

Our Achievers are – Esther, Daniel, Jasmine, Emma-Louise, Bertie, Isla and Jessica

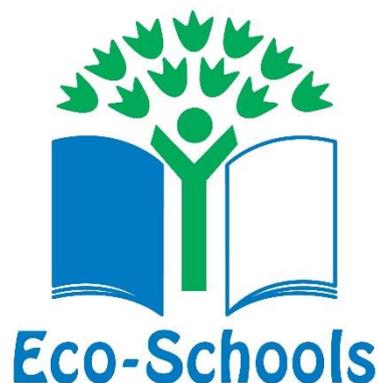
Our Over and Abovers are – Holly, Evan, Elliot, Oliver, Darcey, Poppy, Logan and Leo

Our Endeavours are – Evie, Jack, Florence, Shyla, Stanley, Amelia, Ethan, Hollie and Eden

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every parent and carer for all of your support this year. It has been another very difficult year for all of us. We have endeavoured to try to do our very best to support everyone's needs whilst ensuring we are COVID safe. For many of the staff, they have put their Millfield family ahead of their own to ensure that we don't have to close any further bubbles. Hopefully, we will get to the end of year having only closed one bubble so far during the pandemic. We are so excited to be able to try and go back to normal in September and have been busy planning a variety of everyday events that have been possible for the last 18 months. To those of you who are moving on, we wish you all the best and hope that you will come back and visit us; to those of you who will be back with us next year – we can't wait! Have an amazing summer and fingers cross that we never have to experience another Teams meeting!

ECO News

One final ECO celebration. They did it! A massive thank you to the ECO council and everyone in school for helping to secure the Green Flag! For the first time in the history of Millfield and during a worldwide pandemic, the children and staff have managed to secure the Green Flag award.



COVID News

According to the guidance for September –

- Bubbles or consistent groups will not be needed. IF NECESSARY we will be reintroducing them for a temporary period to “manage outbreaks”;
- From 16th August, children under 18 will not be asked to self-isolate if they are in close contact to a positive case; instead they will be advised by NHS track and trace to take a PCR test;
- Face covering will no longer be used in communal areas UNLESS they are needed to “manage outbreaks” and then we will be reintroducing them;
- A local outbreak is classed as “several confirmed cases within 14 days”;
- The following control measures will continue -
 - Ensure good hygiene for everyone – hand hygiene (washing or sanitising); respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it)
 - Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes including regular cleaning of areas and equipment that is frequently touched
 - Keep occupied spaces well ventilated – increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature
 - Following public health advice on testing, self-isolating and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 – the protocol for displaying symptoms will continue; staff will continue testing (until at least the end of September)

From Monday 6th September we will revert back to everyone entering and exiting school by the playground gates. The small one is for years 5 & 6 (Hawk, Lancaster and Typhoon) and the large ones for everyone else. We will open them both at 8:45 and the children can then make their way to classrooms through the playground. Years 5 & 6 will continue to use their fire exits to enter school, years 3 (Poplar) & 4 (Bracken and Willow) will enter through the junior corridor door and reception (Barley), year 1 (Wheat) & 2 (Rye) through the library door. The gates will be locked at 9am; anyone who is late will have to enter through the office.

The gates are opened again at 3:05 for parents to wait on the playground – the infant parents (Barley, Wheat and Rye) wait on the large playground (the football pitch and the area behind it); parents of years 3 & 4 on the small playground in front of the hall and the door at the end of the junior corridor; and the parents of years 5 & 6 on the path outside school. Poplar (year 3) will exit school through the hall fire door; Bracken and Willow (year 4) through the junior corridor door; and Hawk, Typhoon and Lancaster (years 5 & 6) through their fire exits and out through the small gate in front of the cycle sheds. Don't worry we will be around at the start of term to point everyone in the correct location.

Please continue to communicate as you have done – day to day things by email, telephoning or popping into the office. If your child is ill, a message can be left on the school answerphone. Thank you.

Changes to contact tracing in education and childcare settings

One of the key changes that will take place from 19th July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts. This letter sets out in more detail below how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

- 1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.*
- 2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.*
- 3. PCR tests can be booked online through the NHS Test & Trace website or by calling 119.*
- 4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.*

Contact tracing

- 5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education*

or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

- 6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).*

Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

- 7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.*
- 8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days – and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.*
- 9. From 16 August, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above). Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided shortly.*

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

From Miss Done –

We are always looking for new ways to promote a love of reading across the school. Through a generous donation given to us by Friends of School, alongside parents and children very kindly bringing in their unwanted books, we have been fortunate enough to replenish our school library this year. From old classics to new and upcoming authors, we have it all! The children have particularly enjoyed borrowing books that have been recommended by our school staff and this has resulted in lots of interesting informal book talk in class. We would love for this desire to read for pleasure to continue throughout the summer holidays and are excited to share with you this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities to complete during the summer holidays. Throughout the challenge, library staff support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library or digitally through the official challenge website www.wildworldheroes.org.uk*
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and extra incentives along the way*
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal*
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for the children to enjoy all summer*

We would love to hear from anyone who has taken part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge on our return to school in September. Happy reading!

Good Lookin Cookin

You will be able to book school meals for next year (beginning Monday 6th September) on Good Lookin Cookin's website www.goodlookincookin.co.uk from 20th July. You will be able to place orders for September until 10.00am Thursday 2nd September. When booking meals please remember to quote your child's new class/teacher. Thank you.

Flu Vaccines (Sprays)

It is not too late to book your child's flu vaccine and we attach a copy of the instructions. Your child/ren will not receive a vaccine unless you have registered.

TERM DATES 2021 / 22

Term 1 – Monday 6th September 2021 to Friday 22nd October 2021

Term 2 – Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Bank Holidays – Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th December 2021 & Monday 3rd January 2022

Term 3 – Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022

Term 4 – Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 1st April 2022

Bank Holidays – Friday 15th April & Monday 18th April 2022

Term 5 – Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Bank Holidays – Monday 2nd May

Bank Holidays – Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June 2022

Term 6 – Monday 6th June 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): [Immunisation Consent \(lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk) Please complete at your earliest convenience as the online system for your school will be closed prior to our visit to allow for essential administration to take place.

You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school: **EE137201**

The date allocated to your school will be finalised and communicated to you at a later date. All schools will be visited on two occasions prior to the end of term in December. Should we not be able to vaccinate your child(ren) in school alternative arrangements will be made and communicated to you.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. This vaccine is a yearly vaccine. All vaccinated children will be given a sticker.

For further information please follow this link to the School Aged Immunisation Service Flu page <https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme>

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service please contact the Immunisation team on: 01522 572950 (8.30am – 4.30pm Mon – Fri)

Yours sincerely,

Maria Turner

Professional Advisor for School Aged Immunisations

Lincolnshire Community Health Services

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you complete the consent form, please contact the healthcare team on the above number.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please also complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu