



# Milton Ernest CofE Primary School

*'Let your Light shine before others'- Matthew 5:16*

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents

The first half term this year is drawing to a close. The last 8 weeks have flown by. It has been a pleasure to welcome all our new foundation children. They have settled in really well and are already a huge part of our school. We have also had the privilege of welcoming a number of new children into other year groups. I am just so proud of how **all** our children have started this academic year.

It was great to see so many parents and family members at our Harvest celebration. Thank you for all your generous donations. They have been taken to Bedford food bank who were very grateful for the broad selection of items.

I have been particularly impressed with our attendance figures for the first half term of the year. There have been significant improvements across the school. Thank you to all parents that have worked hard to improve their child's attendance. However, we are still receiving requests for holidays in term time. Almost all such requests are unauthorised and penalty fines will be issued to parents of statutory school age children after **5 days** of unauthorised absence. Please consider this when thinking about taking term time leave.

This week, Mrs Pearce will be leaving to start her maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her well as she prepares for the birth of her baby due in a few weeks' time!

Parent consultations – don't forget our parental consultations will be taking place on the 12th and 13th of November. If you haven't already booked your appointment, please see your child/s class teacher/s

Please join us for our Remembrance service on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11 am at the memorial by the church.

The PTA will be holding their Bingo night on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you haven't already booked yourself a place, there is still time to do so.

We will be running our Read, Write, Inc. phonics workshop at 3:40pm on Wednesday 6th November. This will provide useful information on how we teach phonics and how you can help your children at home. The workshop should last about an hour. Your children can attend our after school club free of charge.

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor at Milton Ernest School. If you are interested in the position please go to <https://www.ewmeschools.org.uk/milton-ernest/vacancies/> For more information.

Have a great week and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Warmest regards  
Lisa Virnuls

## **Important Dates**

**Tuesday 5th November - ME Gym Club starts**

**Wednesday 6th November - Read Write Inc Evening - Yr R - 2**

**Friday 8th November - Friends Mufti**

**Monday 11th November - Multisports Lincroft, Yr 1&2**

**Monday 11th November - Remembrance Service**

**Tuesday 12th November - Parents Evening**

**Wednesday 13th November - Parents Evening**

**Friday 15th November - Children in Need Mufti**

**Saturday 16th November - Friends Family Bingo Evening**

**Tuesday 19th November - Football, Yr 3&4 Boys. TBC**

**Friday 22nd November - Individual School Photos**

**Monday 2nd December - Sports Hall Athletics, Yr 3&4**

**Tuesday 3rd December - Last ME Gym Club**

**Thursday 5th December - Last R&D Football Club**

**Monday 9th December - Christmas Performance Rehearsal**

**Tuesday 10th December - Christmas Performance Evening**

**Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Performance  
Afternoon**

**Wednesday 11th December - Dodgeball, Yr 5&6. TBC**

**Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day**

**Monday 16th December - Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 17th December - Cinema Trip**

**Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch**

**Wednesday 18th December - Last Day of Term. No After  
School Club**

**Monday 6th January - Start of Spring Term**

## Special Events/Activities/News

### Caythorpe Residential - Year 6



### Harvest Festival .....

#### Willow Class





## Maple Class



## Chestnut Class





## Oak Class



## Frontier Centre Residential Trip - Year 4





## WW11 Day - Oak Class



## Reminders

- If your child is absent, please report this to the school office by 9.30am. Please give a reason. If we do not hear from you, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Please ring or email in regularly whilst your child is absent.
- Please be punctual, school starts at 8.50am, late arrivals disrupt lessons.
- All payments should be the correct money, enclosed in an envelope, which is clearly marked.
- Change of collection - please let the school office know by 2.45pm.
- The school office is open until 3pm everyday, if you need to contact us after that time please leave a message on the telephone.
- If you would like to order any extra uniform please request a form.
- Please label uniform clearly.
- Lunch account - the balance must be in credit before the lunch is taken. A meal costs £2.92 per day for years 3 to 6.
- Children in Years R to 4 should not cross Thurleigh Road on their own or be left unattended at the school gates.
- No jewellery please, on PE days.
- Before and After School Club - can we please remind you to be punctual on pick up.