

Message from Sharon Hunt!



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for another busy year! We have lots of fun learning opportunities planned.

Over the holidays Miss Grimshaw got engaged. This is a very exciting time for her and for all of us at Milborne.

I know many of you attended the Apollo events in July and we have been sent some links to photos of some of these events if you'd like to take a look.

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BBC South Today: <https://oc.thomas-hardye.net/index.php/s/LwpWn6lwbGV78XE>

It has been lovely to catch up with your children again and hear about the exciting things that you have done over the summer. They have come back to school with everything they need ready to learn and they look very smart in their uniforms. I know this takes a lot of time, money and effort and am pleased to see lots of named items too, so we can return them if they go missing. Thank you for making this happen.

A quick reminder of our **new class names** - **Reception** are **Respectful Rabbits**, **Year 1/2** are **Responsible Robins** and **Year 3/4** are **Resilient Racoons**.

Reception will enter and leave the school as they have done this year through the gate outside the main reception/office area. Year 1/2 will use Dolphins classroom and Year 3/4 will be in Puffins classroom.

In July I wrote about reviewing the curriculum. On INSET in September we have started to do this to ensure that we have a broad, balanced curriculum that reflects our values and what we believe to be important for children to learn. As this develops I will share with you. I will be asking for your comments and views.

Part of what we wanted to cover in the revised curriculum was to explicitly look at presentation and a pride in themselves and their school. You may have noticed that the children have been encouraged to shake staff's hands on entry whether that be in breakfast club, at the gate or on entry to the classroom. We think this is an important life skill and a positive way to come into school and feel valued for your child.

You will know from my July newsletter that one of the changes that we have already identified is that we would like to plan trips and /or visits at the start of the topic rather than the end so that children (and you) will be aware of the vocabulary we wish to learn during the topic and you can support your children at home as poor vocabulary and lack of exposure to experiences hinders the children's learning and their ability to link to new learning. We are working on creating a whole school bank of vocabulary covering Maths, Science topics and general vocabulary showing progression across the year groups. I will send this home for you to use as a reference point as soon as it is ready.

GTAT leaders have been working together to look at literacy and spelling across all the schools and there is a recurring theme around boys' spelling, writing and engagement to write. You will see below that Gary Wilson, an expert in this area will be leading staff across the schools to find out more and you are invited to what promises to be a very informative workshop. If you have boys -don't miss it, Even if you don't have boys this will be interesting as the strategies still apply to girls.

Gary Wilson speaker 24th September 6-7pm at St Marys Puddletown for Parents -Engaging boys

GARY WILSON

Gary Wilson is one of the country's leading experts on raising boys' achievement. He is a freelance education consultant, speaker, trainer, author and former teacher of twenty-seven years. Gary has advised and delivered training in over a thousand schools and over thirty LAs across the UK.

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energy and skill
was the
highlight of my
day."**

*- Delegates at 'Breaking
the Cycle' Conference,
Birmingham*

Whilst we encourage quantity in writing and that the children can write for extended periods of time, it can be equally challenging to choose a limited number of words. For fun, I challenge you and them to write **6 words to describe a picture**. I will announce the winner next week (that's the prize- your name in the newsletter!)

Aldi (Stores in Poole, Bournemouth, Boscombe, Christchurch and Weymouth) are doing a promotion for sports equipment in schools **Aldi's Kit for Schools**. We have agreed to do this as GTAT to combine our chances and share out any equipment through Mr Dailey as he moves around schools. There is also a chance to win £20,000 (this would also be shared if won) Please send any stickers into school (you get a sticker with every £30 spent)



Courtesy of Discovery Education

Picture for 6 word challenge



In July I wrote about being a **nut free school** in September and I would like to give you more information on this. This is for medical reasons, and could have a serious impact, potentially life threatening. Please ask your child to wash his/her hands after breakfast to remove any nut traces, and parents to please check packaging of lunchbox items and to be mindful of items that may contain nuts.

We are still waiting on the mugs to be delivered and will make sure the children who didn't get them in July who were due to receive them, get them as soon as they do. We haven't forgotten!

In assembly we have discussed the importance of saying positive things to people and the impact that this act has on both parties. We did this after sharing the book 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud. In summary, each of us has an invisible bucket. Its purpose is to hold good thoughts and good feelings about yourself. You feel happy and good when your bucket is full. Other people can fill your bucket and you can fill theirs. You fill a bucket when you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or when you smile at someone. Happy bucket filling!

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Hunt

Key information

- **Year 3 & Year 4 parents** - next week, Raccoons are having a Roald Dahl week, culminating in an Optional dress up day on Friday 13th September, where the children can come to school dressed up as their 'favourite Roald Dahl' character.

EXTERNAL Information:-

- Hungry Little Minds - This new campaign supports the school, by giving some great ideas for home learning and on improving home learning environments. Check it out at www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk

Key Dates:-

SEE attached list of Diary Dates for upcoming items for your diaries