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Save our bus!

I am sure that you will have read about our bus situation in the local press.

Initially we were advised by Colchester Borough Council that planning permission was not required. Since acquiring the bus, it has taken CBC and Essex Local authority some time to deliberate whether planning was in fact needed, resulting in a delay in proceedings. Moveable vehicles do not normally require planning permission but, by taking off the battery to stop the bus being driven by trespassers, it has been deemed that our bus has a degree of permanency, therefore requiring planning permission and consent. Luckily, apart from the initial purchase, we have not yet invested any money in the conversion while these discussions were taking place. Whilst I am pleased to report that planning permission has now been granted, there are some limiting factors: location and timeframes. In short, due to objections, the bus has to be moved on to our playing field, therefore requiring a costly new hard stand area to be constructed within a 6 month time frame. In order to save our bus, we need to make a plea for any contacts you may have to help us manage this project in the most cost effective way. Otherwise, our only other option would be to sell our bus, and that would be a very difficult and unpopular decision to make, given how much the children have taken the bus to their hearts already! If you are able to provide any help with this project in the form of contacts with local building companies who would be willing to quote sympathetically or charitable donations/ sponsorship funding from local businesses, please do not hesitate to contact us.



We are hoping that there is a local hero that will come to our rescue!

S. Locke.

Science Week!

It has been wonderful to see some of our boys and girls getting into the spirit of Science Week, by coming to school in their own 'lab coats'!

There have been lots of fun and practical investigations going on in classrooms, including an egg drop in Year 1 and our new residents have arrived in Ruby Class—watch this space for news on the hatching chicks!

World Book Day—1st March 2018

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day! We are inviting the children (and staff) to dress up as their favourite character from literature.

Please do not feel the need to spend money on a costume; homemade outfits are always welcome and can be the most impressive!

We cannot wait to see what colourful characters will be in attendance here at Milldene!

Books and Biscuits

Well, what an interesting discussion we had. I learnt all about the teachers who set the trickiest questions! Some fabulous examples of superb phonic work, algebra, warning stories and instruction texts. We also looked at a great example of thorough editing, showing how to draft and improve. The children showed that they know the value of being able to reflect on their own work and the work of others to help them improve.

Mrs Locke

This week's participants were:-

Ruby: Lilly

Sapphire: Summer

Topaz: Sofia H

Amethyst: Olivia

Opal: Alex

Emerald: Jacob

Diamond: Toby



