



**Friday 13th October 2017**

## A message from Miss Mansfield...

Half term is nearly here! Please take a moment to read our newsletter so that you are informed of developments at the school, activities and events. This list of dates on the final page is particularly helpful.

The building contractors have, until now, been confined to a very small area of the school. During half term, work will begin on the new entrance area which will have a more significant impact on the school. Therefore I will send further information home next week in preparation for after half term.

Before you read on, please accept my apologies for the moan below. Let's work together to make coming to and from school safer for the children

### **Once again I have to remind parents about safety at the start and end of the school day!**

Far too many parents are parking on the double yellow lines and on the school crossing zig-zigs. By doing so they are putting children's lives at risk as drivers' visibility is reduced which could lead to a child being knocked down. This is made even worse when parents cross the road, with their children, by parked cars and through moving traffic. Please teach your children to cross safely with Mr Heather and to follow the Green Cross Code. Please visit <http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/the-green-cross-code> for more information.

Please consider helping your child to develop a healthy lifestyle by parking away from school and walking the last part of your journey. This daily physical activity will have a huge impact on your own health and wellbeing as well as your child's

I am also concerned about the number of parents who parking in front of the barriers outside the front of school. These are put there to ensure access for emergency vehicles.

In addition, we have noticed an increase in the number of parents who using the staff car park. Please refrain from doing so, the car park is for staff only and with the increased parking and traffic with building contractors on site, this is becoming a safety issue.

## Attendance figures

To date

Attendance Percentage	Class
98.3 %	6NH
97.4 %	4SS
97 %%	4GW
96.8%	2RG
96.7 %	2AR
96.6 %	3SI
96.4 %	5YA
96.4 %	5LD
96.3 %	3EB
96.1 %	RCE
95.8 %	6SZ
95.4 %	1CU
93.5 %	RKR
91.9 %	RBM
91.1 %	2AC
90.7 %	1SJ
90.6 %	1AA

## Parent Governor vacancy

We are inviting nominations for a two new Parent Governor. Being a school governor is a fantastic opportunity to become more involved in the strategic management of the school. We all work together to make a difference for all the children at Millbrook and our school community.

No formal qualifications are required. You just need to be able to put forward ideas and work as part of a team. The term of office is four years, and the parent governor duties would take up about six to eight hours per month of your time. Please contact the school office for more information.

## Bring Parents / Grandparents to Lunch

Due to the success of the bring parents and grandparents to lunch from previous years we shall be reintroducing them again this year.

For those parents new to the school, this is an great opportunity for parents or grandparents to enjoy lunch with your child, providing a social experience enjoyed by children and also enables parents to sample the food we have to offer.

As the Global Café has reduced in size on a temporary basis, due to the building works, we will be inviting half a class at a time, with the first 15 children (group 1) in the class and then the second 15 children (group 2).

Tickets can be purchased from the School office at the cost of £2.70 per person; however we do ask if they can be purchased in advance to provide our Head Chef with catering numbers.

In the meantime, please save the dates to your diary.

17/10/2017	Years 5 & 6	16/01/2018	Class 2AC (group 1)	27/03/2018	Class 1SJ (group 2)
31/10/2017	Class 4GW (group 1)	23/01/2018	Class 2AC (group 2)	24/04/2018	Class 1CU (group 1)
07/11/2017	Class 4GW (group 2)	30/01/2018	Class 2RG (group 1)	01/05/2018	Class 1CU (group 2)
14/11/2017	Class 4SS (group 1)	06/02/2018	Class 2RG (group 2)	08/05/2018	Class RCE (group 1)
21/11/2017	Class 4SS (group 2)	20/02/2018	Class 2AR (group 1)	15/05/2018	Class RCE (group 2)
28/11/2017	Class 3SI (group 1)	27/02/2018	Class 2AR (group 2)	22/05/2018	Class RKR (group 1)
05/12/2017	Class 3SI (group 2)	06/03/2018	Class 1AA (group 1)	05/06/2018	Class RKR (group 2)
12/12/2017	Class 3EB (group 1)	13/03/2018	Class 1AA (group 2)	12/06/2018	Class RBM (group 1)
09/01/2018	Class 3EB (group 2)	20/03/2018	Class 1SJ (group 1)	19/06/2018	Class RBM (group 2)



## Pantomime

After half term, your child will be bringing home a letter about the Pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Wycombe Swan Theatre.

As a school we offer the fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience a traditional British Pantomime on a yearly basis and this year is no exception.

Therefore we have booked 250 tickets for the 2.00pm performance on Thursday 14th December.

Please look out for the letter on our return from half term as tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.



## Free School Meals

If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals, please ask in the school office. Not only do you get free lunches for your child, but the school also gets a contribution in the budget from the Government. It's quick and easy and totally confidential. Please complete a form if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 so that we can secure the funding your child is eligible for.

## Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School

The deadline for applications for Year 6 children transferring to secondary school in September 2018, is 31st October 2017. If you are experiencing difficulties in completing the online application, please speak to Miss Hackney who will be able to help guide you through the process.



