



Milford News

Monday 11th October 2021

Head Teacher update...

We are on
Facebook

[www.facebook.com/
MilfordAcademy.
Clifton](https://www.facebook.com/MilfordAcademy.Clifton)



We are now into the final week of this first half term of the school year. All of the children have coped well with the return to more 'normal' routines since we came back in September and as a school, we continue to ensure that we are following guidelines relating to COVID-19. As part of this, we, like all schools, are required to ask anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms in school to go home and book a PCR test to ensure that it is not a COVID-19 case. We understand that this can be disruptive but is a crucial part of our continued efforts to keep everyone safe and follow government guidance – thank you for supporting us with this.

Curriculum events

The removal of many restrictions has meant that this half-term we have been able to let the children enjoy a variety of fun-filled events. There has already been a number of **sports events** that children have participated in offsite including football, cross-country and dodgeball – all of the children who have taken part in these events did a brilliant job of representing our school! We have also recently had a **theatre show** in school for children in Year 1-4 which was a huge success and the children (and staff) greatly enjoyed! This week our Year 2 children have a fun **Victorian day** to look forward too! This week in school we will also be focusing on **Black History Month** which is currently underway – this is a crucial aspect of our wider work on tolerance and respect for all. We would also like to thank families who have been doing so much reading at home with their children – please keep it up, it makes a huge difference and supports your child! We would like to just ensure that children do have their **reading books in school each day** though as they need them to read with adults in school.

Aim high, achieve!

Half-term dates:

Monday 18th
October – Friday 29th
October



Parent Consultations

On **16th-18th November** we will be running our Autumn term parent consultation evenings – this will give you the chance to speak to your child's class teacher to see how they are doing in school and how you can support them at home. We will send out more information about these events after half-term but there will be the option to come into school to meet your child's teacher or have a phone conversation if you prefer.

Reception / Key Stage 1 dinners

We currently have a system where all of our children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) all have a school meal – this is part of the government's funded 'Universal Free School Meal' scheme and is an approach the school has had for a while. Currently we do not permit children to have a packed lunch as we want to encourage them to all have a hot meal, try new foods and support families with saving costs. We are aware though that some children / families would prefer the option to provide children with a packed lunch – we are currently reviewing this policy and will update you after half-term. Until then, we thank you for your continued support with our current policy of not sending in packed lunches for these year groups.

Reminders / information sharing

- As part of our safeguarding measures all school gates do shut at 9am so please ensure you are off site by this time to avoid having issues getting off site!
- We politely remind all families dropping off in cars to avoid parking on local residents property / blocking driveways, especially out the front of school.
- Please do phone school to let us know of any child's absence on the first day they are off school.
- Autumn / Winter will soon be with us – please ensure your child has their coat with them when the weather turns!

Finally, we hope you all have a fantastic and safe half-term fortnight and we will see you all back on Monday 1st November!

Aim high, achieve!