

# Milldene News 20

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## School Car Park

Due to ongoing issues with unauthorised vehicles entering the school car park, we will be closing the gates to the car park at 8:40am each morning. The only vehicles permitted to use the car park are members of staff or site visitors.

## Today is Safer Internet Day!

In light of this and the fact that we have had recent issues within our Year 6 class, we would like to direct you to the following website, which has resources for all ages, as well as parents relating to e-safety: [www.saferinternet.org.uk/](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)

If you have any concerns about online safety, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



## Science Week!

When we return from our Half Term Break it will be our school science week!

We have a week of science related fun arranged for the boys and girls. To help them feel the part, we would ask them to bring in their 'lab coats'. This can be an oversized white shirt (perhaps an old one of dad's or granddad's?) which they can wear in class.

This is not compulsory, but just an option for those who would like to embrace their inner scientist!

## Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to Mr Clarke! It has been lovely to see Mr Clarke back in school after his period of ill health.

Mr Clarke will be with us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, working in Year 3 and also helping in KS1.

## World Book Day—1st March 2018

To celebrate World Book Day we are asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from literature. Last year we had all sorts of colourful costumes; from The Very Hungry Caterpillar to Alice in Wonderland!

Please do not feel that you have to spend money on these costumes—some of the best we have seen have been homemade!

## Half Term

We hope that everyone has a peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable half term break next week.

We will be back in school on Monday 19th February.

## Books and Biscuits—A Pleasure as Always!

A quieter, more humble group but just as hardworking, make no mistake! A wonderful opportunity to share some real successes where perseverance had played a part, more often than not.

Science, Maths, Art, story composition, drama—the breadth and depth of the learning activities across the school was evident. Our children are very articulate about the aspects of the curriculum they most enjoy and they clearly appreciate the lengths to which the teachers go in order to engage and excite them.

Mrs Locke

This week's participants were:-

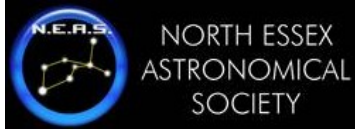
Ruby:	Ashleigh	Opal:	Tom M
Sapphire:	Tom H	Emerald:	Ethan G
Topaz:	Leon	Diamond:	Jess
Amethyst:	Harry M		





**Save our pool!** Further to last week's news on our first £500 from Aviva for the swimming pool refurbishments, please see the attachment in ParentMail for details on how you could possibly help raise funds. Thank you.

**Stargazing evening | Thursday 22 February | 7-8:30pm**



Tickets are now sold out! PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (WHO ALSO NEED A TICKET) FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT.

**Thurstable PTFA Annual Quiz Night | Friday 2 March | 7:30pm**

Thurstable's Annual Quiz Night is coming soon. Each year they have had more teams entering, the rivalry is great fun and adds to the atmosphere of the evening. You can have up to eight on a team and this can be mixed, adults/children/6th form all are welcome. Adults are £4 and children/6th form are £2, pay on the door. Bring your own food and drink. Raffle and Stand-Up Bingo on the menu. To reserve a table, please see the poster to the right:

**Thurstable School PTFA**  
**Annual Quiz Night**  
**Friday 2nd March 7.30pm**  
**THURSTABLE SCHOOL HALL**  
**QUIZ MASTERS - Bob & Heather**  
**Teams of up to 8**  
**Adults £4 Children £2**  
**Doors open at 7pm**  
**Bring your own Food & Drink**  
**Stand-Up Bingo**  
**Raffle**  
**RESERVE A TABLE**  
**thurstableptfa@gmail.com**

**Your School Lottery – have you got your ticket?**



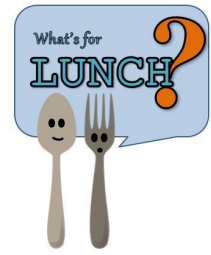
Congratulations to last Saturday's winner. Please join now at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/milldene-primary-school> to be in with a chance of winning a Fitbit.

**Thank you for your support, Milldene Primary School PTFA**

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**School Meals**

Please note that we are on Week 1 of our school menus this week.



Thank you.

**Birthday Book Donation**

Thank you very much to Rosalie in Ruby Class for donating the book 'Boogie Bear' by David Walliams, to mark your 5th birthday. The book will be kept in Ruby Class for all the children to enjoy.

Thank you for remembering to keep our new 'birthday book initiative in mind.

**Attendance**

Last week's attendance award went to Diamond Class, who had an attendance figure of 98.92%. Excellent!

As a school, our overall attendance was 94.94%. Again, we have not been able to attain that all important 97%. It is important that we strive to get this figure up after half term.

Remember: every day counts!

**Head Lice**

We have had another case of head lice in the school. Please could you make sure to check your child's hair and to treat as necessary.

Please also check your child's hair during the half term break, as this is an opportune time to undertake any treatment and

repeat said treatment if necessary.



**REMEMBER ONCE A WEEK, TAKE A PEEK**

**Mobile Phones**

We have an increasing number of children bringing their mobile phones into school. Whilst we do keep them in the safe in the office, we would remind you that children should only be bringing them in if they are truly necessary i.e. Your child walks home alone after school.

Thank you

**Times Tables Rock Stars**

Our new Rock Stars Hall of Fame is up and running in the school hall. Well done to all those children who have signed up and started their Rock Star journey. We have a Class of the Week award that will be given to the class with the most active users.

The Half Term break is the perfect time to get online and practise, practise, practise!

We look forward to seeing more Times Tables Rock Stars on our wall when we return!

