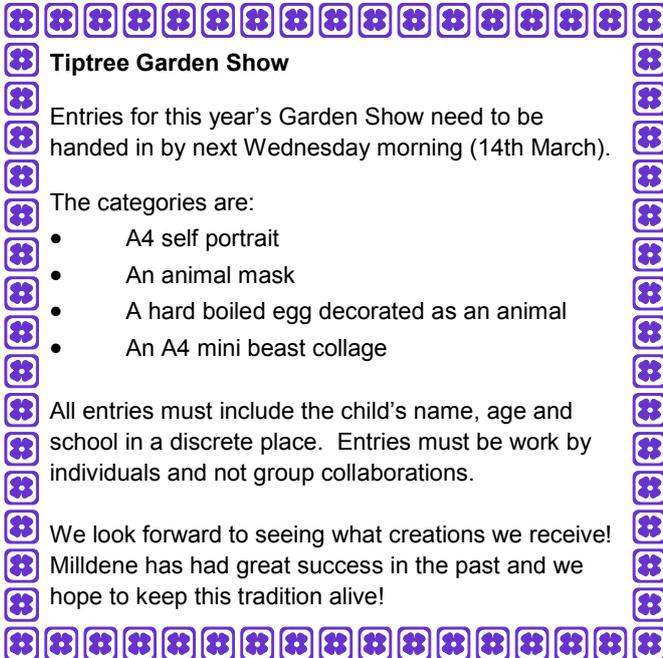




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Tiptree Garden Show

Entries for this year's Garden Show need to be handed in by next Wednesday morning (14th March).

The categories are:

- A4 self portrait
- An animal mask
- A hard boiled egg decorated as an animal
- An A4 mini beast collage

All entries must include the child's name, age and school in a discrete place. Entries must be work by individuals and not group collaborations.

We look forward to seeing what creations we receive! Milldene has had great success in the past and we hope to keep this tradition alive!

Mid-Year Reports and Parents' Evening Appointments

Your child will have received their mid-year report, together with confirmation of parents' evening appointments in their bags yesterday.

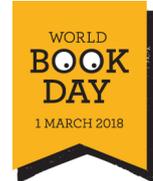
Please make sure you have read through their report and return the tear off slip as soon as possible.

We hope you have found the reports helpful and that they will be of benefit when you attend your upcoming appointments.



World Book Day—This FRIDAY!

Due to the snow last week, we did not get to celebrate World Book Day, a "catastrophic disaster" according to our friend the BFG!



But, do not worry! We will be celebrating World Book day this Friday (9th March) instead. Scrumdiddlyumptious!

It would be such a shame for the children's costumes to go to waste, so we look forward to seeing what characters arrive here on Friday!

Again, if your child does not wear a costume, they are welcome to attend in usual non-uniform.

Our Bus

Unfortunately, our bus is currently out of use due to it being vandalised. This has been an ongoing problem, with four separate incidents since Christmas.

The individuals, who are causing such disruption and distress, have also targeted Milldene Pre-School. The Police have been alerted to these incidents, but we would ask, please, for everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious or unusual behaviour/incidents to the Police.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter and we hope that, as a community, we can put an end to such incidents.



Books and Biscuits

Today's session was an excellent opportunity to share our greatest achievements since Christmas. The importance of building ambitious word banks was a useful talking point. The conversations seemed repeatedly to focus on challenge and perseverance—important characteristics of active learning. It was lovely to hear the group complimenting each other on their achievements.

Mrs Locke

This week's participants were:-

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| Ruby: Mia-Skye | Opal: Josh B |
| Sapphire: Amber | Emerald: James |
| Topaz: Missie | Diamond: George C |
| Amethyst: Zac | |





We hope everyone has warmed up after the snow and more importantly, had lots of fun! Thank you for your understanding regarding the postponed Spring disco and for returning your Mother's Day forms so promptly yesterday.



Spring disco | NOW THIS FRIDAY | 4:00-5:15pm (Infants) / 5:30-7:00pm (Juniors)
Only 3 more sleeps until the school disco! If any pre-paid children can't attend the new date, please email the PTFA (address below) so we can refund your money. We are no longer ac-

cepting forms, but you can pay on the door at the disco (£4). Slap bands, bracelets, temporary tattoos and other goodies will be on sale on the night - we suggest between £3-£5 spending money. Thank you to all our parent volunteers, we hope the children have a great time!

Mother's Day gifts | THIS WEEK

Mother's Day present wrapping is taking place later this week so please check your child's school bag if you have ordered a gift. We are no longer accepting orders due to other commitments this week. We hope there will be some happy faces on Sunday.



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/> Not only is there a GUARANTEED weekly prize for one of our supporters, but there is a further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate national draw EVERY WEEK, plus a chance of winning a GO APE adventure for 10 people (tickets must be registered by 30 March).

EXCITING NEWS: our fundraising page is now set up! So, if you are planning to undertake some epic feat like a run this year that you could be sponsored for, please let us know and we will add your details to the fundraising page. We would like to thank Neal Francis for his support. Neal is running the Colchester Half Marathon on Sunday, 25 March 2018. Please sponsor him now at: <https://be.wonderful.org/clairer/2018/milldenepriaryschoolptfasaveourpool>

You can also use this page if you would like to make donations to the PTFA. Several parents have said they would like to make a monetary contribution as they are unable to attend our fundraising events.

***** Coming next week ***Easter Egg colouring competition**
Thank you for your support,
Milldene Primary School PTFA

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School Meals



Due to the adverse weather last week, food deliveries to the school have been delayed. We therefore have the following school meals on offer this week:-

Tuesday:
 Bolognese Past Bake/ Veggie Pasta Bake
 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna
 Angel Delight

Wednesday:
 Roast Pork/Veggie Parcel
 Arctic Roll

Thursday:
 Chicken Fillet Burger/Quorn Burger with new potatoes and sweetcorn.
 Deli Roll with Tuna or Cheese
 Waffles with Winter Fruits

Friday:
 Pizza (pepperoni/cheese)
 Jacket Potato with Tuna or Beans

Attendance

Everyone was busy playing in the snow so, no attendance award this week!



Remember: every day counts!

Changes to Thurstable School Day

Some of you may be aware that Thurstable are proposing to change the timings of their school day. You can find the proposals [here](#).

If Thurstable do adopt these proposed time changes, it will have an impact on us as a school, with the end of our school day being that much closer to Thurstable's.

These plans are by no means set in stone as yet, but you may wish to share your views with Thurstable directly.