

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



## Top Tips

# Millbrook Messenger

## Thank you

As well as wearing 'Wigs and Wellies' for Children in Need the children planted a spring bulb in the school grounds, this raised £219.00. Caterpillar Pre-School held a cake sale and raised the fantastic amount of £281.00. In total your donations this year raised £500.00 for Children in Need. Thank you so much for your support. Recently we also raised £236 to support the refugees in Calais



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. As the weather turns colder please send your child to school with a coat.

## The Ark



In The Ark, we have been enjoying our canopied outdoor play area. This means that the children can enjoy playing outside no matter what the weather! For the whole school Treasure Island week last term, the children collaboratively made a pirate ship which they then enjoyed pretending to sail, or just sitting inside it to read books, play percussion instruments or play construction. The children also made pirate hats in art and pirate biscuits in cooking. Don't they look fab?!

## Diary Dates

- Tuesday 24th November** — Road Safety Magic Show
- Wednesday 25th November**— Falcon Class Assembly at 9.15am
- Thursday 26th November**
  - YR 5 & 6 talk re cyber bullying
  - Phonics Workshop for Parents @ 3.15 & 6pm
- Tuesday 1st December**— Christmas Music Festival @ the Oasis
- Friday 4th December** — Christmas Fete 3.10 -5pm
- Saturday 5th December**—Choir singing at Freshbrook Church  
Christmas market @ 3.30pm
- Tuesday 15th December at 10am and Wednesday 16th December at 2pm** —Infant Nativity
- Thursday 17th December** — Christmas lunch
- Friday 18th December** — Christmas Service at Freshbrook Church - 9.15am
- Last day of term** — school finishes at 1.15am

## Christmas Fete

Millbrook Friends are holding our Christmas Fete on Friday 4th December from 3.10- 5pm. Children may wear a Christmas jumper to school that day (school uniform must be worn, with the Christmas jumper on top) for a donation on the day, please see below.

Caterpillars/Ladybirds and Bumblebees - *Sweets/Chocolate*  
Yr1/2 - *Bottles and Jars*

Yr3/4 - *Red and Green items (such as maltesers, green tea, tinsel, mint aero)*

Yr5/6 - *Toiletries.*

The children may also wear a Christmas jumper (again with their school uniform) on Thursday 17th December, the day of the Christmas lunch.

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## Staying Healthy at Millbrook - Anti-Bullying Week

As you will probably know, this week is National Anti-Bullying week and we are doing lots of activities around this year's theme of " Make a Noise about bullying."

The key aims of the week are;

- To empower children and young people to make a noise about bullying, whether it is happening to them or to someone else, face to face or online.
- To help parents and carers have conversations with their children about bullying, both as a way of preventing bullying, and to help children who are worried about bullying.
- To encourage 'talking schools' where all children and young people are given a safe space to discuss bullying and other issues that affect their lives, and are supported to report all forms of bullying.
- To equip teachers to respond effectively when children tell them they're being bullied.
- To raise awareness of the impact of bullying on children's lives if they don't tell anyone it's happening, or if they are not given appropriate support, with a focus on the impact on mental health.

It is important that children and parents know what bullying is and that it is not a falling out amongst friends, but bullying is;

- Hurting another person, or group, on purpose, more than once.
- Bullying can involve using violence, hurtful words or ganging up to make another person feel helpless.
- It can happen face-to-face or through the Internet.

If you would like more information please go to the following website <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>



### DID YOU KNOW????

This will be a regular slot on the Millbrook Messenger relating to different aspects of safeguarding. Our first one is related to certificate rated films and games.

**Please be aware that according to law children should only be watching films and playing computer games appropriate to their age. Therefore primary school aged children should only be watching U and PG rated films and games, and on occasion 12A certificate films and games under close supervision of an adult.**