

Congratulations to Falcon and Dolphin classes who had the best attendance last week.



Top Tips

Millbrook Messenger

Millbrook Sings at Christmas



Christmas is always a time of year when the children really enjoy singing together. The Christmas choir sang at the Wyvern Theatre last month performing with children from schools around Swindon. They also entertained people at The Freshbrook Church Christmas Market - well done to everyone in the choir. They will also be singing in the Homebase on Friday 8th December before the Christmas Fete, so come along and listen to them perform.

This week children in Year 5 and 6 sang to the elderly folks who attended the open house lunch at Freshbrook Church. Every year they look forward to being entertained by the children as they enjoy their Christmas lunch. On Monday 11th December Year 2 will be singing to some Alzheimer sufferers and their carers at Freshbrook Community Centre at their regular "Singing for the Brain" session. The children are also busy rehearsing for our annual Christmas House Song Competition which takes place during the last week of term, this is a highly competitive event with guest judges choosing the winning House.

Christmas Fete—Friday 8th December 3.30—5pm

Christmas themed non uniform day in exchange for items for the tombola — Caterpillars and Reception - Sweets and Chocolates
Year 1 and 2 - Toiletries
Year 3 and 4 - Christmas items or anything Red and Green
Year 5 and 6 - Bottles and Jars

Infant Nativity—Born in a Barn!

Don't forget to order your tickets for the Infant Nativity via ParentPay. Please note there will be no paper tickets issued but your name will be checked against the ParentPay list on arrival. Please bring your child's costume into school by Friday 8th December, the costume will stay in school until after the final performance.

Staff News

In January there will be a change to the teaching staff in Year 1. Mrs Walele and Mrs Twine are going to share the teaching of Seahorses class and Turtles will have a new full time teacher, Mr Hodges. He has been in school since Monday 27th November working alongside the current teachers, which has allowed for a smooth transition and enabled him to get to know the class.

1. Phone the school by 9am 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

Friday 8th December

Christmas Fete—3.30pm—5pm

Infant Nativity

Thursday 14th December - 2pm

Friday 15th December 10am & 2pm

Friday 15th December -

Christmas Walk to Lydiard Park meet on the playground at 3.15pm

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Lunch—wear your Christmas jumpers over your Uniform instead of your sweat-shirt!

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Service at Freshbrook Church—9.15am

Last day of term — school finishes at 1.15pm



Children return to school on Thursday 4th January 2018

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Admissions September 2018

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 they are due to start school September 2018. Remember to submit your application to Swindon Borough Council before the closing date - 15th January 2018.

You are welcome to join us at our
Christmas service at Freshbrook Church on
Wednesday 20th December at 9.15am.
Please stay and enjoy the refreshments
kindly provided by the church after the
service.

Reminder — school finishes at 1.15pm on Wednesday 20th December. Children return to school on Thursday 4th January at 8.45am.

Year 3 Swimming

Swimming for Year 3 will start again on Monday 8th January.



After School Clubs

After school clubs will start again on Monday 15th January. We will inform you of the login details and the event code to sign up at the beginning of next term by email and text.

Staying Healthy at Millbrook—Lydiard Christmas Walk

Children and parents are invited to join us for an after-school Christmas walk to Lydiard Park on Friday 15th December, we will meet in the playground where we will be joined by Santa and an elf or two who will lead the way from Millbrook to Lydiard Park. Once there, a ranger will take us on a short festive wander around the park. After the walk, Santa is going to share mince pies (for all the good boys and girls!) followed by carols next to the beautiful setting of Lydiard House!

A lantern for the event can be bought from our stall at the fete - look out for us!

Children can only attend if accompanied by an adult, who will be responsible for their child for the entire event.