



# Millbrook School

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## Newsletter - 11th January 2019

### 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/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to all of our Millbrook Community. We hope that you had a restful break with your family and friends. We'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. It was good to see our children return to school on Tuesday and hear of their many adventures they had over the Christmas break.



I am honoured to be the Headteacher of Millbrook Primary school. Initially I will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Dury, Headteacher of Ickleford Primary will be working on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I look forward to starting full-time on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

As a school we firmly believe that education is a partnership between home and school. We therefore regard you as an active partner in your child's education. For this reason over the next few weeks please look out for an opportunity to come into school to meet myself and your class teacher where we will share the vision of the school moving forward.

We would very much like the school to have a motto that encompasses our belief for education here at Millbrook, The staff have come up with 3 ideas from which we would like you to choose the one the school adopts moving forward, please see the attached voting slip.

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### New start and end of day arrangements

As from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January, we will only open the gate nearest to Turners Hill both morning and afternoon. This is so that the Senior Leadership Team can be on the gate for you to speak to as you come and go from the school.

**8.40am - Gates open**

**8.50am - Class teachers will be in the playground should you need to speak to them.**

**\*Sounding of Bell 1—Stand Still\***

**\*Sounding of Bell 2—Go to your class line\***

**8.55am - Children go into class**

***Parents: There will be no access into the school in the morning or afternoon. Should you wish to make an appointment with a class teacher, please see the office.***

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I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.

*Mr P Hilton*  
Headteacher

### Last Chance for Reception Places

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 now is the time to be applying for a Primary School place. The process for applying for a Reception place opened on 5th November and the deadline for applications is **15th January 2019**. Parents should apply online at : [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

### Dinner Money

Forecast letters for this terms were sent out on Tuesday. It would be appreciated if you could make payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Year 5 Swimming



Year Five Swimming will cost £28.60 this term. You can either pay in full or in 2 instalments and can use Wisepay to make your payment. The first instalment of **£15.60 is due 14th January 2019**. The additional £13 is due after the half term by 15th February. All the children should be going swimming on a Monday afternoon, beginning 14th January and without enough payments the lessons will not be able to continue. We are very fortunate that we are able to walk to Laura Trott and do not have to pay transport costs as well.

### Maths Event for Parents



On 29th January we will be welcoming you in to an event to learn maths with your child. Look out for more information coming soon!

### Air Ambulance Stamp Appeal

Help UK Air ambulance services by recycling your used postage stamps. If you have any used postage stamps cut them out and send them into school in an envelope.

### *In other news...*

#### Parents required for a school tour of Secondary School next Tuesday - TV Documentary

*TwoFour Broadcast an award winning television production company*

Are you free next Tuesday 15th January? Haileybury Turnford are taking part in a brand new TV series following the life of Year 11s and the support staff that work alongside them. As part of this production, they plan to film a tour of the school with some year 11 students showing around prospective parents. They are looking for parents who are happy to appear on camera and are free for an hour on Tuesday 15th January during the day to come along and see the school! If you are considering a place for your child at Haileybury Turnford in the next few years, or if you have a child that has been accepted and would like to see the school again then you are most definitely welcome on the school tour. They are looking for 5 or 6 parents who are happy to appear on camera and are free for an hour next Tuesday (15th Jan) to come along and take part. Please call Gabby from the production team on 07788258157 or email [gabriella.barrett@twofour.co.uk](mailto:gabriella.barrett@twofour.co.uk)

### SCHOOL DIARY

#### JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	1-6 ALL	NSPCC Assembly Children to dress in green NSPCC fund raiser	<b>NO</b>
14th	PM	5	First Swimming lesson at Laura Trott (till Easter)	<b>NO</b>
21st	PM	5-6	NSPCC Workshop	<b>NO</b>
29th	AM	ALL	Maths Event—Learn Maths with your child	<b>YES</b>



## VOTE FOR MILLBROOK MOTO



We would like Millbrook to have a moto that encompasses our belief for education. The staff have come up with 3 suggestions and we would like to invite you to choose which the school has moving forward.

Please choose **ONE** of the motos and return to school by 18th January.

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*Making marvellous minds*



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*Inspiring every child every day*



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