

## **Milborne Message - 1st October 2021**

### **Message from Sharon Staddon**

**Dear Families,**

Where did that month go? It's hard to believe October is here so quickly. It's definitely time for the Harvest Samba again!

We have been very busy in September in school, as always.

We are now starting to see the impact of the new Phonics Programme and Talk for Writing. I love when the children come to share their written work. They are clearly very proud of what they have achieved and rightly so.

**Parent Consultation appointments:-** Our Parent Consultation appointments will be held at the end of this term. These consultation appointments will be 'face to face' in the School Hall for the first part of the afternoon. After your appointment you will be able to go into your child's classroom and look through their books.

If you would prefer a **virtual meeting**, please book an appointment between 4.30 and 5.45pm  
You will then be sent a link.

Bookings will 'go live' on the following dates:-

**Rabbits** = are open for bookings. We have only had 4 bookings so far. Bookings close on 4th October @ 8:30am and will be held on the 5th October only. So please remember to make your booking.

**Robins and Raccoons** = open on 1st October at 6:30pm and close on 11th October at 8:30am and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday.

**SEN** appointments will be with Miss Wittman on the 12th and 14th October and will also open on 1st October at 6:30pm and close on 11th October at 8:30am and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday  
Please see the attached booking instructions. The link to the booking system is in the attached document, but for ease it is:- <https://milborne.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please could we ask that you do not take any books home.

**Top tips** I have been asked to include top tips on managing children's emotional states and behaviours, where I can, which is why I have been adding these. I hope you are finding them helpful and useful reminders of things we all forget from time to time.

Being positive about school and showing respect for staff in front of your children goes a long way to teaching them to respect others and will help them to be successful in school.

Seemingly small things, like calling staff by the first names in front of the children, make a big difference. Likewise, in front of the children there should only be positive comments about school.

Using the First.... Then... statements can help to resolve conflict and ensure that they do as you need them to. For example, if a child has asked to go to the park but you need them to tidy their room using **First** tidy your room **Then** we will go to the park can make life a lot easier! If you are not already using this approach then give it a go but stick to it. I'd love to hear how it works or doesn't work for you.

Vik Verma (Director of Education and Learning) sent through some information which I think you may be interested in.

We all have a sensory profile which can change throughout the day depending on the environment around us. For some children, these sensory differences can have an impact on their day to day functioning, and interrupt the ability to attend to their learning. They may present as children with behaviours which challenge.

We've provided links below to a couple of leaflets giving a brief overview of what is meant by sensory difference. They suggest some sensory motor strategies to support children and young people to reach a 'just right' state for learning. These are available as attachments to this letter.

Since 2019, we have worked hard on thinking about changes we wanted to make regarding the children's learning. It took a long time to formulate our thinking but we believe we are in a place now where we can articulate those clearly and seek your views and ideas. Parent Forum members were the first to learn about our manners, politeness and life skills approach that is now starting to come to fruition in a more robust way. I hope that as many of you as possible can join us on 7th October. I am hoping that after the meeting we will be able to pull many different threads together and we can form a plan that we can share. We will ensure parents who can't attend the meeting have the opportunity to add their thoughts in the days following the meeting in the Reception area.



*Milborne School Community Meeting October 7th 2021 @ 4pm*



*You are warmly invited to join the staff and governors for an MSA school community meeting.*

*It has been an exciting time behind the scenes at Milborne and we want to give everyone the chance to come into school and share in the groundwork*

*that will help us create and maintain a bright future for our school.*

*As children, parents, staff and governors, what do we wish for all children at Milborne? What is most important to you? We want to know so it can be included in our work. You are the final missing piece of the jigsaw! We hope to have our whole school community represented to hear what your most important values are, so please join staff, governors and our special guests...the school council children!*

*There will be cake and coffee too! Everyone is welcome. Please save the date.*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon  
Headteacher

### **Dates For Your Diary:-**

**5th Oct** - Individual School Photos

**5th Oct** - Reception ONLY - Parent Consultations

**7th Oct** - Milborne School Community Meeting @ 4pm - school hall

**12th Oct** - Yr 1 - Yr 4 Parent Consultations (and SEN consultations)

**13th Oct** - Harvest Festival Service @ Church led by Y4 starting @ 2pm (children go home from church)

**14th Oct** - Yr 1 - Y4 Parent Consultations (and SEN consultations)

**15th Oct** - Reception - Harvest Workshop @ 9am (in classroom/outdoor area)

**19th Oct** - Last Day of term (3pm pick-up)

**20th Oct - 29th Oct** - October Half-term break for Children

**1st Nov** - Children back in School

**1st Nov** - Flu Vaccinations (all children)



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**Current app** users should find that their app updates automatically, but if not, simply install the update from the Apple App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android). Newcomers will need to go to Apple App Store or Google Play and download the new version directly, for **FREE!** The school name will just be Milborne and you will have been sent your login details.

If you would like a reminder or have not received your details, please contact Mrs Hosford in the school office.

#### **EXTERNAL INFORMATION:-**

- **MESSY CHURCH** - This Sunday 3rd October. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- Local food links - **Christmas Card competition**:- Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- DASP Music Brass Lesson:- **NEW Starter Brass Lessons**

##### **Would your child like to start learning the trumpet?**

We are delighted to be able to offer an opportunity for children in years 3 & 4 from any DASP first schools, to start to learn the trumpet in a small group. The session would run 5-5.30pm on a Wednesday at the Thomas Hardy School (if we have a lot of interest, we may be able to offer an additional session at 5.30 – 6pm).

The cost for each term (10 sessions) would be £55 and would include the hire of a trumpet for the term (for the first half term, the cost would be halved as only 5 sessions would be available).

If you are interested in your child taking part in this scheme, please contact Hanna Trevorrow at [htrevorrow@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:htrevorrow@thomas-hardye.net) by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We hope that the sessions might start after half term.