

# Newsletter

## July 2016



### Thank you

As we approach the end of the year I would like to say a huge thank you to you, your children and your families for the fabulous support you have given us over the last year.

It has been a very challenging year with the new year 2 and year 6 tests being introduced and the increase in demands placed upon us by the new national curriculum.

As always, we strive for the very best for the pupils of Mill Lane Primary School and this is only possible because of the support you provide—thank you.

### What's left

We have only three days left in school which we hope will be great fun for everyone.

Monday 18th July—Sports Day for Nursery and Reception classes - 9.15am parents welcome.

Monday 18th July Sports Day for year 1 and 2- 2.00pm parents welcome.

Tuesday 19th July Years 3-6 Sports Day - 2.00pm parents welcome.

Wednesday 20th July Leavers Assembly - 9.00am parents welcome.

Wednesday 20th July - bouncy castle in school—we are asking for a voluntary contribution of 50p per child. SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN.

Sports days will be cancelled if the weather is poor—a text will be sent.

### 2016-2017

School re-opens on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 8.50am.

## Behaviour Policy

Thank you to all those people who took the time to complete a questionnaire or attend a focus group about behaviour at Mill Lane Primary School.

In addition to asking parents and carers their views we asked all staff and many of the children their thoughts - we did this through focus groups, class discussions and assemblies.

As a result we have re-written our school behaviour policy which is enclosed for your information—this will be implemented in September and we hope it works for all of us.

At Mill Lane we do not want a harsh and punitive culture where children behave because they are frightened; instead, we want a warm and caring environment where children want to behave because they know it makes everyone feel better and creates a better learning atmosphere.

We know that many children do the "right thing" most of the time and feel very frustrated when this is not recognised—this is why we have introduced the "Always Boards".

We know that when children do not behave in the way we expect there needs to be a consequence which is why we have kept the "Thinking Room".

All teachers will try to be available in the playgrounds at the end of the school day as this is what you asked for—this will not always be possible but we will try.

Teachers will be trusted to implement this policy but may have their own class systems as well which will differ from class to class.

Behaviour over the last year has improved enormously at Mill Lane Primary School and the vast majority of our pupils behave very well most of the time. We are all very proud to work at Mill Lane and be a part of this community (which is why some of us never leave!) and hope that you feel the same.

Once again, thank you for all your support and I hope you have a fantastic summer with your children.

*Christine Barlow*