

### Message from the Principal:

Welcome to the September edition of Mill Hill Primary Academy's newsletter. We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year. The children are a real pleasure! They work hard and are so excited to learn. I am constantly impressed by their manners and the care and warmth that they share with each other and the staff. I have many daily visits from the children who proudly want to show me their work. I have also been very warmly welcomed by parents and carers and it is lovely to see you all when you bring your children into school and pick them up. I look forward to all the exciting ventures planned in this newsletter. The next newsletter will be out in October however, I will write to you via parent mail if we have any important information to share with you.



### Message from Mrs Hulme Assistant Principal (EY/KS1)

What a wonderful start we have had to our new school year. The children have come back to school looking super smart, arriving on time and have a great attitude to learning. The buzz and excitement for learning has been great to see as I have visited classrooms over the last two weeks. The children are really excited about our new school motto, make sure you ask them to tell you what it is.



### Message from Mrs Steele Assistant Principal (KS2)

A huge welcome back to everyone in KS2. It is lovely to see the children turning up on time, dressed smartly and ready to learn. There is certainly a buzz of excitement around the classes when I visit them, with children and teachers eager to start their learning journeys.

If you do have any queries, then please come and see me.



### Academy Motto



### Dreams, Hopes and Aspirations Programme and Theme Of the Week

We launched our Dreams, Hopes and Aspirations programme this week. Children and staff have been working really hard on the top 5 things that make them happy and proud. Each class has a folder to store their work which may include pieces of writing, photos and pictures. Children and staff have also been discussing the importance of having good manners as part of our "Thought of the Week". Their work on this will also be in the class folders. Please encourage your children to share their thoughts with you and encourage them to bring in any work from home to add to the folder. Other topics to be covered this month will be International Day of Peace and European Day of Languages.

### Attendance

Being in school every day is really important for your child's education. I look forward to greeting parents and children with 100% attendance from last year on the 17<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate this wonderful achievement. Congratulations also goes to 4M who have 100% attendance for this week and also the 400 children who currently have 100% attendance. Very well done!



### Punctuality

Children are invited to line up from 8.30am, with the school day starting promptly at 8.40am. Thank you to all parents/carers and children for making every effort to be in school on time. Every second of learning counts! Please note there is a message from the school office and Principal on the next page regarding what to do if you are late arriving to school.



### Dream Big Curriculum

As part of our 'DREAM BIG' curriculum, we want to inspire our children to be scientists, acrobats, doctors, historians, vets, dentists and singers for example. Indeed, anything they dream to be! We can't do this by ourselves so, we need your help to inspire the children at home too. Here is an overview of all our topics this term. It would be wonderful if you and your child could talk about the topics and their learning.

Nursery	Autumn Settling In and story time Tasty Rhymes				
Reception	Celebrations When I grow up!				
1	This is me! A day at the circus Mog at the vets	3	Stone age boy Brave	5	To infinity and beyond Space
2	Explorers of the sea	4	Attack of the predator Save our world!	6	Full steam ahead The Victorians

### Uniform

Children should be in full school uniform at all times. Our uniform policy is on our academy website [www.millhillprimaryacademy.coop/school-life/uniform-information/](http://www.millhillprimaryacademy.coop/school-life/uniform-information/) Please ensure that all academy uniform and PE kit is as listed in the policy. The uniform shop is Supersport Tunstall Uniform Shop, Tunstall High Street, ST6 5TT.

### Century Tech and Education City

The Academy has subscribed to an online resource called "Century Intelligent Learning" CENTURY is an award-winning teaching and learning platform that uses learning science, artificial intelligence and neuroscience to support learning. Yes, it can spot your child's mistakes and adapt questions to help them get it right in the future! All of year 5 and 6 have log in details for the software and we are looking at doing this with year 3 and 4 in the future. We would encourage parents and carers to promote this learning at home. We will be awarding the top users! Children also have access to Education City. Web site addresses are: [www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com) and [www.century.tech](http://www.century.tech)

### Message from the Office / Principal

As you know the main reception is very busy in the morning. To ensure that the office staff can answer urgent calls from parents/carers, greet parents/carers who need to pass on medicine and other items, we will be trailing a late sign in at the Community Centre from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. It is also important that if children are late that they too have a calm and welcoming start to the day. If the children are late please go to the Community Centre reception where Mrs Lyons our attendance officer will meet you and ensure that your child gets to class. All Parents should now to set up on Parentmail. Please can you pay for clubs, trips and lunches through parentmail, any issues please come to the school office.

### PTFA

**We need your help! We are looking for new members to join our PTFA. If you would like to join please speak to Mrs Dinham or Mrs Hulme**

Thursday 17th and Thursday 24th October - **Halloween Sale**

Thursday 7th November - **Uniform Sale**

Friday 6th December **Christmas fair**. More details to follow as we will be asking for donations on the run up to the fair.

### Keeping Children Safe

Please can you ensure that your child's contact details are up to date in case of emergencies.



Our Local PCSO is Nick Warrilow.

It was lovely to welcome Nick to the Academy on Friday 13th where he had a tour of KS2. The children were really pleased to see him.



### Celebration Friday

Every Friday is a special day! We share our attendance and punctuality figures which includes the winning classes. We also have Happiness, Super Learner and Head teacher Awards. The children get very excited and are really proud of their achievements. It is also wonderful to see them support each other.

### Breakfast and Kool Kids Club

Just a reminder that we do have a morning and an afternoon school club available to parents. If you would like any more details, please contact the school office.

Please can we ask that you telephone the number when you are collecting your child/ren.

The telephone number is :- 07596 144943

### Autumn Visits

16th and 23rd September—Year 6 Visit to Hanley Fire Station.

17th and 18th September—Bikeability Level 1 training for Year 4

17th and 18th September—Bikeability Level 2 training for Year 5

26th September - Reception Double-decker Bus Ride

4th October—Dougie Mac Bring a Pound to school day  
(details to follow)

15th October - Reception Trip to Manchester Airport

### Upcoming Sport Events

Sports Leader Training Session 16th October

Football Tournament - PVFC—Dimensions (Y6) 4th October

Hi-five Netball at Fenton Manor 22nd October



### KEY DATES

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER	-	INSET DAY
MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER	-	INSET DAY
FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER	-	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3PM FOR HALF TERM
MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	-	SCHOOL OPEN
FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	-	INSET DAY
MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER	-	INSET DAY
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER	-	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3PM
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY	-	SCHOOL OPEN

### SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE

We have availability to hire out our school hall from 5pm most evenings.

Should you be interested or know someone that runs a club or fitness class and are looking for a venue, then please call Mrs Yates in the school office on 234466 for more details.

