

FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2019



# Mile Cross Primary School

Working As One.



Nursery went on a train journey around the class and imagined all the different things we could see and hear.



Reception loved finding out about doctors, hospital, healthy food and the body at the UEA run Teddy Bear Surgery on Wednesday.



Year 1 had an amazing PE Cafe today in which they danced, problem-solved, made healthy couscous, fruit kebabs and much much more. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to support.



Year 2 performed their latest Primary Writing story of Hansel & Gretel in class assembly this week. They were amazing!



Year 3 visited the Castle Museum art gallery to look at paintings of the river in Norwich. We were inspired to create our own art work in class.



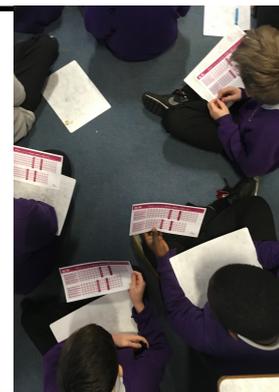
Year 4 had a great day when Lorraine visited us to teach us Egyptian dancing. We were also introduced to Egyptian clothing and a range of instruments.



Year 5 have been busy writing and improving their innovated stories; based on the original text 'Nyangara, the Fire Python'.



Year 6 have been learning new life skills through studying and understanding how to use real timetables.



## Dinner Money

Can we remind all parents that if your child is having a school lunch that you need to pay for the week on Monday morning.

## Illegal Parking

We are still getting many cars at the start and the end of the day parking illegally around the school- either near the Nursery entrance on the zigzag lines or in the disabled bays. This behaviour is putting children's lives at danger and at times blocking routes that emergency vehicles will take. Please park legally or you risk a fine.

## Parent governor elections

We have two candidates but just one vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please take time to read both candidate's statements and tick which parent you would like on the Governing Body. Simply tear or cut the slip and post it into the box in reception. Thank you.



Here are the Golden Tickets that were presented to the children last week . The winners each week will be a child from each class who has read at least 5 times a week, has completed their homework, attended school all week (on time) and has an amazing 'can do' attitude towards their learning. Winners will be going, subject to attendance, on the next Attendance Reward Trip is being decided by School Council.

**Reception: Marlee-Elizabeth Wicks & Esme Slatter**  
**Year 1: Savannah Baum & Milana Jackiv**  
**Year 2: Gemma Cocks & Bella Wines**  
**Year 3: Freya Simpson & Milana Jukaviciute**  
**Year 4: Kaden Callaby & Kyle Furness**  
**Year 5: Ghiselaine van Berkel-Chargois & Megan Heels**  
**Year 6: Leah Reeve & Asia Wilson**

### Important dates and information...

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| Tues. 5th Feb. [10-10.15am]    | Yr3 Class Assembly - Mrs Healings - Hall - Parents & KS2                   |
| Tues. 5th Feb [3.15-5pm]       | Yr6 After School Swimming Club (selected children) - Sprowston High School |
| Thurs. 7th Feb. [8.45-10.15am] | Time to Talk: Mental Health Awareness Drop in for parents - Atrium         |
| Thurs. 7th Feb. [ 3.15-5.30pm] | Harry Potter Book Night - Invited children only - Atrium                   |
| Fri. 8th Feb [All day]         | Yr5 Castle Museum Trip   |
| Mon. 11th -Thurs. 14th Feb.    | Yr6 Mock SATs Week - Classrooms  |
| Tues. 12th Feb [All Day]       | Science Museum Trip (London) - Yr5 prizewinners - Leaving at 7am prompt!   |
| Tues. 12th Feb [9-11am]        | Family Learning (Maths) for parents - Studio                               |
| Weds. 13th Feb. [9.30-10.15am] | Yr2 Maths Cafe - Hall  |
| Fri. 15th Feb. [9.30-10.30am]  | Presentation Assembly FS/KS1 - Hall  |
| Fri. 15th Feb.. [11-12 noon]   | Presentation Assembly KS2 - Hall   |
| Fri. 15th Feb. [3.15pm]        | School closes for half term break.   |
| Mon. 25th Feb. [8.40am]        | School reopens for 2nd half term   |
| Weds. 27th Feb. [9-10.15am]    | Yr3 Maths Cafe - Studio  |
| Fri. 1st March [8.30-11.130am] | Nursery [AM] Boat Trip to Wroxham  |
| Fri. 1st March [12-3.30am]     | Nursery [PM] Boat Trip to Wroxham  |

|      | Hot Dinners  | Pasta King   | Pick & Mix                                       |
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| Mon  | Italian Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread<br>(v) Mac n' Cheese with Wholemeal Bread | Beef Bolognese<br>(v) Vegetable Bolognese            | Wrap Sandwich or Baguette<br>(range of fillings) |
| Tues | Lamb & Potato Bake<br>(v) Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Bake                        | Bangers & Beans (v)<br>Tomato Sauce                  | Cut Fresh Salad Vegetables<br>and Fruit          |
| Wed  | Beef & Tomato Grill with Jacker Wedges<br>(v) Vegetable Enchilada with Rice      | BBQ Chicken<br>(v) BBQ Quorn                         | A snack (eg. Cheese straw,<br>mini pizza etc.)   |
| Thur | Roast Chicken & All the Trimmings<br>(v) Vegetarian Sausage 'Under Wraps'        | Meatballs in Sauce<br>(v) Vegetarian Sausage<br>Stew | Fruit Juice                                      |
| Fri  | Crispy Baked Fish Fillet with Chips<br>(v) Crunchy Vegetable Fingers with Chips  | Chicken Tikka<br>(v) Cheese Sauce                    | A Tasty Dessert                                  |

