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First day of school

Welcome back to pupils, children and staff. And a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children and parents. I hope you have had a good break, and enjoyed the sunshine and the time with friends and family.

As you will have noticed, the next stage of the playground development works that were scheduled to take place over the summer break are still on-going. As usual, Darren and Grant worked extremely hard over the holidays – a huge thank you, but unfortunately the building work delay was out of our hands. We appreciate your patience and understanding – the scaffolding should only be up for another 10 days or so, and then the finished entrance area with a new welcome sign, a covered stage area with seating and storage will hopefully be completed. This area will be a quiet space for chatting and reading during playtimes, and also for use by class groups for performance and learning activities. We have also removed the staging area and created a ‘hill’ that has some temporary grass on it that will be replaced later in the school year. The children seem to be enjoying sitting on the grass and chatting with their friends. We have also had a Patball Court painted in the back playground. In assemblies this week, I have spoken to the children about the importance of staying safe around the scaffolding and being aware of dangers please reiterate this with your child at home. If you would like to see the plans for the whole playground redevelopment, please look on the school website.

All of the children are looking refreshed, smart in their new uniforms, and eager to learn. I hope that your child is reporting that they are happy and settled in their new classes with their new teachers. If there are any issues please speak to the class teacher in the first instance or catch me at the school gates in the morning or at the end of the day. Or speak to one of us at the ‘Welcome meetings’ next week.

The Year Group welcome meetings are an opportunity for you to meet your child/ren's new teacher and find out what they will be learning in school and how you can support them at home. There will also be a Curriculum Booklet sent home at the end of next week, as well as a brochure about the new topic-based curriculum that has been devised as part of the national changes being implemented this September.

Welcome to all our new staff, Emma, Wayne, Terry, Alison, Matthew, Keli, Kingsley and Sihem - teachers, and Emily, Abigail, Lily, Ajanette, Anthony - support staff.

All the classes from Years 1-6 have been busy already, learning about the UK city that their class is named after, as well as creating their own Class Charter based on the rights of the child that we advocate as a Rights Respecting School.

Please remember to look for information on the school noticeboards, the school website, via text or email - if you have not let the office know your email address, please let them know asap, as well as on the Millfields Mag. I hope you have a good weekend. Best Wishes, Jane

Important Dates

Tues 9th September

3pm Yr 1 welcome meeting
Secondary school's fair

Weds 10th September

3pm Yr 2 welcome meeting

Thurs 11th September

3pm Yr 4 welcome meeting

Fri 12th September

3pm Yr 3 welcome meeting

Mon 15th September

3pm Yr 5 welcome meeting

Clubs start this week

Tues 16th September

3pm Yr 6 welcome meeting

Weds 19th November

Parents Evening

For children in
Nursery and

Dinners

Years 3-6 dinner

cost the following:

£1.80 daily, £9 Weekly, £68.40

Half term 1 or £131.40 for whole

Autumn Term. Thanks.

PSA After-school Tuck Shops

Autumn 2014

We would like to continue with our weekly tuck shops this year. Last year they were very well supported and raised substantial funds for the PSA playground fund. We will need people to volunteer time to run the stall on the day and will need lots of donations of food on the day. Just take your food to the office on the day of your stall.

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 12th Sept	Derby	Friday 7th Nov	York
Friday 19th Sept	Leeds	Friday 14th Nov	Birmingham
Friday 26th Sept	Nottingham	Friday 21st Nov	Portsmouth
Friday 3rd Oct	Year 5	Friday 28th Nov	Winchester
Friday 10th Oct	Year 6	Friday 5th Dec	Manchester
Friday 17th Oct	Liverpool	Friday 12th Dec	Sheffield (Xmas Fair)
Friday 24th Oct	Manchester	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
HALF TERM			

Clubs Please note that only breakfast club,

play club and early years play club will run from the 3rd –12th September. All other clubs will begin the week of 15th September to enable new members to sign up.

To avoid disappointment please make sure you have paid any monies owing before this date as no child with outstanding debt will be accepted for a new club until it is paid.

This terms clubs list is available in the main office or the website.

SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Autumn Term 2014

Date(Fridays)	EY and KS1(Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)	LKS2 and UKS2 (Top Hall @ 9.10am)	
19.9.14		Manchester Class (Ashraf)	Dundee Class (Alex)
26.9.14			Oxford Class (Mehmet)
3.10.14	Maths Week - No sharing assemblies		
10.10.14	Belfast Class (Teague)		Canterbury Class (Abigail)
17.10.14		Nottingham Class (Dorothy)	Swansea Class (Lloyd)
24.10.14	Edinburgh Class (Rana)		Birmingham Class (Naomi)
HALF TERM			
7.11.14		York Class (Sevilay)	Glasgow Class (Rebecca)
14.11.14	Work Week—No Sharing assemblies		
21.11.14		Derby Class (Wayne)	Bristol Class (Kingsley)
28.11.14	Cardiff Class (Angela)		Sheffield Class (Alison)
5.12.14		Liverpool Class (Emma)	Newcastle Class (Esme)
12.12.14	South London Class (Cynthia)		Winchester Class (Matthew)
19.12.14	WINTER CONCERTS AND NATIVITY		

Secondary School Transfer 2015 - 16

All year 6 pupils received their book regarding Secondary School transfer today. Please read this carefully as there are some open days and events next week including the Secondary Schools fair in the Assembly hall of the Hackney Town Hall. The fair gives you the opportunity to find out about all the secondary school's in Hackney and will help to guide your decision making

As mentioned in the letter you received we have set aside 2 days for you to see Chris if you need support making your application. Please note that this is only if you need computer access or help understanding the form, we can not advise about your choice of school. Chris will be available to help on:

**Friday 3rd October and
Thursday 9th October**

Please make an appointment using the list on Heidi's door of the main office.

All applications must be submitted by Friday 24th October. If you submit your application late your child may not be given a school place in September or may be offered one at a school anywhere in Hackney regardless of your preferences.

We are very proud to announce that Kitty Morgan, a pupil in Year 6 and the Autism Resourced Provision, has been given a place in the London Symphony Orchestra Youth Choir. Kitty is a trail-blazer in that she is the first choir member on the autistic spectrum. She auditioned with many Hackney and Islington children and was one of a handful to be accepted. Well done Kitty!

Lateness and Attendance procedures

If your child should arrive at school late (after the 9am bell) they must be marked in at the late gate. This ensures that they are marked into the register and we know they are here in case of evacuation etc. The late gate is through the door near the bottom hall. Please do not enter through the school office unless very late as your child may not be marked present.

If your child is unable to attend school please ensure you leave a message on the school attendance line by 8:30am on the first day of absence. This is a 24 hour message service. Please clearly state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence. We operate a first day of absence calling system whereby if your child is absent and it hasn't been explained we will call you to ask for an explanation.

It is our duty as a school to ensure good attendance of all pupils. Any children whose attendance or punctuality is of concern will be referred to the Hackney Learning Trust Attendance officer for further support. Our attendance has always been very good and we would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually.