



# Millbrook School

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## Newsletter - 14th September 2018

### 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 and I hope you have had an excellent summer and are refreshed for the term ahead! It is great to see everyone settling down to the routine of the school day again and we wish all our new families a special Millbrook welcome.

Please may I remind you all of a few expectations:

- Be punctual – 8.45am arrival is ideal in order for your child to make the most of the early morning learning that is provided for them. Being late makes a child feel discombobulated and the class becomes disrupted.
- Attendance – we are aware of the importance of attendance – at least 95% would mean your child has the best possible opportunity to achieve; as a school though we are aiming for 97%, so THINK HIGH! Every lesson counts!
- Be smart and wear the correct uniform

That just leaves me to wish you a prosperous new term and we look forward to meeting with you all over the year.

With kind regards

Ruth Bamlett  
**Head Teacher**

### **Meet the Teacher —Year Group Parent Information Meetings**

Thank you to all parents who have attended the parent information meetings this week.

**Year 2 Monday 17th September 9.10 (Please note amended time)**

**Year 4 Tuesday 18th September 2.45-3.10**

### **Individual Photos – Friday 9th November**

We have a photographer from Stanley Baker Studios coming into take individual photos on **Friday 9th November**.



## 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 £2.45. 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](http://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.



### 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.**



Calling all tea, coffee and cake lovers

FRIENDS OF MILLBROOK will be taking part in

*Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning* 28th 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 28th September 2018**

**Time: From 8.30am**

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



Our newsletters are written weekly and contain information about events that are happening in school. They are an opportunity to share news and celebrate achievements.

*As you know, we try very hard to keep parents informed about what's happening in school. With so many digital options available we feel it is a good time to become a "paperless" school.*

*Producing physical mail for parents requires a substantial amount of paper and photocopying and going digital will mean a significant saving to the school and will of course make us much more eco-friendly! The monetary saving could be used to purchase new resources or upgrade some of our IT equipment. We will also save approximately six trees each year.*

*Going forward **newsletters will be emailed**, so in preparation **we ask that all parents notify the office immediately if there have been any changes to your contact information**. It will be your responsibility to check your emails / texts regularly to ensure you receive all communications from school.*

*Please let the office know if you would like to continue to receive a paper copy.*



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### **CALLING ALL MILLBROOK VOLUNTEERS**

*If you are one of our registered volunteers Mrs Jason would very much like help hearing children read.*



*If you have some time to spare, we'd love to hear from you!*

*Secondary Schools Applications: If your child is now in Year 6, you need to apply for secondary schools by 31 October 2018. 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](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)*

Broxbourne	Tuesday 11th September, 5.45pm – 9pm.	Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Aptitude test Wednesday 3rd October
<b>Goffs churchgate</b>	<b>Thursday 27th September, 5.00pm – 8.30pm.</b>	<b>Executive &amp; Associate Principal talks 5:30pm and 6:30pm.</b>
<b>Goffs Academy</b>	<b>Thursday 20th September, 5.30pm – 8.30pm.</b>	<b>Executive/Principal talks 5:30pm and 6:30pm. School in action tours 26th-28th Sept 9 and 10am Language Aptitude test Sat 6th Oct 8.30am</b>
John Warner	Thursday 6th September, 6 – 9pm.	Co-Headteacher's talks: 6 & 7pm. Technology aptitude test Wednesday 3rd October
Robert Barclay Academy	Thursday 13th September. Doors open 5:30pm	Headteacher's talks 5.45pm and 6.45pm.
<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Tuesday 18th September, 5.30pm – 8.30pm.</b>	<b>Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm and 7.15pm Allsorts Creche available. please call 01992 633761 to book.</b>
<b>Haileybury-Turnford</b>	<b>Tuesday 25th September 5.30pm –8. pm.</b>	<b>Principal's talks: Main Hall: 6pm &amp; 7pm.</b>

Find individual school details in the [schools directory](http://www.hertsdirect.org/schools_directory).

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	Meet the teacher parent meetings	Scheduled w/c 10th Sept (see page 1)	
	Reception phonic meeting for parents	17th September 2.30-3.10pm	
	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 28th September from 8:30am	
	Harvest Festival	Wednesday 24th October 11am	
	Half Term	Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November	
	Inset day	Monday 5th November	
	Children return to school	Tuesday 6th November	
	Individual Photos	Friday 9th November	
	Christmas Fayre	Thursday 6th December	