

Milborne Message 18/10/19

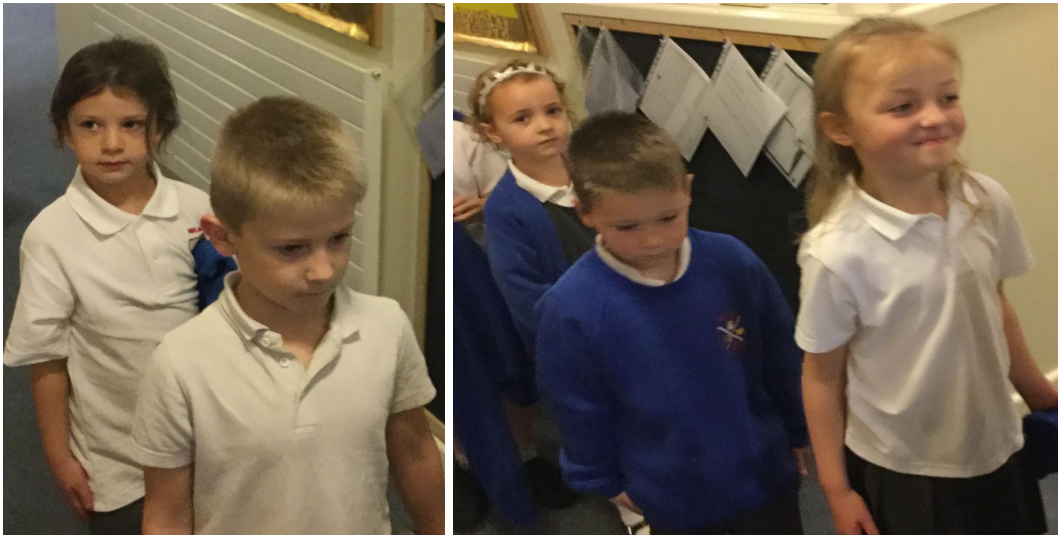
Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

It is a great privilege to work in a school and I am particularly enjoying working with our youngest children, in Rabbits, every Tuesday. They have settled in so well and are already able to keep me on track with their routines. I have been especially pleased to observe first hand in rabbits, and in all the lessons I have been observing this week, excellent manners and **positive attitudes to learning**. There were lots of names on the **Recognition Board** in each class acknowledging this and the progress that some children have made since September is fantastic. The children are so enthusiastic about their manners and their work!

It has been a really busy week with lesson observations during the day followed by Parent Consultations after school. Clearly you have all been busy too, the wonderful planet models and Roman villas that are appearing in school are fantastic and the children take so much pleasure in sharing them with friends and staff. Your support with this really does enrich their learning. I hope you found the Parents Consultations informative and have some key targets to work on next.

There have been some great examples of wonderful walking, legendary lining up and tremendous transitions too.

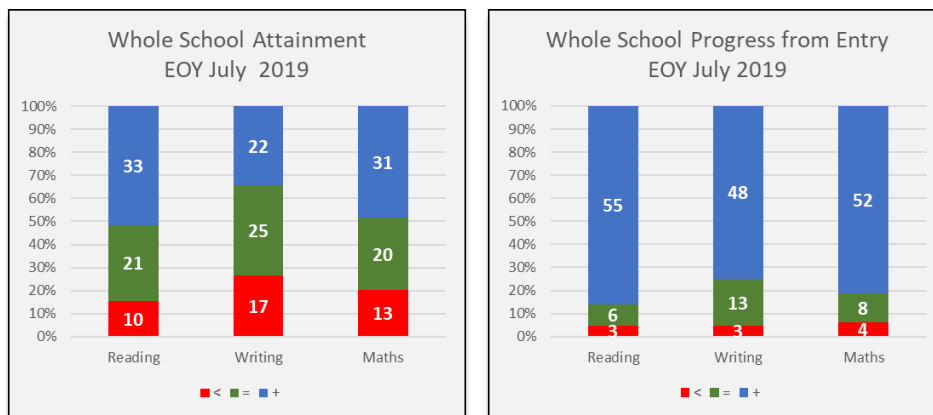


School Council have been taking their **Drop off Duty** role very seriously indeed, braving the elements to ensure their school is safe at this busy time of the day. We have had so many comments from parents and visitors to the school about how quiet and calm the car park is in the mornings. Thank you for your help with this. It really does allow the children some degree of independence in a limited way which helps prepare them to be much more independent at middle school.

We are all adding photos to **Tapestry** so please make sure you are checking this and adding your own photos too. The children love sharing things this way and the difference it makes when we can comment on something done at home and vice versa is incredible. If you are having any problems with this please speak to Miss Wittman or Mrs Hosford.

13th December is **Christmas Jumper Day**. Children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper or school jumper decorated for Christmas on this day for charity. More information will follow, I just thought some of you might want to start thinking about it now.

As promised, I have added some data from the year 2018-19 from our internal data tracking and also comparisons to national data , where they are available.



In the attainment chart, green and blue are age related expectations and above respectively, and red is below expectations.

In the progress chart, green is expected progress and blue is more than expected progress. Red is less than expected progress.

