

Congratulations to Hawks and Turtles classes who had the best attendance last week.



## Millbrook Messenger

### 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. Do we have your up-to-date contact details?
3. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 18th March**  
Sports Relief  
Fun run and cake sale

**Thursday 24th March**  
Easter Service at Freshbrook Church 9.15am  
Last Day of Term  
( 3.10 pm finish)

Children return to school on  
Monday 11th April

**Tues 12th & Weds 13th April**  
Class talks on Safety around Trucks—whole school

**Mon 9th — Thurs 12th May**  
Yr 6—KS2 SATS  
**Mon 16th—Fri 20th May**  
Yr 2 - KS1 SATS  
**Mon 13th—Fri 17th June**  
Yr 1 & 2—Phonics screening



**Come and join us at the Easter Service -  
Thursday 24th March 9.15am @ Freshbrook  
Church.**

**You are welcome to stay afterwards and enjoy  
the refreshments which the church are  
kindly providing.**

### Did You Know?

All state funded schools, with or without a religious designation, must provide daily collective worship that is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. A school can reflect the religious backgrounds represented in its community, as long as the majority of provision is broadly Christian.

### On-line Booking System

Following a successful trial and good feedback, we have decided to use "School Interviews" as our online booking provider. This is a versatile system which we will also be able to use for signing up for workshops and other events. **We will be using it for signing up for after school clubs next term.** We will inform you of the login details and the event code at the beginning of next term by email and text. All bookings will be on a first come first served basis. If you do not have internet access please contact Mrs Cox on 872800 who can make a booking for you. Please make sure we have your up- to- date contact details.

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### World Book Day

Key Stage 1 children had a super time on World Book Day! The children came dressed as characters from stories. As our topic this term is The Magic Toymaker, some children and teaching staff came dressed as toys who come to life in stories. Starfish Class have been reading the Old Bear tales written and illustrated by Jane Hissey. Miss Moulding and a few of her class came dressed as characters from the story. Over the last week the children have been writing their own Old Bear tales and Miss Moulding is so impressed with the children's work that she has contacted Jane Hissey who has said she'd like us to send her our stories so that she can read them.



Ladybirds and Bumblebees also had a fantastic storytelling week. They wrote their own stories, used puppets to retell stories and invited their parents in for a Bedtime Story Day with hot chocolate and cookies! Starfish class also wrote some amazing stories which they read to them...what fantastic authors they are!



### Advice from Public Health England on Scarlet Fever

We have been advised that there has been an increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England which is above seasonal expected levels.

Scarlet fever is a common childhood bacterial infection. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body.

**As per National Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings, children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should not come to school and should visit their doctor to start a 10 day treatment with antibiotics. 24 hours after treatment has started children may return to school, if they are feeling better.**

Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.