



Friday 5th January 2018

## A message from Miss Mansfield...

Happy New Year!

2018 is here and it has much in store for the school and its community.

We are one third of the way through the building programme and great progress is being made. I will provide a building programme update after our first site progress meeting of the term with the contractors, Lakehouse, and Bucks CC which is being held in the coming week.

Yesterday morning I spoke to the children about New Year's Resolutions in assembly and how they can help us all to achieve our dreams and goals. Whilst resolutions form part of New Year's traditions they can be hard to keep up as they usually require one big action or change. Much better to focus on a series of smaller changes on a journey towards achieving a bigger dream or goal.

## Staffing Update

The last newsletter confirmed Mr Dodd's appointment as the school's new Deputy Headteacher. The process to recruit a new Assistant Headteacher—Inclusion has been initiated and we hope to make an appointment in time for the start of the new term.

Miss Shaul has been successful in securing a teaching post in New Zealand and will be leaving us at some point this term. I will inform the parents of pupils in 4SS who will be taking over the class in due course.

We are delighted to share happy news from Mrs Richards, reception class teacher, and announce that her baby boy was born just before Christmas—mother and baby are doing well.

## Attendance figures

To date

Attendance Percentage	Class
97.8 %	6NH
97.7 %	4GW
97.2 %	4SS
96.7 %	3EB
96.4 %	5LD
96.4 %	5YA
95.8 %	6SZ
95.4 %	3SI
95.3 %	2RG
95.2 %	2AC
94.1 %	2AR
93.6 %	1CU
93.7 %	RCE
93.4 %	RKR
93 %	RBM
91.5 %	1SJ
87.4 %	1AA

## Attendance

I often wonder how many of you, both parents and pupils, take a moment to look at where your class is on the attendance league table that we publish in each newsletter. If you take a quick look now you will see that only 6NH, 4GW, 4SS and 3EB are currently meeting our attendance target of 96%. The second half of the autumn term did once again see the outbreak of the usual winter coughs and colds, as well as common childhood illnesses like chicken pox. Attendance is monitored every week and where individual attendance gives cause for concern parents are informed in writing. Sadly, on occasion some children do become unwell and even have to spend a period of time in hospital. Rest assured that these pupils and their families are not penalised for poor attendance. However, as we move towards spring I expect to see attendance improve so that the vast majority of classes are achieving 96%.

## Class Assemblies

We very much look forward to this term's class assemblies. However it is a very short term. The reduced number of weeks, along with the increase in the number of classes in the school, means there are not enough Thursday mornings available for each class to take an assembly. As there is a Lower Key Stage 2 production at the end of this term, we have decided that Year 3 and Year 4 will not be presenting class assemblies this term. The dates for the class assemblies for the rest of the school are listed below. Assemblies start at 9am and parents are very welcome to attend.

18th January	2AR	22nd February	1AA	22nd March	5YA
25th January	6NH	1st March	2RG	29th March	5LD
1st February	1SJ	8th March	1CU		
8th February	6SZ	15th March	2AC		

As the school expands some adjustments will have to be made to how we do things in the future. Class assemblies are a typical example of this as it will no longer be possible to fit in an assembly for every class each term. From September each class will have the opportunity to present an assembly twice a year. The overall assembly programme will remain unchanged and is as follows:

Monday—whole school assembly at 9 am

Tuesday—whole school singing assembly at 9 am

Wednesday— a rota of key stage assemblies and classroom assemblies both at 9 am

Thursday—class assembly at 9 am

Friday—whole school achievement assembly at 2.25

## Nursery and Reception Early Writing Workshop

We are holding a workshop for Nursery and Reception parents on **Monday 15th January at 6pm** and again on **Friday 19th January at 9am**.

These workshops are aimed at demonstrating how we teach early writing in school. There will be information about how to help your child make good progress as well as practical examples on how to support your child with writing at home. It is important that you attend one of these workshops to ensure we are working together to support your child.

## Labelling children's property and lost property

Please label all your child's property. This includes clothes, swimming hats, P.E. kits etc. As the collection of lost property is rapidly growing.

All named items have been returned to their rightful owner before we broke up for Christmas, however, we still have many coats, trainers, items of uniform, PE kits and swimming hats which are all unnamed.

If you think your child has lost an item, please ask them to speak with their class teacher or teaching assistant who will be happy to help to try and locate the missing item.





