



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

# The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Please have a read through our latest news and the exciting things happening at The Mill.

## Cold Weather and Ventilation

For Covid prevention we have to ventilate classrooms thoroughly which can make the school quite cold at this time of the year. Please feel free to layer up your children's clothes for the low temperatures if your child feels cold in school. This could be thermals under the school uniform or an additional layer like a fleece and a scarf.

## Inclusion Assemblies

This term, our Monday morning assemblies are all about belonging and inclusion. Thinking about the different ways to communicate so that everyone can understand, Toby and Dolton from Year 6 researched all about British Sign Language and shared their presentation in assembly this week. We even had some clever children from Early Years stand up and teach the rest of the school how to say 'good morning', 'good afternoon' and 'come and play' in a sign language called Makaton. Please encourage your children to use their new signs to help everyone feel included at playtime.

## Smart School Council

At SSC we are all about listening to the pupil voice and thinking about how we can make our school even more amazing than it is already. We talk about topics that include things that are happening in the world, to help us think of changes we could make to support each other. We have weekly class meetings when we discuss these topics and come up with actions we could do in school, like switching off lights when we leave a room or having a school flag competition! We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for a donation of £1 per child to support a charity. We will choose the charity through a voting system in our SSC class meetings to decide which charity needs our help the most. We make sure everyone has the chance to vote so all children know their voice counts and will be heard.



## Room 13 – From Janey

This week 14 Year 3 children used Room 13, making artwork alongside me while I continue to work on our hanging textile installation for Crawley Museum. We've also been super excited this week to get our lockdown inspired artwork professionally photographed! The images show work that was created as part of the international Bandage Me Better Project [www.isolation-inspiration.weebly.com](http://www.isolation-inspiration.weebly.com) that reflects on how textiles can support us in times of adversity.



Kind Regards

*Sophie Gosden*

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Headteacher

## Absences

Please leave a message via our absence line on 01293 571893 by 8.45am on each day of your child's absence. Please include their name, class and reason for their absence.

## Parking and School Runs

Sadly, we have received a number of complaints from local residents about the parking during school drop off and collection times. We fully understand how difficult the location of our school can be during these busy periods, however, we would appreciate your cooperation in being considerate to our neighbours. Please ensure when parking you do not block other driveways and other cars. Many thanks.

## Forever Proud

On Fridays, each class nominates their 'Forever Proud' award winner who is announced in our whole school assembly and will receive their badge and certificate to take home. This week's winners are:

- Year R Kandinsky Emilie M
  - Year R Matisse Darcie E
  - Year R Picasso Thomas M
  - Year 1 Hepworth Eden P
  - Year 1 Hockney Jonah C
  - Year 1 Monet Amelie S
  - Year 2 Goldsworthy Jensen M
  - Year 2 O'Keeffe Emily C
  - Year 2 Lichtenstein Isabelle T
  - Year 3 Mondrian Violet E
  - Year 3 Cezanne Sooryansh T and Soraya K
  - Year 3 Hokusai Izzabella D
  - Year 4 Kahlo Riley W
  - Year 4 Moore Mylie T
  - Year 5 van Gogh Mathias S
  - Year 5 Egonu Isla T
  - Year 5 Rousseau Lilly B
  - Year 6 Riley Ivy B
  - Year 6 da Vinci Gyenimaa T
  - Year 6 Turner Sofia F
- Well done to all of you!



## Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 1 classes had the highest attendance. Well done everyone!



## Diary Dates

PTA Christmas Fair **Cancelled, please see separate letter.**

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Easy Lunch Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

PTA Breakfast with Santa – **Now fully booked**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 8.00–9.00am

Important: INSET DAY Change 2022 Spring Term

Inset Days are on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and now

also Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. **The Inset Day on**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February has now been cancelled.**

Children return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

SSC Non-uniform Day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

