



FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2018
THE MILL MESSENGER

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy 2018! We may have only been back a week, but the children have been incredibly busy! Some of your children may have been talking to you about how at The Mill, we are Forever Proud. We walk proud, we look smart and are proud of our uniform, we work hard, we play fair and we're proud of the way we treat one another and our school environment.

Forever Proud assemblies: These will be held on Friday mornings at 9.00am in the school hall. The whole school and all staff attend them as they are a very special way to come together and celebrate our week. Each week, our winners will have their photo taken to keep and children will take home a badge and certificate to mark their achievement. Adults will be choosing children who stand out as having something to be forever proud of that week.

Reading: Reading is the key to everything! We are passionate about fostering a love of stories and learning through reading. We ask that your child reads at home at least 3 times a week. Every time your child reads at home, their diary is signed by an adult or older sibling at home. Listen out for our new reward system for readers coming very soon! I would love for as many of you as possible to see your child's class reading corner when you come in for open mornings. The staff have been working exceptionally hard to create fun, cosy, exciting places to read in their classrooms and the children love using them. From wigwams to trees, to dens to movie theatres, Narnia, enchanted forests...there's a book corner to capture anyone's imagination!

Attendance: As you know, making sure your child comes to school every day gives them the best possible chance at thriving socially and academically. We all aspire for our children to achieve great things and to do that, they need to be in school. Whilst sickness cannot be avoided, I strongly encourage any parent who is worried about their child's attendance or who would like a bit of help with how to ensure their child's attendance is the highest it can possibly be to make an appointment to talk with us about what we can do to support you and your child. I will be sending a detailed letter about our attendance policy next week.

Finally for this week, thank you all for the warm welcome I have received on the front gate. The Mill feels like home already!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gosden
Headteacher

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Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to class Van Gogh in Year 5 who are this week's attendance cup winners with 97.9%

Key Dates:

**INSET days – 23.7.18
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