



Millbrook School

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Newsletter - 8th Sept 2017

Our Ethos:

Our school is a place where we have lively and enquiring minds, where each individual is valued, nurtured and encouraged to develop so they are successful and confident members of our community and have an embedded life-long love of learning



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome Back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly shared lots of exciting stories. It is lovely to see them returning to school looking so smart in their school uniform. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Miss McCafferty who has joined our team and will be teaching Year 2.

We wish all our new families a special Millbrook welcome. Our new Reception children are settling in very well and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at Millbrook School. We look forward to working with you, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. May I ask that you, as parents and carers put a great value on school and education. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/teaching assistant if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

Meet the Teacher – Year Group Parent Information Meetings

We will be holding our annual parents information meetings on the week beginning 11th September, for all year groups, timetabled as follows:

Year 1 Tuesday 12th September 2.45-3.10*

Year 2 Monday 11th September 2.45-3.10

Year 3 Friday 15th September 2.45-3.10

Year 4 Wednesday 13th September 2.45-3.10

Year 5 Thursday 14th September 2.45-3.10

Year 6 Tuesday 12th September 2.45-3.10

It is really important that at least one parent/carer can attend as the teachers can give an overview of the year and the expectations. Each class meeting lasts about 20 minutes.

We have a busy term ahead, including; Macmillan Coffee Morning (29th September), Harvest Assembly (20th October) and of course Christmas will bring different celebrations.

We will add dates to our diary as we go through term.

Mrs Bamlett

Secondary Schools Applications: If your child is now in Year 6, you need to apply for secondary schools by 31 October 2017. There are a number of Open Evenings being held at the local secondary schools during this half term recommended to visit by parents of Year 6 pupils. In addition, those parents with children currently in Year 5 may wish to attend in order to start gathering information in advance of applying next year. Full details are available at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions



Broxbourne	Tuesday 12th September, 5.45pm – 9pm.	Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.
Goffs churchgate	Thursday 28th September, 5.00pm – 8.30pm.	Executive & Associate Principal talks 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Arrive at 5 for first speech.
Goffs Cheshunt	Thursday 21st September, 5pm – 8.30pm.	Executive & Associate Principal talks 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Arrive at 5pm for first speech. School in action tours 26th-28th Sept 9 and 10am Language Aptitude test Sat 7th Oct 9am (see website for details)
John Warner	Thursday 07 September, 6 – 9pm.	Headteacher's talks: 6 & 7pm. Daytime tours of the school will be available between 9 – 10am on 11, 12, 13 & 17 September by appointment only.
Robert Barclay Academy	Thursday 14 September. 5:30 - 8.30pm	Headteacher's talks 5.45pm and 6.45pm. Open morning tours Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th September 9-10.30am (by appointment only)
St Mary's	Tuesday 19 September, 5.30pm – 8.30pm.	Headteacher's talks at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm. Creche available. please call 01992 633761 to book. Morning tours 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 27 September 2016, 9am – 10:30am. 9, 10, 11th October, 9am – 10:30am please call 01992 629124 to book.
Haileybury-Turnford	Thursday 5th October 5.30pm – 8.00pm.	Principal's talks: Main Hall: 6pm & 7pm. Tours available on the evening (last tour 7:30: pm) Please call school if unable to attend 01992 308333

Find individual school details in the [schools directory](#).

www.hertsdirect.org/admissions




Calling all tea, coffee and cake lovers

FRIENDS OF MILLBROOK will be taking part in

Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning 29th September.




If you would like to bake a few cakes for us to sell or can help on the day, please let us know.

Every cake sold, every cake eaten, helps someone keep living life during and after cancer. Your support would be much appreciated. All proceeds will go directly to the charity.

Location: Millbrook School Hall
Date: Friday 29th September 2017
Time: From 8.30am

Cakes will be on sale during break time and after school at 3.15pm.

Physical Education and Games are an important part of the school curriculum. All children are expected to take part in two PE sessions per week.

We are pleased to inform you that we have invested in the sports company Fit4Fun, so we will be having a qualified sports coach running PE sessions for year groups 1-6 every THURSDAY.

All children must have the correct PE kit to participate. **It is not optional!** If your child is unable to participate in PE, for any reason, you must inform us in writing.

The PE kit at Millbrook is Navy shorts/skorts, a white T-Shirt and plimsolls (trainers for outdoor sports).



In the colder months children may wear navy or black track suit bottoms and a sweater over their kit. (Please ensure all kit is clearly labelled with your child's name)

Jewellery must be removed, so we suggest it is not worn to school on PE days (newly pierced ear rings must be covered with medical tape). Any questions regarding PE please see Miss Greene.

+ Pupils with medical needs.

All children with medical conditions/needs (as recorded on their admission forms) should've received a form to check details and sign. This was sent on the last day of term and would've been accompanied by their medicine/inhalers where applicable. **It is imperative for us to receive the completed forms back with or without changes so that they can be recorded. Children requiring medicine (including inhalers) must have them in school in case of an emergency. Could all parents/carers please ensure this is done immediately.**

School Dinners

School meals are provided by Hertfordshire Catering Ltd and are cooked on site daily. Alternatively, pupils may bring packed lunches from home - parents are requested to include healthy choices in the lunches. The school has a no nuts policy, as there are children in school with allergies.

Children have a choice of meals and make their selection each morning from the [Pupil Choice Menu](#). The menu is rotated on a three-weekly basis and comprises a hot meat or fish option, a hot vegetarian option and a sandwich option.

The current cost of a pupil school meal is £2.40. Invoices are issued half-termly in advance and our preferred means of payment is via [WisePay](#) You can find the link on our website welcome page www.millbrook.herts.sch.uk - see under parent information. If you do not have a username [please contact the school office](#).

Parents are asked to give half term's notice to switch from school meals to packed lunches; to move to school meals or to arrange a trial of school meals, please speak to the [School Office](#).

If you do need to pay on a daily basis please enclose full payment with a note of your child's name and day they would like a school dinner **the day before they require it** and drop it in the post box located in the lobby.



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An enjoyable presentation about reading with Martin Galway 27th September 9-10am

We are very lucky to have Martin Galway
a Herts for Learning English Adviser join us

27th September 9-10am.

Includes:

- *A short introduction about how children learn to read.
- * Enjoyable, practical and easy ideas to help your child with reading.
- * Opportunities to ask questions.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss

If you would like to join us please indicate below and return to the school office or [complete online.](#)



I would like to attend Martin Galway presentation 27th September.
 Name No of seats
 Parent of Year.....
 Signed.....



Special Dietary Requirements Children with special dietary requirements due to allergies or cultural preferences were asked to complete an online questionnaire with Herts Catering at the end of last term. If you have not already done so, please either complete the online information or see the office to discuss options. Failure to do so could prevent your child being allowed to have school dinners until completed.

Meet the teacher parent meetings	Scheduled w/c 11th Sept (see page 1)
Friends Meeting (ALL WELCOME)	Thursday 21st September 2.30pm
Reading presentation for parents with HFL English Adviser Martin Galway	Wednesday 27th September 9-10am
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 29th September from 8:30am
Harvest Festival	Friday 20th October 11am
Half Term	Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Children Return to School	Monday 30th October
Individual Photos	Wednesday 1st November
Christmas Fayre	Thursday 7th December
Whole School Trip to Panto	Wednesday 13th December



More dates will be added as we go through the term



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