



**MILLBROOK PARK**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

**Police Visit Day 23<sup>rd</sup> October**





2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Dear Families,

We hope you had a pleasant break. Last half term at Millbrook Park ended with a visit to each classroom from our police liaison officer, PC.Attwood, and his colleague. There were some interesting and humorous discussions about what the children thought that police constables do - one pupil suggesting that they arrest people who clean their teeth whilst driving. The constables also helped with the ongoing investigation in Reception Class about the whereabouts of Charlie the Bear. There was also a serious side to the visit which was to talk to the children about keeping safe and that police, wearing the correct uniform, are the right people to approach when help is needed.

The next half term will be very busy, November and December are key months for learning. Booster groups will start from the first day back for children who need extra help or need to be stretched and intense small group work will happen across the school for all pupils. Once we move further into December the focus will move to Christmas when the children will get opportunities to sing together and enjoy putting together a performance to show you in the final week.

**Date Reminders:**

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

December 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm Reception and Yr 1 Nativity (Mulled Wine served upstairs at 1:30pm).

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Nursery Nativity (times to be confirmed)

**Early request for costumes for the nativity performance**

As a new school we do not yet have a stockpile of costumes for children to use for the nativity. Last year the children all looked amazing – which was achieved by a combination of borrowing from another school and generous parents helping out. It would be lovely to build up some sets this year of simple outfits such as angels, shepherds, sheep or wise men which are likely to be needed every year. Please let the school office know if you would be happy to make a few simple angel head dresses, shepherd tabards or similar, if you were provided with the resources and ideas. Thank you.



### Parent Prayer Group

The Christian prayer group will be meeting this Friday at 8:40am in school. All Welcome. If you have any prayer requests please put them in the request box in the entrance area of the school. It is on the window ledge next to the uniform models.

### Winter Health Advice

The next few weeks are traditionally the time when children and parents pick up viruses. To help reduce this please encourage your child to step-up their attention to hygiene.

- Encourage the cleaning of hands - Don't rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus. Soap and water must be used.
- Make sure children know how to use a tissue and that they must 'bin-it' immediately after use.

### Flu Letters – Year 1

Please can parents of year 1 pupils look in their child's book bags today, there will be an information and permission letter regarding child flu vaccinations. Reception and Nursery children are not included in the schools programme, their GP will offer vaccination.

All children who are aged two, three and four years old on 31 August 2015 will be offered flu vaccination through general practice.

### Show Our Learning Day (SOLD)

You are invited to come and enjoy your child showing you around their classroom and their school work and displays. Please go with your child to their classrooms at pick-up time.

### Admission Information

#### **ADMISSION TO RECEPTION 2016/17**

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 and is therefore due to start in a Reception class during the academic year that begins in September 2016, please ensure you apply for a Reception class place online. The application must be made online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). If you need help and support to complete your application form, please telephone the School Admissions Customer Contact Centre on 020 8359 7651.

An application **must** be submitted for your child **even if s/he has an older brother or sister already attending your preferred school**. Parents should also be aware that children attending the nursery class at any community school, and most other schools, are **not** given a higher priority than other children.

You must submit an application no later than **Friday 15 January 2016**. If you submit your application after the deadline, it will be considered after all applications that were received by the closing date and you will not receive an outcome letter on **National Offer Day, Monday 18 April 2016**. Last year the high demand for places meant that some siblings were **not** offered places in the second round of offers because their applications were late and there were no surplus places. It is, therefore, really important that you submit your application on-time. Please refer to the Guide to Primary Education in Barnet for more information about late applications.

If you have any queries about the process, please contact the School Admissions Customer Services Team Customer Contact Centre on 020 8359 7651 or send an email to [school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@barnet.gov.uk) .

### **Breakfast Club**

We are very keen to be able to offer a breakfast club service to our families as soon as possible. Sherpa (our after school club provider) are moving towards this by having now employed a new staff member who is happy to lead this.

There are now two next steps:

- Firstly, to offer the position of an additional staff member to you (our parents) before advertising it. The breakfast club would run from 7:45am until 8:40am.
- Secondly, to survey parents to see how many are likely to use the service either full time, or occasionally. (see survey attached).

Ideally we would like to start the service from January but this is dependent on everything being in place very soon. Please contact John at Sherpa Kids on 020 8350 7613 or 07803 887610 or by email at [john.geers@sherpakids.co.uk](mailto:john.geers@sherpakids.co.uk) if you are interested in being part of the breakfast team.

### **Star Awards**

The year 1 star award children were helping reception star children to learn how to take turns in conversations and how to listen to others at the afternoon tea on Friday. It was lovely to watch the dynamics between the children being teachers and learners.



*Yours*

*Nicola Dudley - Head of School*