

Congratulations to Kites and Starfish classes who had the best attendance last week.



## Millbrook Messenger

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents that have joined us for the first time in both Foundation and other year groups, everyone has settled in really well. Also welcome back to all our other children. They have settled back into school in a positive and happy way. They have all come back with a great attitude and are looking very smart. Thank you for your part in that, it makes for a great start to the year.

### ROAR at Millbrook!!

Following on from our Ofsted last academic year, we have already produced our new school development plan based on the suggested areas for improvement. All our children have been introduced to our whole school aims which are:



- R**espect everyone
- O**pportunity for Writing
- A**chievement through Challenge
- R**esponding to Marking.

### Staying Healthy at Millbrook

Our first House competition of the year, Cross Country, will be taking place for children in Years 1 - 6 on Friday 2nd October. This is the 4th year of this competition and Fire were the winners last year. It has always been a very successful event which will be taking place within the school day. As it is already a non uniform day, on this day, raising money for Swindon-Calais Solidarity children are encouraged to bring a t-shirt in their house colours to wear as part of their running kit. (Fire—red, Earth—green, Water—blue, Air—Yellow)

### Top Tips

1. Phone the school if your child is ill on 872800. **If they are sick or have diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours.**
2. Make a note of the diary dates. Check out the calendar on the website.
3. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

### Diary Dates

- Tuesday 22nd September - Treasure Island**
- Friday 25th September - Macmillan coffee morning & cake sale**
- Thursday 1st October—YR 6 PGL information evening 6pm**
- Friday 2nd October - Non uniform fund raising day and House Cross Country Competition**
- Thursday 8th October - School Photographs**
- Friday 9th October - Harvest Service 9.15am**
- Tuesday 20th October -last day of term.**
- Wednesday 21st October—Staff Training Day**
- Children return after the October holiday on Monday 2nd November**

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### In memory of Jane Fagence

Thank you to everyone who donated to the memorial fund for Jane Fagence. We are sure you will all agree that the arbour looks lovely and is a suitable tribute to Jane. Her family were overwhelmed with the gesture when they came to view it.

COME FOR  
COFFEE  
IT'S FOR MACMILLAN



### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Millbrook Friends, the PTA here at Millbrook, will be holding a coffee morning to support this event on Friday 25th September in the Hub between 9.15 and 11.30. There will also be a cake sale after school on that day, any cake donations would be greatly appreciated for this event. Please support this worthy cause.

### Fund raising on behalf of Prospect Hospice



A Millbrook parent, Darren Kenny is doing a 10K obstacle course, known as The Reaper, on 17th October to raise money for Prospect Hospice. He is doing this in memory of Mrs Fagence. If you would like to support him the link to his go fund me page is

<https://www.gofundme.com/Jane-fagence>

### Fund raising on behalf of Swindon—Calais Solidarity

The above charity has asked the school to help support its work with the Syrian refugees. The School Council suggested a non uniform day on **Friday 2nd October**. All children may come to school on this day in non uniform for a donation of £1. If you would like to know more about this charity and how you could help, please see the following websites.

[Http://www.gofundme.com/7x2uq3dk](http://www.gofundme.com/7x2uq3dk)

[Https://www.facebook.com/swindontocalais](https://www.facebook.com/swindontocalais)



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### Parking

We would like to remind all parents not to park in the school car park and use either the church or Tesco/Community Centre car park when bringing children to school. Also please do not park on the double yellow lines, especially in front of the large emergency gates, on Gainsborough Way, as this puts children at risk when crossing the road and prevents access to the emergency services should we need them.

**The disabled parking bays are only for the use of blue badge holders.**

### Harvest Festival—Friday 9th October

We are holding our Harvest Festival service at Freshbrook Church on Friday 9th October at 9.15am and all parents/carers are welcome to join us. For the service we would like the children to donate items to support the work of Swindon Foodbank. Please see items on the list below, please do not send in any fresh food. A member of the Foodbank team will be at the service to talk about their work in Swindon.



**Swindon Foodbank** helps Individuals and families "In Crisis" in your community. If you would like to donate food to help us help them please consider donating items from our stock list below:

- ◆ Long Life Fruit Juice
- ◆ Coffee (100g jars)
- ◆ Sugar (500g bags)
- ◆ Cereal (Medium: 500g)
- ◆ Long Life Milk
- ◆ Tinned Fruit (Pears, Peaches, Pineapple)
- ◆ Cooking Sauce (Pasta/Curry)
- ◆ Tinned Potatoes
- ◆ Tinned Meat (Ham, Corned Beef, Stewing Steak)
- ◆ Tea
- ◆ Tinned Soup
- ◆ Biscuits
- ◆ Baked Beans
- ◆ Meal (Tinned Spaghetti, Macaroni, Meat Pie, Curry)
- ◆ Pasta & Rice (500g bags)
- ◆ Tinned Vegetables (Carrots, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn)
- ◆ Tinned Tomatoes
- ◆ Tinned Fish (Tuna, Sardines, Mackerel)
- ◆ Rice & Sponge Pudding

**THANK YOU** on behalf of all of those whom you have chosen to help today by making a food donation



Tel: 07932 108732  
[www.swindonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.swindonfoodbank.co.uk)  
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Swindon Foodbank. Registered Charity no. 1112928

### School Photographs

On Wednesday 8th October Stanley Baker Photographers, our new school photographer, will be in school to take photographs. During the school day children will have their photos taken on their own and with their brothers and sisters. If you would like a photo with other family members these will be taken on a **first come first served basis at 8am** on the day.

### Admissions September 2016

**Year 7 & Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) Class  
September 2016**

**Remember to submit your application before the closing dates. Secondary School applications must be received by the Admissions Department at Swindon Borough Council by 31st October 2015 and FS2 applications by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

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### Attendance

The government deem any child with **attendance below 90% to be persistently absent**. As part of this process we will write regularly (termly) to inform all parents when their child's attendance falls below 93%. We do appreciate that there will be times when children will be off school and there are times when this is unavoidable. To put this into perspective 90% attendance is equivalent to missing half a day of school per week or half a year of schooling in five years of primary education. This also includes schooling missed through arriving late for school. School starts at 8.45am and any child arriving between 8.45am and 9.00am will be marked as late in the register. If a child arrives after 9.00am this is marked as an unauthorised absence. Headteachers are not permitted to authorise any leave or absence from school unless the circumstances are "exceptional" relating to a "one off" isolated situation.

### Staff Training Days 2015—2016

Wednesday 21st October 2015 - LACT schools  
Monday 4th January 2016—Millbrook  
Friday 12th February 2016—LACT schools  
Monday 6th June 2016—Millbrook  
Friday 22nd July 2016—LACT schools

### School Minibus

Please return the permission slip for your child to travel in the school minibus, or they may miss out on a class activity.

### Class Assembly Dates 2015—2016

Parents and carers are welcome to attend their child's class assembly on the following dates, all take place at 9.15am.

Wednesday 18 November	Hawk Class
Wednesday 25 November	Falcon Class
Wednesday 2 December	Badger Class
Wednesday 13 January	Otter Class
Wednesday 20 January	Hedgehog Class
Wednesday 27 January	Kite Class
Wednesday 3 February	Eagle Class
Wednesday 10 February	Starfish Class
Wednesday 2 March	Turtle Class
Wednesday 9 March	Seahorse Class
Wednesday 16 March	Ladybird & Bumblebee Classes