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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

After a wet start to the week, the sun has started to shine again and looks to continue over the weekend and next week. Grab the opportunity while you can and get out with the children, enjoying the time spent together. For all our families celebrating Eid, I wish you "Eid Mubarak!"

We would like to invite you to our "**How to be successful in Year X**" evenings coming soon. It is an opportunity for you to come and see your child's Year Group team, hear the expectations and routines for that year group, discover what they are learning about and a chance to ask questions. We would love to see you all and aware that not one time suits everybody. Therefore we will be offering 3 times for you to come in; 9.00am, 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Dates for each year group are below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year group</u>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3

**A polite request** – If you are dropping or picking your child up using a car, please be respectful to our neighbours and park responsibly. Please do not block driveways at any times even if it is only for 1 minute and also leave pavements clear for children and parents to walk along. On another note, kindly do not drive into the school car park when the gates are open unless you have permission to do so.

**School Café** – I have been asked by a number of parents about the café and how it will run. The idea is that we will be using the café for breakfast clubs, coffee mornings, drop off and pick up times. It is also an opportunity to engage children in entrepreneurship, writing for purpose, maths skills and cooking, as well as linking other areas of the curriculum. When we are in a position to open the café, I shall write again to the parenting body with any opportunities that may arise that you could support us with. Many parents have asked me also about treats at break times to include with tuck. As a healthy eating school we will only be providing healthy snacks at break times but will look to see if we can support the treat element through the café.

**Photographs in school** – Throughout the year we take many photographs and videos of learning opportunities in and around the school. At times we may use these for internal use e.g. newsletters, displays, assemblies etc. At other times we may use them on the school website, twitter feed, prospectus etc. **If you do not want your child's photograph used please collect a form from the office, fill in and hand back to the office.**

**Pupil Premium** – The Mill Primary Academy is able to claim funding for those pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium. The extra revenue helps the school to further support your child's education. If you feel as a family you are on a low income and may qualify for this extra support we would like to ask you to fill in a form and return it to school.

**This will entitle the school to an additional £1,300 per year for each child which means we can provide more support across the school.**

You are entitled to claim Pupil Premium even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already has a meal, or, if they are older and bring a packed lunch. Your child does not need to eat a school lunch. You are also able to register for free milk. Please come to the office to see if you are entitled and pick up an application form.

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**Star of the Week** – This week are stars are below as always, there have been so many wonderful learning experiences and efforts it was hard to choose. My Headteacher award goes to **Toby Atkins** for all of his efforts and help around the school enhancing the learning environments, including cleaning out chickens and collecting eggs! My EggCellent award goes to **Mr Alex Chalmers** our Premises Manager, for keeping our school safe and working hard with his team to ensure we are updating and improving our learning spaces.

<b>Reception:</b>	Kandinsky – Antaris Necelis Picasso – Enzo Kiernan	Matisse – Amy Calnon
<b>Year 1:</b>	Monet – Solena Sadrien	Hockney – Holly Mitchell
<b>Year 2:</b>	Goldsworthy – Sanindie Kodithuwakku Kankanmge	Lichtenstein – Teddy Thornback
<b>Year 3:</b>	Hokusai – Parwana Wafayee	Mondrian – Lillie-Lou Van HeerdenWolfe
<b>Year 4:</b>	Moore – Amy Dolan	Miro – Alex Pitts
<b>Year 5:</b>	Rousseau – Makenzie Mortimer	Van Gogh – Chelsie Richardson
<b>Year 6:</b>	Da Vinci – Kasey McEvoy	Riley – Katie Isted

**House of the Week** – The Mill's first winners of the Mill House Cup are the Falcons. With a score of 28. Thank you each and every team member for your contributions in your learning and efforts.



Thank you to all who have commented in the Reading Diaries. Please remember that spending 15–20 minutes a night hearing your child read has a massive impact on their learning no matter what age your child is.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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