## Achievement Assembly

*"being friendly and supportive"*



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

### Friday 8th December

1AA	Khadija	For always trying her hardest and following the Millbrook Message.
1SJ	Siva	For always working on following the Millbrook Message and helping others to do the same. Keep it up!
1CU	Amelia	For always putting 100% into everything she does! Keep it up!
2AC	Maleha	For always striving hard in all areas of learning.
2AR	Courtney	For always having a positive attitude in all lessons! Keep up the fantastic effort.
2RG	Jhaian	For always trying her best and contributing well in class.
3EB	Natasza	For making great use of adventurous vocabulary when poetry writing this week.
3SI	Harrison	For using brilliant expression when reading!
4SS	Michal	For an amazing story to explain the water cycle bursting with Year 4 targets.
4GW	Subhan	For using fantastic vocabulary in his poem.
5YA	Fatima	For trying hard and doing the best she can despite finding the work challenging.
Class 5LD		For a festive and thought provoking assembly with excellent performances.
5LD	Hassan	For working hard when using the skill of changing informal language to formal in English.
6NH	Shaheera	For making a fantastic start to Millbrook. Well done, keep it up!
6SZ	Aaima	For making good progress in her reading and GPaS papers. Well done.

### Friday 15th December

1AA	Ayaat	For excellent behaviour during KS1's performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!'
1SJ	Emma	For working hard to be a good friend while excelling in all her studies! Keep it up!
1CU		For making Miss Uys and Miss Vass very proud this term! 17 perfect and 8 good behaviour certificates!
2AC	Alessia	For being a kind and helpful member of the class.
2AR	Lucas	For absolutely fantastic acting in the Key Stage One production!
2RG		For being amazing in our KS1 Christmas Production.
3EB	Hamza	For consistently producing homework of a very high standard.
3SI	Ruhma	For always making the right choices!
4SS	Ashley	For passing level 6 in cracking maths.
4GW	Harvey	For making interesting and insightful contributions in class.
5YA	Fatima	For making a conscious effort to improve the choices she is making. Well done.
5LD	Aleesha	For working extremely hard this term and making excellent progress in her Maths.
6NH	Ruby	For her boundless enthusiasm in everything she does.
6SZ	Luana	For a beautifully presented William Morris piece of artwork. Well done"
6SZ	Jamie	For being a helpful and considerate member of his community. Well done.

### Important Dates for the Spring Term

03/01/18	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
04/01/18	Children back to school
09/01/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 3EB—group 2
15/01/18	Deadline for applying for a Reception school place for Sept 2018 Early Years Writing Workshop for Nursery and Reception Parents (6pm)
16/01/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 2AC—group 1
18/01/18	Class 2AR Assembly End of KS2 Assessment Meeting for Y6 Parents (2:30pm and 6pm)
19/01/18	Early Years Writing Workshop for Nursery and Reception Parents (9am)
23/01/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 2AC—group 2
25/01/18	Class 6NH Assembly
30/01/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 2RG—group 1
01/02/18	Class 1SJ Assembly
05/02/18	E-Safety Week
06/02/18	Safer Internet Day Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 2RG—group 2 PSHE Jigsaw Parents Workshop—6pm
09/02/18	School Closes at the end of the school day

### 12/02/18—16/02/18 Half Term

19/02/18	Children back to school
20/02/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 2AR—group 1
22/02/18	Class 1AA Assembly
26/02/18	BOOK WEEK KS1 SATs meeting for Y2 Parents (2:30pm and 6pm)
27/02/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 2AR—group 2
28/02/18	Y3 trip to London Zoo
01/03/18	Secondary School Offers released WORLD BOOK DAY Class 2RG Assembly
05/03/18	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
06/03/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1AA—group 1 Parent / Teacher Meetings (3:30pm—6pm)
07/03/18	Parent / Teacher Meetings (5:30pm—8pm)
08/03/18	Class 1CU Assembly
13/03/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1AA—group 2
15/03/18	Class 2AC Assembly
16/03/18	Sports Relief Day
20/03/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1SJ—group 1
22/03/18	Class 5YA Assembly
26/03/18	LKS2 Dress Rehearsal
27/03/18	Bring Parents to Lunch for Class 1SJ—group 2 LKS2 Performance (2pm)
28/03/18	NURSERY and NURSERY PLUS TWO CLOSED (Home Visits) Settling in Workshop & Induction Meeting for new Nursery intake (9:30am—10:30am) UKS2 Easter Event Reward Day LKS2 Performance (7pm)
29/03/18	NURSERY and NURSERY PLUS TWO CLOSED (Home Visits) Class 5LD Assembly Easter Egg Raffle SCHOOL CLOSES (at the end of the day)