



Newsletter

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Children in Need



Friday 17th is a 'Random Clothes Day' for Children in Need. The School Council have decided on a non-uniform day where you might like to come as Super Man, a princess, a favourite footballer, in a Pudsey t-shirt or even in your jammies.

The FMPS will make a donation to Children in Need on behalf of our school. There is therefore nothing to pay on School Money. If any family wishes to make an additional donation, they can do so at the school office and this will be added to our final donation.



Class Fundraising Items

Thank you for your generous support of our Class Fundraising Christmas Project. Mrs Easton has informed me that the parent purchases have resulted in **£270 commission** for school which can be re-invested back into educational resources. Thank you to Mrs Easton for running this project on behalf of the FMPS.

Industrial Action

on Thursday 16th November

- ❖ Millisle Nursery Unit will be closed.
- ❖ The main school will close at 12 noon for all pupils. Pupils will leave from usual exit points.
- ❖ There will be no Breakfast Club or Afterschool Care in operation.
- ❖ Parents of pupils with SEN children will be contacted individually by Mr McManus to discuss provision.
- ❖ All swimming, Breakfast Club and Afterschool payments will be credited to School Money Accounts.

Open Night

on Tuesday 5th December

Open Night this year will be on **Tuesday 5th December**. Our Open Night is for prospective parents of both the Nursery Unit and P1. Current Nursery Pupils and their families are also very welcome to our Open Night and will have the chance to see around P1 and meet some of the staff.

We would very much appreciate any social media shares of our Open Night publicity over the next two weeks as we try to ensure that everyone who wants to see Millisle PS gets the opportunity to do so.

FMPS Fundraising

Our FMPS have set up a WhatsApp group and Facebook page. The WhatsApp group will keep volunteers up to speed with FMPS activity and the Facebook page will allow the group to publicise their fundraising efforts.

Christmas Nativity P1 – P3 & P4-P7 Shows

Christmas shows will be on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December at 10:45am (P1-P3) and 1:30pm (P4-P7).

As with last year, each child will receive 2 complimentary tickets for the Christmas shows with parents able to indicate their preference for either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Once all the complimentary tickets have been allocated, any remaining tickets will be available on sale from the office for £2.50 each. Early next week, a slip will go home with your child where you can state your ticket preferences.

Daily Mile – Santa Run

The Daily Mile™ is a simple and free initiative which gets children out of the classroom for 15 minutes every day, to walk, run, jog or wheel at your own pace. Whilst making them fitter, healthier and able to concentrate in the classroom, it has huge social and emotional benefits too.

On **Friday 1st December** we will again be taking part in the Daily Mile Santa Run. On the day, pupils can come in a Christmas jumper, Santa hat or any other Christmassy outfit and partake in this special version of The Daily Mile.



The parent survey issued in June 2023 has provided a wealth of information for school. Some of the key points coming out of the data have already been actioned this year including significant amendments to our Homework Policy. One of the major questions within the survey relates to amendments to the school day. I will issue separate correspondence in the coming days regarding the majority preference and how we intend to implement this.

| School Calendar | |
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| November to December 2023 | |
| November 13 th – 17 th | Anti-Bullying Week |
| November 16 th | Non-teaching staff strike action – School closes at 12 noon / Nursery closed for full day. |
| November 17 th | Children in Need – ‘Random Clothes Day’ |
| November 25 th | SEAG Transfer Test 2 |
| December 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Clubs finish for Term 1 as teachers begin Nativity preparations Daily Mile – Santa Run |
| December 5 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Jingles Christmas for Nursery Unit Open Night 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. |
| December 6 th | Last swimming session for P6 |
| December 12 th /13 th & 14 th | Nativity (P1 to P3) and P4 to P7 Christmas Shows |
| December 21 st | School closes for Christmas Holidays Pupils finish at 12.15 / 12.30 |
| January 4 th 2024 | School recommences after Christmas Holidays |

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