These are the trends showing percentages achieving age related or above over the last 4 years.



EYFS	Expected			Phonics
GLD (Good level of development)	2017	2018	2019	
School	79%	70%	73%	89%
National	71%	72%	72%	82%

KS1	Expected				Greater Depth		
Reading	2017	2018	2019		2017	2018	2019
School	80%	91%	86%		33%	45%	43%
National	76%	75%	75%		25%	26%	25%
Writing							
School	67%	91%	71%		20%	9%	19%
National	68%	70%	69%		16%	16%	15%
Maths							
School	73%	100%	76%		20%	45%	38%
National	75%	76%	76%		21%	22%	22%

Thank you to **Dave Lewis** for the absolutely amazing photos he has taken of the children (and staff !) at work. You will be able to see these on social media over the coming months. Watch out for these!

As part of our **raising aspiration** work I would like to hold a career assembly. If you think you would like to come and talk briefly about the work you do please let either Mrs Hosford or myself know.

I would like to set up a **Marathon for Kids Club** in school initially for children in Year 3 and Year 4 after half term during the lunch break. We will start a bit earlier than usual so hopefully it won't impact too much on lunch. This involves the children adding up miles they complete in school until they have covered the distance of a marathon. There is a data consent form attached to the newsletter. If this is something your child would be interested in taking part in, please complete and return it to school. More information can be found on their website www.kidsrunfree.co.uk

There have been some significant changes in Education both nationally and for us at Milborne First School and I would like to share some of these with you. To this end, I would like to invite you to a meeting at school on **Friday 29th November at 2pm**. I hope you will be able to join me then, but I will send out a summary in the newsletter following the meeting.

OE afternoon and Fit Friday The children are increasingly coming into school already dressed for both these activities. On a Wednesday afternoon children change into this as they would normally for PE and on FiT Friday the children can come in to school wearing their PE clothes. Please could I ask that children wear either indoor school **PE kit** or outdoor school **PE kit** for both. I have also noticed, but not said

anything to the children yet, that a range of jumpers, tights and footwear that are not **school uniform** being worn into school. Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct attire, and help them to be proud of their school and take pride in their personal presentation. Thank you for your support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Hunt

Key information

- **OPEN Morning** - We will be holding another Open Morning on Friday 8th November, starting at 9:15 till 10:30am. Please let friends and family know who might wish to send their child to Milborne in September 2020.
- **SWIMMING - YEAR 3** will be swimming after half term starting on Monday, 11th November until the 9th December. Please could parents let Miss Wittman know as soon as possible their child's level of swimming and if they are currently having lessons (where, when and what level they are currently on) or if they have never swam before. As this is the first time the Year 3s will be swimming with school we need swimming helpers, at least 3 parents who are willing to be in the water assisting Miss Wittman and any children who might need support. If there are parents who cannot commit to every week, Miss Wittman is happy to set up a rota with dates that you can do. If we do not have enough helpers in the pool then unfortunately the swimming session will have to be cancelled. We meet at the Milton Abbey pool at 1:30 and finish at 2:30. If transport is difficult there is the possibility of travelling with us on minibus to and from school but please let Miss Wittman know.
- **COOKING CLUB (Year 2 - Year 4 only)** - Mrs Dutton will be trialing a cooking club next term on a Tuesday after school, 3pm until 5pm. This will be starting on 5th November for 7 weeks. Please book in and pay via Libacura. There will be limited spaces, so please ensure that you have booked and paid by next Friday so ingredients can be bought for the first session and this will guarantee your child's space in cooking club. If your child is attending Cooking Club but you still need Afterschool care until 5:30pm then please book the 3-5:30 option in the Cooking Club section.
The usual afterschool clubs are also still available eg 3-4pm and 3-5:30pm. Please book as normal via Libacura. Thank you.
- **Friends of School** - The next meeting will be the AGM on the **8th November 2019 @ 1:30pm**.
- **FOOTBALL FRIDAY** - During lunchtime play all children are able to play football. If your child would like to play, then they will need shin pads and football boots in school for them to change into at lunchtime. They will not be able to take part unless they wear shin pads and boots.

EXTERNAL Information:-

- **ADMISSION Consultation:-** Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2021/2022 with effect from **Monday 14th October 2019 to Friday 22nd November 2019**. Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/find-a-consultation.aspx>. Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall,

Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by **Friday 22nd November 2019**. Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to The People Scrutiny Committee prior to the determination deadline on 28th February 2020.

- **Speech and Language Review:-** Dorset CCG are working with BCP and Dorset Councils in carrying out an initial review of existing Children's Speech and Language Communication Needs Services across Dorset. We have created a short on-line survey (link below) which we hope as many service users will give their views and feedback on their experiences.

The deadline for responses is the **end of 31st October**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SpeechandLanguageServiceReview>

Key Dates:-

- 24th Oct - Year 4 Basketball Festival (Invite only)
- 24th Oct - Harvest Festival @ Church (2:15pm start)
- 25th Oct - Reception Harvest Workshop (9am)
- **28th Oct - 1st Nov - HALF TERM Break**
- 4th Nov - INSET Day (no children at school)
- 5th Nov - Children back to school
- 15th Nov - Children in Need day