*"Trying his best and working really hard"*

## Achievement Assembly

*"being friendly and supportive"*

*"being a special member of the class"*



Congratulations to the children who received certificates in the recent Achievement Assemblies

### Friday 29th September

1AA	Farhan	For excellent work on number bonds.
1SJ	Aadam	For being an excellent listener
Class 1CU		For putting on a great assembly! It was your first and you did very well!
2AC	Fatiha	For having a positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best.
2AR	Skye	For having a positive attitude in all of her lessons. Keep it up!
2RG	Jemima	For great effort with her writing this week.
3EB	Connor	For his positive attitude towards all aspects of school life and always wearing a smile.
3SI	Eesa	For really trying to follow the Millbrook Message and make good choices
4SS	Debby	For being a brilliant helper and model student.
4GW	Gabriella	For outstanding effort in her habitat homework
5YA	Eshaan	For making excellent progress in reading and writing an imaginative poem for National Poetry Day.
5LD	Laiba	For working hard in her Maths lessons to achieve her targets.
6NH	Babar	For making a good and positive start to Year 6, well done.
6SZ	Ayman	For taking responsibility for his equipment and making an improvement with organising himself.

### Friday 6th October

1AA	Melinda	For excellent gymnastics work in PE.
1SJ	Mustafa	For following the Millbrook Message by helping others and making good choices.... Always with a smile.
1CU	Jamie	For always following instructions and really getting involved at forest schools!
2AC	Timotei	For great progress with his reading including achieving the first 25 Reading Miles Certificate. Well done!
2AR	Yanis	For always showing great enthusiasm in all lessons and working hard with a smile.
2RG	Cruz	For excellent effort in his maths this week.
3EB	Muawiyah	For his ability to tell the time with confidence from both digital and analogue clocks.
3SI	Harrison	For settling into class really well during his first week at Millbrook.
Class 4SS		For brilliant school trip
4GW	Sandra	For excellent in effort in Maths, showing great resilience.
5YA	Kwame	For demonstrating excellent subject knowledge during the music workshop, very impressive.
5LD	Jai	For always being a kind and responsible member of class.
6NH	Anoosha	For being brave and taking part in every activity during her time at PGL. Well done!
6SZ	Harry	For showing courage in overcoming his fears at PGL.

## Harvest festival donations



Thank you to everyone who donated for such a worthwhile cause.

## School Photographer



The school photographer will be in school on Monday 16th October.

They will be taking photographs of individual children and family groups with siblings.

Please make sure children are wearing full uniform and are looking clean and smart.

## Change of date

Please note that the Black History Month Assembly previously organised for Friday 20th October has now been moved to Friday 3rd November.

## School uniform shop

We would like to remind you that you can purchase uniform from either PMG Schoolwear or from our site shop. However please note that we hold a very limited stock in school. Our uniform shop is open:

Tuesday: 8:30am - 9:15am

Thursday: 3:00pm and 3:15pm

## Verruca's

We have identified a number of children who have verruca's. These are highly contagious and will need treating.

If your child does have a verruca they will need to have a verruca sock before they go swimming. Verruca socks can be purchased in school for the cost of £3.50 a pair.

## Important Dates for the Autumn Term

16/10/17	Individual School Photographs Family Film Night for Y5 & Y6 (6pm)
17/10/17	1AA Forest Schools 1SJ Forest Schools Bring Parents to Lunch for Y5 & Y6
18/10/17	Friends of Millbrook AGM—9am
19/10/17	Class 2AC Assembly Reception & Nursery Forest Schools 1CU Forest Schools
20/10/17	School Closes (at the end of the school day)

## Half Term (23rd October to 27th October)

30/10/17	Back to school
31/10/17	1AA Forest Schools 1SJ Forest Schools Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 4GW—group 1 Deadline for Secondary School applications
02/11/17	Class 2AR Assembly Reception & Nursery Forest Schools 1CU Forest Schools
03/11/17	Black History Month Assembly, EYFS & KS1—9am Black History Month Assembly, KS2 - 10am
07/11/17	1AA Forest Schools 1SJ Forest Schools Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 4GW—group 2
09/11/17	Class 2RG Assembly Reception & Nursery Forest School 1CU Forest School
13/11/17	Anti-Bullying Week
14/11/17	1AA Forest Schools 1SJ Forest Schools Y6 trip to Hughendon Manor Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 4SS—group 1
16/11/17	Class 6NH Assembly Reception & Nursery Forest Schools
17/11/17	Children in Need
21/11/17	1AA Forest Schools 1SJ Forest Schools Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 4SS—group 2
23/11/17	Class 1AA Assembly Reception & Nursery Forest School 1CU Forest School
28/11/17	1AA Forest Schools 1SJ Forest Schools Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 3SI—group 1
30/11/17	Class 4SS Assembly Reception & Nursery Forest School 1CU Forest School
01/12/17	Choir singing Carols at Eden Centre

Please do check as dates are updated regularly!