Please let the office know if you are available to help)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		Harvest Assembly for children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	3pm – 4pm	KS1 Multi Sports Club Block 2 (Every Tuesday for 5 weeks). Parents have been informed that their child has a place
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	3.00pm - 4.45pm	Owls Film Club – book your child's place at the school office.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	3.00pm - 4.45pm	Rabbits Film Club – book your child's place at the school office.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	3.00pm - 4.45pm	Squirrels Film Club – book your child's place at the school office.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	3.00pm - 4.45pm	Badgers Film Club – book your child's place at the school office.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	3.00pm - 4.45pm	Hedgehogs Film Club – book your child's place at the school office.

### Attendance.

W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> September			
Year	Class Name	% Attendance	
Rec.	Badgers	94.8% <b>1</b> <sup>st</sup>	
Rec.	Hedgehogs	91.4%	
KS1	Squirrels	91.4%	
KS1	Rabbits	93.2%	
KS1	Owls	90.4%	
Total attendance		92.2%	

Well done **Badgers** with an attendance of **94.8%** for the week beginning **27<sup>th</sup> September**.

The whole school attendance for the week of 27<sup>th</sup> September was **92.2%**.

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, **H**ere. **E**very day. **R**eady to learn. **O**n time.

