



Top Tips



Millbrook Messenger

Staying Healthy at Millbrook



We will be supporting Sports Relief on Friday 18th March. KS2 classes will be experiencing a golf taster session in the morning and in the afternoon there will be a fun run for ALL children in the school

which will be organised by Year 6 as part of their JIGSAW learning. For a donation of £1 children can take part and wear their favourite sports kit for the day. Year 6 will also be organising a cake sale after school, any donations would be most welcome.



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 make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Diary Dates

Monday 7th March

Mother's Monday Lunch 12—1pm

Wednesday 9th March

Seahorse Class Assembly 9.15am

Parent's Evening 3.30—6pm

Thursday 10th March

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Wednesday 16th March

Ladybird & Bumblebee Class

Assembly 9.15am

Friday 18th March

Sports Relief

Thursday 24th March

Easter Service at Freshbrook

Church 9.15am

Last Day of Term

Children return to school on Monday 11th April

Experiences Passport

With the warmer weather and the Easter holidays in sight, we are encouraging the children to try and earn their bronze award on their Experiences Passports (handed out in July last year.) There are a few tasks in particular on which we are focusing this term -

Infants - feeding the ducks; making an animal shelter; learning how to skip with a rope and sending a postcard to school.

Juniors - Feeding the ducks; going stargazing, playing cards and learning a magic trick. Don't forget to put a note in your child's HASP book if they have completed any of these and they can gain a stamp for their passport, 30 stamps and they will get a bronze award!

Our School Crossing Campaign continues

Please sign our petition if you haven't already done so and join us out on Gainsborough Way.



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Attendance

Since September 2015 the government class a student with attendance below 90% as a persistent absentee, regardless of whether the school has authorised or unauthorised the absence. This equates to approximately half a day a week or 18 days of absence across the school year. As part of this process, attendance at our school is monitored by the Education Welfare Service and we write regularly to inform all parents when their child's attendance falls below 93%. The chart below explains the attendance bands that you will see on your child's assertive mentoring report. Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am, and children arriving after 9am will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

GOOD	<p>Your child's attendance is above 97%</p> <p>As well as being an excellent attendee your child will have the best opportunity in "<i>Achieving Excellence and Fulfilling Potential</i>" which is our school aim and vision for your child. Your child is likely to achieve and have real opportunities for the future.</p>
SATISFACTORY	<p>Your child's attendance is between 93% - 97%</p> <p>The national threshold is 95%. The government's aim is for children to miss less than 10 days per year.</p>
CONCERN	<p>Your child's attendance is between 90% - 93%</p> <p>Attendance below 93% may mean a referral to the Education Welfare Service. Your child is missing so much time that it will be difficult for them to keep up with their school work.</p>
SERIOUS CONCERN	<p>Your child's attendance is below 90%</p> <p>Your child will have missed more than 18 days, approximately half a day per week, each school year. Following an Education Welfare Service referral Parent/Carers may face a fixed penalty fine as your child's attendance is below 90% and they are "Persistent Absentees." Your child is missing so much time that it will be almost impossible for them to achieve what they would be capable of achieving if they were in school full time.</p>

Did You Know????

When driving your car the law requires that all children travelling in the front or rear seat of any car, van or goods vehicle must use the correct child car seat until they are either 135cm in height or 12 years old (which ever they reach first). After this they must use an adult seat belt. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that children under the age of 14 years are restrained correctly in accordance with the law. Further advice can be obtained from The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents website <http://www.childcarseats.org.uk>