



# Millbrook School

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## Newsletter - 18th 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,

*It has been wonderful meeting many of you at the gate in the mornings and afternoons. You have made me feel very welcome and part of the Millbrook family.*

*From the staff and myself, thank you for adapting to new gate procedures and the many positive comments we have received.*

*The voting on the new school motto closes today. It is very close between two of them so if you have not voted yet please do so.*

*We are in the process of putting together a dates list for you so that you can plan ahead and be part of the school.*

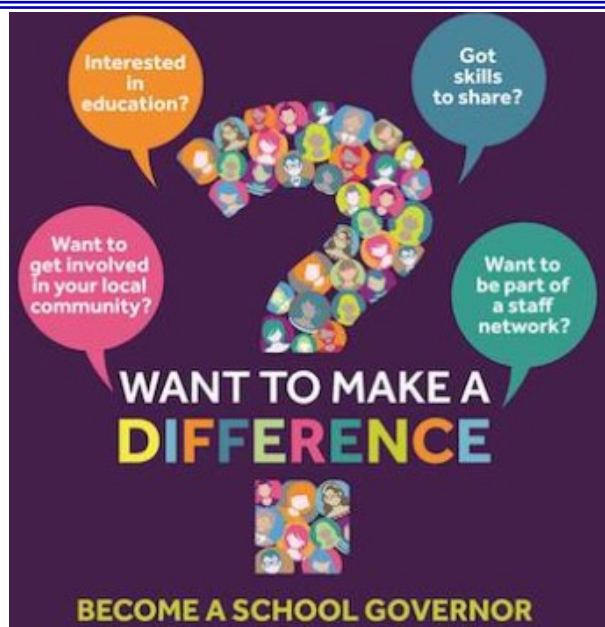
*Year 1 parents/carers there is a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm where you will receive important information about the Phonics screening check and how to support your child at home. Please do come along.*

*I hope you all have a peaceful and restful weekend.*

*Peter Hilton*  
Headteacher

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop

There will be a phonics screening workshop for parents on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm for parents of children in Year 1. The aim of this session is to make you aware of the phonics screening check that your child will be taking in June and how you can support your child at home. A letter with further details will be sent home with your child.



### Becoming a Millbrook School Governor.

**The role of the school governor is demanding but very rewarding and is a good way to give back to your local community.** School governing bodies are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with the headteacher, who is responsible for day-to-day management, they are responsible for setting the school's strategy and approving policies.

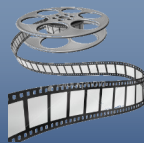
### Your School Needs Volunteers Like You!

Our school needs people who can bring energy, experience and fresh ideas to the role of organising and managing our school. Governors need no formal qualifications or particular skills, but they do need to have time to dedicate to their role, to make good decisions and to make sure their decisions are followed up. **Interested?**

Please contact us [admin@millbrook.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@millbrook.herts.sch.uk)

### Nursery Admissions Sept 2019

Applications for school nursery places are now open for children born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016** - please see the office for an application form.



**Well done to last terms half term and 100% attendees.**

*To celebrate their success 20 children were picked through a raffle process and treated with a film afternoon. A great time was had by all.*

NSPCC

**Thank you for dressing in green. We raised £83.21 for NSPCC.**

### Healthy School - snacks/ packed lunches:

We are currently participating in the Government's Fruit and Vegetable Scheme entitling every child age 4 – 6 to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day. As we know, from research undertaken by the School Food Trust, eating healthily can positively affect children's behaviour in the classroom. As you will be aware there is an increasing concern about rising rates of obesity and related health problems in children. As a school, it is part of our responsibility to help children learn how to eat healthily. As part of a healthy school, we would like to remind you that children should only bring in a **fruit or a vegetable** to eat at break times. The following items **will not** be allowed in school:

**chocolates, any items with nuts, crisps.**

**Water Bottles** It has been proven that drinking plenty of water increases children's mental alertness and so helps them to learn more effectively. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school with them. Please do not send your child in with alternative drinks. School water bottles will be provided from April.

### Change to HCL school dinner menu (week 3)

**from Monday 21st January**

Sonia our cook has advised us that there will be a permanent change to the Monday **red choice on week 3** Menu. From 21st January it will be Spaghetti Bolognese instead of Mexican Beef.

## SCHOOL DIARY

JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
21st	PM	5-6	NSPCC Workshop	NO
24th	3:30PM	1	Phonics screening workshop for parents	YES
29th	AM	ALL	Maths Event—Learn Maths with your child	YES