

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to the December edition of Mill Hill Primary Academy's newsletter. The children continue to impress me by working so hard and being so eager to learn! They have impeccable manners, have lots of fun and are so kind and considerate towards all they come across. They always put on smile on my face when I see them! I do hope that you enjoy reading about all the exciting things that are happening at the Academy. The next newsletter will be out in the New Year (time is flying by so fast!) however; I will write to you via parent mail if we have any important information to share with you.



Dreams, Hopes and Aspirations Programme and Theme Of the Week

Children and staff continue to develop their class folders with the top 5 things that make them happy and proud and our "Thought of the Week".

Coming up over the next few weeks the children will learn about: Advent, Epiphany, Making your dreams come true, Martin Luther King and Chinese New Year.

Message from Assistant Principal

It's been a festive time in KS1 and EYFS with play rehearsals going ahead. The children have loved being able to show off their acting and singing skills. A special visitor



will be visiting them soon so remind your children to stay on the nice list.

Message from Assistant Principal

It has been another wonderful month of hard work for KS2 and I continue to be impressed by the children's eagerness to learn. Please see the out and about section to catch up with what everyone has been up to.



Attendance

In November RF, 1M, 2J, 3D, 5C, 6W and 6P had the best attendance and they were rewarded with a Big Breakfast! We also had 415 pupils with 100% attendance in week 1, 439 in week 2, 412 in week 3 and 420 in week 4. We still have 151 pupils that have been in school every day so far. Very well done to all of you!



Punctuality

Children are invited to line up from 8.30am, with the school day starting promptly at 8.40am. Thank you to all parents/carers and children for making every effort to be in school on time. Every second of learning counts! If you are late can you please make your way to the Community Centre, where Mrs Lyons (our Attendance Officer) will greet you.



Uniform

As you are aware the proposal for the new uniform was sent to you at the end of November, for more details please visit the Academy's website. Children should be in full school uniform at all times. Our uniform policy is on our academy website www.millhillprimaryacademy.coop/school-life/uniform-information



Port Vale

A group of children attended the Port Vale Match on Tuesday 3rd December as part of the Ultimate Match Day Experience. They watched the players warm up, escorted the players onto the pitch and waved flags. A brilliant time was had by all. The night was completed by a penalty shoot out victory for Vale and as you can see from the picture above –meeting Robbie Williams.

Christmas Card Competition

This year the City Learning Trust held a Christmas Card Competition. The winning entry will be used by the Trust and will no doubt be sent across the City, Midlands and beyond! There were lots of entries from Smallthorpe Primary, Trentham Academy and Haywood Academy. We are so proud and pleased to inform you that one of our Year 6 students was victorious with her hand painted robin. Well done Yvanna



Academy Motto

Work
HARD
Dream
BIG
Hope

Half Term Treat

The treat for this half term is a "Christmas Bounce" which will take place on Thursday 19th December. The hall will be filled with bouncy castles and each class will be allocated a time to have lots of fun! Children will need to ensure that they work hard to be part of this wonderful opportunity.

Afterschool Clubs

Every Tuesday - Dance
Every Thursday- Football

Vacancies

We currently have positions for a Parent Governor and a Midday Supervisor. If you require any further information, please visit the Academy website.

PTFA

If you would like to join our PTFA and support with school then please contact the school office.

The Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 6th December at 3.00pm. Come along and win some prizes, see Santa and have a Mince pie.

Admission £1 on the door. (Children free)

Keeping Children Safe



Mornings and evenings have become darker and colder. Please ensure that children are wrapped up warm. If they are cycling to school, high visibility jackets, helmets and bicycle lights are essential. For older children permissioned to walk to and from school, consideration should be given to ensuring that they are walking with a friend/group of friends.

Important Dates

Tuesday 10th December— KS1 Performance (9am)
Wednesday 11th December— KS1 Performance (1.45pm)
Thursday 12th December— Academy Closed (General Election)
Friday 13th December— Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day (uniform to be worn under jumper)
Friday 20th December— PTFA non uniform day . Children can wear own clothes or Christmas themed outfits. £1 donation
Friday 20th December— . Last day of term. Academy closes at 3pm. Cool Kids Club open till 6pm).
Monday 6th January— Academy opens
Friday 24th January — Inset Day. Academy closed
Monday 27th January — Inset Day. Academy closed

Upcoming Events

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day will be on 13th December. Uniform is to be worn under Christmas Jumpers.

Year 6 will be taking part in a Pyjama party with hot chocolate and a film as well as a glow in the dark dodgeball session before the end of December.

Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime will be visiting school on 20th January. Tickets will be £2.00 and can be purchased through ParentMail

Out and about

We have been busy this month: Reception had a lovely time at the market buying fruit; Year 1 spent a busy day in Manchester building bears and Lego; Year 3 were full of information about the Stone Age at Poole's Cavern; Year 4 sang their socks off at Trentham; Year 5 blasted off to the Stardome from Keele and Year 6 amazed everyone at the Haywood maths event.

Breakfast and Kool Kids Club

Just a reminder that we do have a morning and an afternoon school club available to parents. If you would like any more details, please contact the school office.

Homework

Children should be receiving spelling and reading homework every week. We also expect children to complete some online activities on Education City, Times Table Rockstars or Century Tech. We will once more be sending homework home before the holidays linked to their "Dream Big Curriculum" projects. No doubt you will appreciate any work to keep your children busy over the holidays!

Charity Totalometer

£1400 so far this year

Pupil Voice

We were so pleased that 323 of our pupils completed the pupil questionnaire last half term and we were so proud to see how highly they regard the Academy and how much they love to come to school. Some highlights are: 90% said that they enjoy coming to school, 93% said that teachers listen to what they have to say in lessons, 93% said that they enjoy learning at the Academy, 94% said that there is an adult at school they can talk to if something is worrying them, 90% said that the behaviour of other pupils around school is good, 90%, 91% said that bullying is not a problem at the Academy, 91%, feel safe when they are at school, 96% said that the Academy encourages everyone to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally and 92% said that they would recommend the Academy to a friend. More details can be found on the Academy website.

SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE

We have availability to hire out our school hall from 5pm most evenings.

Should you be interested or know someone that runs a club or fitness class and are looking for a venue, then please call Mrs Yates in the school office on

