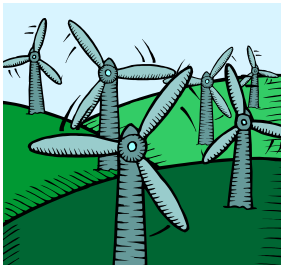


# Millhouse Primary School Newsletter

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## Message from Mrs. Gray:

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and are already impressing their teachers with their hard work and positive attitudes. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new starters in Class 1. We are sure they will quickly feel part of the Millhouse family.



## Reminders:

### P.E.

Please remember that PE kits should be brought to school on Monday and taken home on Friday each week.

### Jewellery

No jewellery is allowed except small stud earrings which must be removed for PE.

### Dinner Money

Dinner Money is £10.00 per week and should be paid on Monday. If you would prefer to pay for a block the cost for this half-term is £66.00. Please may I remind you that unless you are in receipt of free school meals, dinner money is required for KS2 pupils (Year 3-6 children).

## After-school clubs

Our after-school club programme will begin next week. A separate letter will be sent out this week with full details.

## Uniform

Please can you ensure all school uniform, including PE kits are labelled clearly with your child's name so that we can return any lost items to pupils. We want to avoid an overflowing Lost Property box this year!

## Arrival at school:

The start of the school day is 9:00am however children are encouraged to arrive at 8:45am, when teachers open the doors, in order to complete early bird work which consolidates previous learning and helps to ensure a calm start to the day.

## Attendance:

**Target: 96%**



Last year our overall attendance figure was 95.8%, very close to our target of 96%. We are sure we will reach 96% this year!

In order to encourage high attendance, we present 100% certificates each term.

Also, each week the class with the highest attendance receives our attendance mascot - **SAM**. I wonder which class he will visit this week?

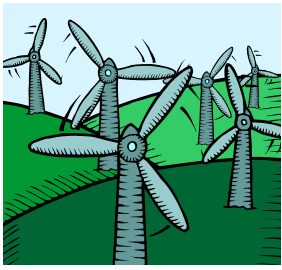
Our attendance policy is published on the school website. For the benefit of new parents, please note that holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

**Remember every school day counts!**

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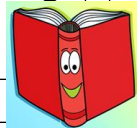
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## Reading Competition

As part of our steps to promote reading, we launched a competition before the holidays to enable us to create an exciting display for our new library. To enter the competition, children were asked to email/ print a photograph of themselves reading. They could be as inventive as they liked in coming up with different places to read. Entries need to be submitted Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – there's still time to take part! They can be emailed to school via the following address: [a.francis2@barnsley.org](mailto:a.francis2@barnsley.org).



## Dates for the diary

23.9.16 Jeans for Genes Day  
30.9.16 Macmillan coffee morning  
5.10.16 Individual and family photographs  
12.10.16 Stone Age Day (Classes 3,4 and 5)  
18.10.16 Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit  
20.10.16 Harvest Festival  
21.10 INSET Day



## Did you know that you may be able to help increase our school budget?

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families to do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. If your child is in Key Stage 2, this will also enable them to enjoy free school dinners. (All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 already get free school meals). You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income based job seekers allowance
- income related employment and support allowance
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- child tax credit with no working tax credit and have an income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190 (subject to change annually)
- support under Part 1V of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- universal credit

If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets extra funding. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits that you are claiming.

To make a claim please call the customer contact centre 01226 787787 or you can apply on line at [www.barnsley.gov.uk](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk)