

Last Week's Attendance %		
RNK	93.1	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RNW	94.8	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1RT	71.7	
1SM	88.5	
2SG	92.5	
2SP	95.7	1 <sup>st</sup>
Target	100%	



**MILLBROOK PARK**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESPECT

KINDNESS

**COURAGE**

RESILIENCE

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the term ahead. The staff would like to thank you for your generous gifts and thoughtful comments at Christmas, they were very much appreciated.

At the end of this week the children will be starting to learn more about the School Value of '**COURAGE**'. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, we will send home the new 'Values at Home' sheet which has the next Values Trophy Challenge on it. This time, as well as providing a paper copy, we will upload it onto the school website too. If you do lose your sheet and need a new one, click on the tab '*About the School*' – then choose '*Aims and Mission Statement*' from the list on the left of the page, then scroll down to the '*Values at Home Sheets*'. There are two sheets as it is A4 two-sided. Thank you for your continued help with helping the children to know and learn about Millbrook Values.

*Nicola Dudley, Head of School*

### **Winter Weather Watch**

The weather forecast suggests that the temperature is not going to climb above 10 degrees in the next week or so, therefore please make sure children bring in a warm coat and ideally hat and gloves (all named – ideally with sewn labels). If the weather turns icy, the children are encouraged to travel to school in boots which they can change out of (into school shoes) in their cloakrooms.



I would like to remind you of the school's extreme weather policy. In the first instance, the school aims to stay open as far as it is safe. Should an extreme weather warning be issued we will monitor this closely and the decision to close will only be taken after assessing the health and safety risk to all members of the school community. Once that decision has been made you will be informed as soon as possible through a text and a follow-up email. The school will not re-open when it has made the decision to close for that day. The conditions will be monitored carefully and the school will aim to re-open as soon as possible. I must stress that it is very rare for schools to close for more than one day and is only done if the health and safety conditions present a significant risk. Again, you will be informed as soon as possible. Finally, the school will contact parents (by text) to inform them that it has re-opened to avoid any confusion.

## **SOLD** (Share Our Learning Day) **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Parents are invited to come in at the end of the day (pick-up time) to spend time in the classroom and to let your child show you their books and classroom displays. Parents of children in Year 1 & 2 will also be given a print-off of the areas of maths, writing and reading their child has achieved and the areas they still need to work on. If your child attends Kick-Boxing and you would like to attend SOLD, please e-mail the school office [admin@millbrookparkschool.lidsact.org](mailto:admin@millbrookparkschool.lidsact.org) and we will arrange for you to go into your class at 4pm instead.

## **Lunchtime Sports – From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we have employed specialist sports coaches to come to work in the playground, at lunchtimes with the children, on three days each week (Monday to Wednesday). Children who would like to take part in the activities will be included on a rotating basis. Children are being offered the choice, as we consider lunch play to be 'their own time' and although some children may still prefer to choose their own games, I am sure many will want to take part in the new lunchtime sports.

## **Behaviour Focus Weeks**

To make sure the spring term starts well and to provide opportunities for us to praise children who behave well, we have decided to have a Behaviour Focus for each week starting from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. We will use the focus weeks to remind children of expectations. Some of the things we will be focussing on are:

- Moving around the school quietly, especially on the stairs. (We have given silent stair challenges to help)
- Being polite and well-mannered (Role modelling by adults and children will help)
- Being ready for learning at start of lessons (Clear 'time' challenges to help)
- Behaving positively at lunch play (new specialist lunch sports teachers will help)
- Telling the truth, even when it feels hard to do ('Courage' assemblies will help)

At the end of each focus week, the class which has demonstrated the best behaviour around the focus will 'win' a treat such as extra playtime. Individual children who role model good behaviour will earn star stamps for themselves.

Please help by talking to your child about the importance and positive impact of good behaviour on themselves and others.

**English Language COURSE** - This course is FREE ....there are 2 spaces left. Contact the office if you would like one of them. This course starts this Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 9.15am-11.15am. Please come to the school office either any time between 8:40am and 9:15am where we will show you which room the course will be taking place in. Tea and coffee will be available. On the first session the tutor will need to see a piece of ID so please bring one along. This can be any of the following: Birth Certificate/Passport/Driving Licence/EU ID card, Visa, etc. The tutor said she will also assess what level your English is currently at so that she can plan the lessons to match your levels. We hope you find the course really helpful.

## Walk to School Initiative - Miss Tilley, School Travel Plan Co-ordinator



This is Millbrook Park's 'Walk to School Teddy'. Every child will have a turn to take Teddy home and walk him to school. He comes with a worksheet to fill out to draw a picture or write what you see on the way to school. He stays with each child for 1 night, so please remember to bring him back to school the next day so another child can walk him to school the next day!

### Spring 2017 Menu

Please find attached the spring menu which has been adapted following the feedback from Millbrook parents to Caterlink.

### Appeal for spare school socks

If you have any spare unwanted grey school socks or tights at home please can you hand them in to the office as we are running out. Thank you.

### Activity Clubs for Spring 2017 – all clubs start week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January

Please pay for activity clubs on ParentPay.

Kick Boxing - there are two payments to make, one for the lessons and one for the inner gloves that your child keeps.

Recorders - if your child is new to recorder club please supply them with a descant recorder.

### New Staff Members

We are pleased to be able to welcome three new Teaching Assistants to Millbrook. Miss Coates McDowall, Ms Charles and Ms Naveed, who have joined the school this term will be mainly be working 1:1 to support individual children but will also get to know many children around the school.

### Admissions for entry into school in September 2017 **Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January**

If your child is in Nursery or as a younger sibling and they were born between **1 September 2012** and **31 August 2013** you will need to apply to your home council for a place in a primary school for the 2017/2018 academic year. You should submit your application online using the [eAdmissions](#) website

- applications submitted after **15 January 2017** will be treated as 'late' and will be processed from **May 2017** onwards
- you must not apply using this process if your child has **special educational needs** (SEN), with an **Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)**.

## Term Dates 2016 -2017

### Spring Term 2017 (57 days)

First Half Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 27 days

*Half Term Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

Second Half Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 30 days

*Inset Day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1 days*

### Summer Term 2017 (63 days)

First Half Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 28 days

*Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

Second Half Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 35 days

*Inset Days Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2 days*

**NB** *May bank holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May*

*Spring bank holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May*

*Inset Days are staff training days and children should not attend school.*

**School Day: 8.40am to 3.05pm Reception & 3.10pm other year groups**

**Gates Open: 8.30am, Gates Close 3.15pm**

## Term Dates 2017 -2018

### Autumn Term 2017 (70 days)

First Half Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

*Half Term Holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October*

Second Half Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

*School Holiday*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January*

### **Spring Term 2018 (57 days)**

First Half Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

*Half Term Holiday Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February*

Second Half Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*School Holiday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April*

### **Summer Term 2018 (63 days)**

First Half Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

*Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June*

Second Half Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**NB** *May bank holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May*

*Spring bank holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May*

***Inset Days are staff training days and children should not attend school, these have already been included in the dates above.***

***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September***

***Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September***

***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October***

***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January***

***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June***

***School Day: 8.40am to 3.05pm Reception & 3.10pm other year groups***

***Gates Open: 8.30am, Gates Close 3.15pm***