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15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had such an inspiring day last Friday when we had a whole day raising awareness of **Mental Health**. We thread this through our curriculum each and every day but to have a special awareness day is always a good thing. Thank you for the generous contributions. We raised an amazing **£277.95**. This all goes directly towards our nurture space and resources.

Please take a look at our **website** and in particular the section on **Curriculum**. We have updated this recently and you will see lots of information and photos explaining what we teach, how we teach and why we teach certain lessons and how each lesson forms part of a sequence of lessons.

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/curriculum/>

Open classrooms – Friday 12th November and weekly from then.

Before the school closures we invited parents in on a Friday straight after school for 10 minutes to look at your children's classroom and books where you can see their progress. **We would like to start this again on Friday 12th November**. Please don't come into school if you feel unwell. There won't be time at these sessions to meet 1:1 with the class teacher. Please book a separate time for this if there is something you want to talk to the class teacher about.

Parent/Carer and Teacher meetings

These are taking place the week after half-term. You will receive information on how to book on Parentmail early next week. Please note that these meetings will not apply to Nursery parents, 'Stay and Play' sessions are being arranged to take place the same week when you will get the chance to visit the Nursery and see how your child has settled.

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The importance of good attendance

The reasons for children to attend school regularly are to support their learning and development, to make sure that children are kept safe, their wellbeing is promoted and they do not miss out on their entitlements and opportunities. Good attendance promotes good outcomes for children.

Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. At Mousehold Infant and Nursery School our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

The government target for attendance is 96.1% and an attendance level below 90% will have a major impact on progress made in school.

We understand that children are sometimes too ill to come to school. When children are well or they have coughs or colds then they should be in school. We will always call you if we feel your child is too unwell to stay in school.

Thank you for your cooperation in improving our school attendance.

Science Festival at The Forum

Please see the attached flyer with information on about the events in the city centre over half-term. This was also on our school Facebook page earlier in the week.

Safeguarding and Support

Keeping all of our children safe when arriving and leaving school

I sent a message out earlier in the week to parents asking for all to be careful and considerate when driving and parking outside school. Since then I have contacted our local Beat Manager from the police. We are working together to make the outside of the school gates safer. Thank you to all families who park carefully and drive slowly outside the school gates before and after school

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding/>

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood, Miss Balachandre

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.

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Cold weather

As the weather is getting colder you may be starting to think about winter coats. If your child has grown out of their coat you might like to consider giving it a wash and bringing it in to the coat rack in our lobby as a donation for someone in need. Equally if you are in need of a winter coat for your child please come and have a look what we have on the rack. You can take what you need, no questions asked.

Phonics Presentation

via Zoom

Thursday 21st October
11-11.30am and 4-4.30pm



The session will explain the way we teach phonics within school. It will also provide you with some ideas for helping your child with their phonics and reading at home.

Please book through Parentmail Events.

If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office:
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Diary Dates

21st October- Phonics presentation for parents (zoom).

HALF TERM – Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October

Week beginning 1st November – Parents Evenings – meetings with class teachers.

12th November – Children in Need – fundraising day.

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12th November and every Friday – Open Classrooms.

Friday 17th December 2021 - Last day of term -

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - First day back to school in Spring Term:

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rebecca Westall
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