



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

16th November 2015

Dear Families,

In a parent survey the school undertook in June 2015 the key findings were:

- 100% either agree or strongly agree that their children feel happy at MBP
- 100% either agree or strongly agree that their children are making good progress and that they are kept informed of this
- 100% either agree or strongly agree that their children are being taught well.
- 33% parents 'don't know' if the school deals with bullying well (there had been no incidents of bullying as demonstrators)

Happily, the feedback was extremely positive about the school and the quality of teaching and care but it highlighted that parents did not feel they were informed about the school's approach to bullying. Next week is National Anti-bullying Week so it is an appropriate time to share with parents the school's approach.



At this stage, we are talking to the children about 'worries', rather than bullying and making sure they know how they can share their worries at school, and who with. We have installed a school worry box which children can add written or drawn recordings of any worries they have or simply write their name. This will form the basis of a whole school assembly.

I am very pleased to report that the school has had no incidents of bullying to date, nevertheless it is important that you are informed about how the school will deal with it when necessary. Therefore, to clarify how the school manages incidents of bullying, we are attaching an excerpt from the policy for your reference (full policy is on the website). Incidents of bullying, in any of its forms are taken seriously and as you will see in the policy we also aim to support the perpetrators as well as to deliver sanctions, to enable the negative cycle to be broken. We hope you find the information useful.

Yours Nicola Dudley - Head of School

Date Reminders:

Wednesday 18th November **Show Our Learning Day (SOLD)** (straight after school for ½ hr)

Wednesday 25th November at 8:40am Phonics meeting for Reception parents (siblings welcome)

December 15th 2pm Reception and Year 1 Nativity (Mulled Wine served upstairs at 1:30pm).

Wednesday 16th December Nursery Nativity -Miss Dawson will inform parents

Monday- Friday 16th-20th November National Anti-bullying Week

Y1 Flu Nasal Spray immunisation

We have been advised that the flu vaccinations will be given on Thursday 19th November 1pm to 3pm to those children whose parents have returned their authorisation form. The nurses will read all of your returned forms to check for parental permission before the session.

After School Activity Clubs

Due to personal circumstances both Inigo Ferrer (football club) and Claudia Morrice (French club) will not be continuing their clubs in January. We would like to thank them and wish them both good luck in the future as Inigo moves back to Spain and Claudia starts her teacher training. We will however have some new clubs which will be open to both Reception and Year 1 classes from January 2015. We will be offering the children some taster sessions in school in the next few weeks. Application letters will be going out in the first week of January. We hope to have cooking, dance, enjoy-a-ball, and drama clubs in the new year.

Nativity Costumes

On Tuesday 24th November from 8:40am onwards, we will have a room set up at school where parents/carers will be able to come in and make costumes together, light refreshments will be provided. Please come and join in if you are able to help. If you can't make this date or would rather make things at home at a more convenient time, we can give you a set of things to take home instead. Please let the office know if you would like to help.

Coffee Morning

Friday 20th November – The Wingfield's Children Centre staff will be attending to explain what services they offer to families in the local area.

National Height & Weight Programme

Tuesday 1st December at 9.30am - Reception Children only

Phonics Information Meeting for parents of children in Reception – Wed 25th Nov 8:40am (siblings welcome)

Miss Ward and Miss Khan will be running an information meeting for parents about the approach and methods used for teaching phonics.

Parent Consultation Meetings

The system for parent meetings at Millbrook is designed to ensure parents find out about their child's progress regularly so that we that we work together to move each child forward continuously. The teachers plan to meet with three families a week so that over a term they have had a meeting about every child. The process then starts again. This term some issues have arisen with parents cancelling meetings at short notice or missing meetings. This creates a problem for teachers as 'catch-up' meetings begin to pile up.

Moving forward we request that:

- Parents try hard to keep to their appointed times.
- Parents contact school at least 48 hours in advance, if cancelling a meeting so that it can be offered to another parent.
- Parents understand that if they cancel twice, they may not be able to be offered another date until the following term, if all of the available slots have been booked.

To help families, the teachers will now try to inform parents at least one full week ahead of the allotted time, rather than the Friday before.

YEAR 1 BUILDINGS TOPIC 'ENTRY DAY'

