



Diary Dates

Tuesday 14 January

Reception Vision Screening

Friday 17 January

Open Day in Pre-Prep

Friday 24 January

Chinese New Year – Dress in red

Exeat weekend – no clubs, creche or late club

Wednesday 29 January

Key Stage 1 Parent Literacy Workshop (3-4pm)

Celebration of Chinese New Year

Friday 24 January

Mufti day – please wear red for good luck, happiness and joy!

MarvellousMe Update

Please make sure to update your MarvellousMe app, as it has been upgraded!

1. Check your device is running the latest operating software.
2. Update the MarvellousMe app via the App Store or Google Play.
 - To do this, type 'MarvellousMe' into the search bar, click on the 'MarvellousMe for Parents' icon and select 'update'.
 - Your phone may have already updated MarvellousMe automatically, in which case it will just have an 'Open' button.
3. Open the MarvellousMe Parent app then
 - Tap 'Settings'
 - Toggle the 'Get device notifications' switch off and back on again. Even if it shows as 'On', you must switch it 'Off' and 'On' once. This step is particularly important to ensure you receive MarvellousMe notifications going forward and benefit from the upgrade.



This Week...

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas. I am delighted to report a very positive start to 2020. The children have returned to school eager to learn, beautifully behaved and ready to take on the many learning challenges that this term will bring. I can't wait to see what they achieve. . . . Watch this space!

- Mr Jory

Year 1's Marvellous Materials Trip

Year 1 went to visit The Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury to find out about materials. They took part in a workshop with Sandy, identifying and grouping different materials. They also looked at the properties of some of the materials and learnt lots of new words. After a lovely picnic lunch the children went around the museum, looking for examples of the materials they had learnt about.



Reception's Health & Safety Innovation

During child initiated play this week, one of the children noticed that if we stick cocktail sticks in the top of the box it is dangerous and someone could hurt themselves on them. Following a very long chat about dangers we decided we needed to make them safe. The children then searched the room to find something they could stick on top of each stick. The children came up with some lovely ideas, for example pom-poms and ping pong balls. Well done children, stay safe.



Spot The Difference in Pre-School

The Pre-School children have bounced back after the Christmas holidays and have enjoyed sharing their news, especially the presents from Father Christmas, including LEGO and baby shark soap!

We welcome the new Pre-School children - **Isabella, Frederick, Margot, Catherine and Clara.**

After discovering that Mrs Cocks can reach things in higher places because she is taller than everyone else in Pre-School, the Frogs have been thinking about what makes them different and the same as their friends. They are creating pictures of each other, looking at those differences as they paint.

We'd all like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Burge!



Year 2 Visit From the Guide Dogs

We were very fortunate to have Alex and his dog Homer from the charity Guide Dogs come and join us on Wednesday. Alex is partially sighted and has a guide dog to help him complete every day tasks. Last year we raised over £400, which allowed us to sponsor six guide dog puppies.

The children were fascinated to meet Homer and they had lots of interesting questions for Alex. These included, 'Can any dog become a guide dog?', 'How long does it take to train a puppy?' and 'Why does he come when you whistle?'.

As part of our PHSEE lessons, we have been talking about fundraising. The children came up with some wonderful ways to raise money for the Guide Dogs charity. Hopefully we will be able to put some of these fundraising ideas into practice.



Practical Maths for Year 2

How many ways can you represent 4 equal groups of 3?

The children had great fun using the equipment during their maths warm-up this morning.



Learning About Epiphany

Pupils explored epiphany (6 January) with Mrs Kitto and had fun taking the kings to the crib, dressing up and reinacting the presentation of the gifts. Don't forget, you don't have to take down your Nativity cribs until Candlemas on 2 February!

Family dinner time quiz.....

Who celebrated Christmas Day this week on 7 January?
What item from Glastonbury does the queen have on her Christmas Day table?



Welcome to Max!

Year 1 would like to welcome **Max** to Millfield Pre-Prep. He has joined us this term and is making lots of new friends.

