



MILLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 20th December 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21st December - Wednesday 3rd January

- Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January

- Inset Day. School closed to students

Friday 5th January

- Inset Day. School closed to students

Monday 8th January

- Children return to school

Tuesday 9th January

- Year 5/6 Swimming lessons begin.

Wednesday 14th February

- Year 5/6 Class Assembly

Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February

- Half Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of the Autumn term. A term that has been very busy for children and staff. The children have settled into school life and have worked hard at upholding the school's values of respect, success, resilience, inspire and heard and cared for. These values are important at Millbrook; it is the way we do things around here. There are children who show these qualities in abundance and are recognised for it through the WOW cards and Stars of the Week. And sometimes there are children who work at the values they are also recognised for their efforts and achievements. I am immensely proud of our Millbrookians, they have not only managed the expectations, I have been astounded by the sheer standard they are aiming for. Now I know this happens with the help of their fantastic parents and carers and it is with this knowledge that I and my staff thank you all for your continued support in supporting **#The small school with a big heart.** ❤️

I also wish to thank our Millbrook Friends and Family the name of our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) for an astounding start to their work in raising funds for the school at the Christmas Fayre a huge sum of over £1100 was raised. Thank you, thank you, and thank you for your generous support. We look forward to MFF continuing to build on this success. More members are needed so do join us.

Finally, I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas holiday and the spirit of Christmas of giving, sharing and love are wished for you all. Look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year.

Ms Pereira-Barker



Congratulations to all the children who achieved 100% attendance this term. This means you were in school 'Every Day and On Time'

Coming in to school regularly is very important as it helps your child to: Develop social skills and confidence by making friends and socialising. Prepare for life beyond school by getting used to a routine. Get better academic results so improve their chances in life.

Your child is part of the Millbrook community our ethos is for all children to have this opportunity.



HELP WANTED

If you are interested in joining Millbrook Primary schools PTA, please speak to the office. Together we can run some fabulous school events and raise much needed funds for our school!!



The Governors would also like to extend their gratitude for an great start to the school year and wish everyone a peacefully and Merry Christmas.

We would like to say thank you and good bye to Mrs York, who has left us this term.

And we also say good bye to Mrs Alexandru from reception class.

I know they will both be missed. We wish then all the best in their new endeavours.



I am sure you will all extend a warm Millbrook welcome to Mr Bond who has taken over the Year 5/6 class and to Mrs Cain who will be joining our reception class in January.



End of Term



We have had a wonderful end to our Autumn term. Santa dash and the School Christmas Lunch were huge successes. The Children & Staff had a fantastic time at the panto last week!! **OH YES THEY DID!!!** The show was amazing, full of laughter and the sweet treats were tasty too!!

We enjoyed a very festive Christmas Fayre and in the process raised an amazing **£1168.99** for our children here at Millbrook.

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Fayre a success and a special thank you to the following companies who provided raffle prizes...

Tesco, Valle Academy, Starbucks, Cedars Zoo, Spotlight Theatre, Soho Agency, Jump City, Quasar Harlow, R&P Gibbs, Iron Man, Manhattan Nails, Nando's, Hollie's wax melts and the Laura Trott centre.

And last but of course not least, a very big thank you to Santa for making an appearance!



Thank you to Pines and Needles for donating the beautiful Christmas tree we have displayed in the hall. If you haven't already purchased your tree, please consider purchasing from them!

School Snack Guidelines

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day.

We encourage children to bring in a healthy snack to enjoy on the playground at break time. Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate. It can be hard during the week to think of suitable items for them to bring in to school, but we are aiming, with the help of the children, to not only support them in making healthy choices regarding snacks, but to also reduce food packaging and waste.

Providing snacks in a small, named, recyclable container is ideal. Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child, please limit them to the list below.

Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.

A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, apples or banana.

Alternatively children can bring in a tube yoghurt.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy and **no** chocolate, sweets or crisps.

We need the children to stay hydrated and so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted. We hope that with your help, we can encourage the children to develop healthy eating habits that become a normal part of everyday life. By keeping high calorie snacks to a minimum and establishing healthy eating habits early on, improvements can be made for a child's quality of life both in the short and long term.



UNIFORM

Please ensure children attend school each day in their Millbrook school uniform. Millbrook uniform can be purchased through myclothing.com website or plain/non logoed items can be purchased from any supermarket. Any problems purchasing the correct uniform please speak to the office.

PE KIT: Navy Blue shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, a navy blue sweatshirt and trainers.

UNIFORM: Grey trousers, shorts or skirt, a white polo t-shirt, a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan and black shoes. In the summer a light blue summer dress may be worn.

Uniform expectation on PE Days

Children are permitted to wear their PE Kit to school on days they have a PE lesson.

Please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit, **a PE day is NOT a non uniform day** and children are not allowed to wear their own clothes.