## Attendance Matters!

At Mile Cross Primary School we are continually trying to improve attendance and punctuality within the school to ensure that all our children are receiving the education they deserve and are entitled to.

Children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

### Being late matters...

| He's/she's only missing...' | That equals          | Which is...             | And over 13 years of school that's |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 10 minutes per day          | 50 mins per week     | Nearly 1 ½ weeks a year | Nearly ½ a year                    |
| 20 minutes per day          | 1hr 40 mins per week | Over 2 ½ weeks per year | Nearly 1 year                      |
| 30 mins per day             | ½ a day per week     | 4 weeks per year        | Nearly 1 ½ years                   |
| 1 hour per day              | 1 day per week       | 8 weeks per year        | Over 2 ½ years                     |

The school day starts at 8.40am. If your child is late please ensure that you sign them in at the office. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. The gates are locked at 9am and if your child comes into school after 9.10am they will be given a late 'U' code on the register. This is unauthorised and will count as an absence on your child's attendance % figure. If your child receives 10 'U' codes within 100 sessions, a Penalty Notice can be issued and a fine payable (£60/£120).

### Over the year...

|                        |   |                    |   |                                     |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>100% attendance</b> | = | 0 days off         | = | No learning missed                  |
| <b>95% attendance</b>  | = | 9 school days off  | = | Nearly 2 weeks of learning missed   |
| <b>90% attendance</b>  | = | 18 school days off | = | Nearly 4 weeks of learning missed   |
| <b>85% attendance</b>  | = | 27 school days off | = | A ½ term of learning missed         |
| <b>75% attendance</b>  | = | 45 school days off | = | More than a term of learning missed |

If attendance remains below 90% with no signs of improvement a **Fast Track attendance meeting** at school will be called to identify the reasons for absence and to work together to improve attendance. If through this process your child's attendance does not improve you risk court action and a fine in excess of £1 500.

### Expectations

Please bring your child to school EVERY DAY unless your child is too ill to attend. If they are ill, please take them to the doctors and bring a note into school if possible. Phone school EVERY morning that your child does not attend, before 9am, so that their attendance records are kept accurate and up to date. You can leave a message if you can't get through straight away. We do not consider a cough, cold, headache or tummy ache to be an illness that prevents your child from attending school - if they deteriorate during the school day, we will be the first to contact you. Please only keep them at home if it is absolutely necessary. If your child needs to have an appointment during the school day, please bring them in either before or after the appointment – making sure they can get their mark in the register at 8.40am and 1pm respectively.

If you take your child on holiday during school time it is more than likely that you will receive a fixed penalty fine.

### Incentives

We'd simply prefer your child in school every day. No school we know of does more than us to reward great attendance – with the Attendance Reward Trips (termly), the Attendance League, the Attendance Shield, the Golden Ticket, class certificates etc. But the greatest incentive should be that your child is making great progress and achieving their very best in an outstanding school.

**It has been proven that attendance directly affects attainment and progress; so if your child is not here then they cannot learn!**



## Mile Cross Primary School Parent Governor Election

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have two candidates for the vacant Parent Governor post. Please can you read through the following statements and vote for the person you feel would be best suited to the role. *Only one vote* per household please! There will be a ballot box in the main reception for placing votes in. Please return your votes by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Your vote counts!

*The reason I would like to become a Parent Governor is to help others. It's all about the children and their education- that's the most important fact and we all want the best for our children. I would always be happy to listen to other parents if they would like to address an idea with myself. A good education is always a good start in life and Mile Cross Primary offers a great start for our children. If we can help, then why not try to improve this for our children?*

**Emma Green, mother of Reggie Goodall, Y1**

*My name is Charlene Hyka and I would like to be considered for Parent Governor. I currently have four children attending Mile Cross Primary- Roksana Hyka in Year 5, Lorenzo Hyka in Year 4, Xhesika Hyka in Year 2 and Xhino Hyka in Reception. I also currently volunteer on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Nursery and Tuesday afternoons reading with Year 5. I would very much like to be involved with school.*

**Charlene Hyka.**

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### **Mile Cross Primary School Parent Governor Voting Slip**

*Please tick 1 person and post the slip in the ballot box in the main reception area.*

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| 1.Emma Green    |  |
| 1.Charlene Hyka |  |

Thank you for your vote!

