

Congratulations to Kingfisher and Hedgehogs classes who had the best attendance last week.

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Top Tips



Millbrook Messenger

Welcome back to the start of the new year at Millbrook. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. At the start of this busy term we have introduced our new Whole School Targets to the children. This year we are on a **RACE** to succeed;

R - Reading

A - Assessment for Learning

C - 'Can Do' attitude

E - Experiences for Writing

There have been some fantastic starters to this terms topics, with teachers and children dressing up as pirates in year 3/4, fitness activities in year 5 and 6, and the Magic Toy Maker in years 1/2. Our new reception children have been settling in this week and next week will be starting on their topic "Marvellous Me" .

This year we are also developing our PE, with the new government grant enabling us to bring in specialist sports coaches to teach some classes and after school clubs.



1. Phone the school if your child is ill on 872800.
2. Remember to update your contact details
3. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.
4. Make a note of the diary dates. Check out the calendar on the website

Diary Dates

Monday 16th September —Clubs start this week

Monday 23rd September —Yr 4 swimming starts

Tuesday 24th —Friday 27th September—Yr 6 cycling Proficiency

Monday 7th October
World Space Week

Wednesday 9th October
School photographers, individual and family photos

Friday 11th October

Staff Training Day— children not required to attend school

Tuesday 15th October— Theatre company performing in school

Friday 18th October—Harvest Service

Wednesday 23rd October

Staff Training Day— children not required to attend school

Start of October holiday

Monday 4th November -

Children return to school

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November —Parents' Evenings

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At the start of the year we would just like to remind you of a few important things to help keep your children healthy and safe in school.

Illness

If your child is ill and unable to attend school please contact the school on 872800 as soon as possible to let us know. We currently have a few children with reduced immunity, so it is especially important that we are informed as soon as possible about illnesses such as tummy bugs, chicken pox, measles. If your children has been sick or has diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours (2 days) after the symptoms have subsided.



Mid morning snack



Free fruit and vegetables are provided to all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 as part of the Government scheme. We also run a tuck shop and children may bring in their own healthy snack each day. As a 'Healthy School' we encourage children to bring in either a piece of fruit or a healthy option such as a cereal bar, rice cake or dried fruit. We do not allow food such as fruit winders, sweets, biscuits or crisps as part of the midmorning snack. (The only exception is for those children with special dietary requirements)

Parking

Please do not park or drop off in the disabled parking bays unless you are a blue badge holder.

May we also remind you that parents must not park in the school car park and should use either the church or Tesco/Community Centre car park when bringing children to school.



Attendance—Legal Changes Reminder

Due to recent Government amendments to DfE regulations regarding absence requests from parents, which came into force on 1st September 2013 , **Headteachers are no longer permitted to authorise any leave or absence from school unless the circumstances are "exceptional" relating to a "one off" isolated situation.**

"Exceptional" circumstances no longer cover:

Holidays of any description, unless necessitated by work contracts.

Family birthday celebrations.

Visiting relatives abroad.