



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 11th January 2016

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the New Year and whilst we ended last term with unseasonably mild conditions, winter has finally arrived. This week is set to be particularly cold and I would like to strongly encourage parents to ensure that their children are wearing appropriate clothing for the conditions. Also, please ensure that names are sewn into gloves, hats and scarves (this makes returning lost property much easier).

The weather conditions this last month have been extreme, indeed scores of schools in Scotland and the North of England are currently closed due to flooding. In light of this, 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 an 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 to inform them that it has re-opened to avoid any confusion.

We hope the children enjoy the term ahead. I hope the new after school activities on offer will give the children an opportunity to discover what sort of things they find interesting. Please find the club dates below. Finally, the staff would like to thank you for your generous gifts and thoughtful comments at Christmas, they were very much appreciated.

Yours,

Nicola Dudley - Head of School

Date Reminders:

Half Term Dates: Mon 15th Feb to Friday 19th Feb.

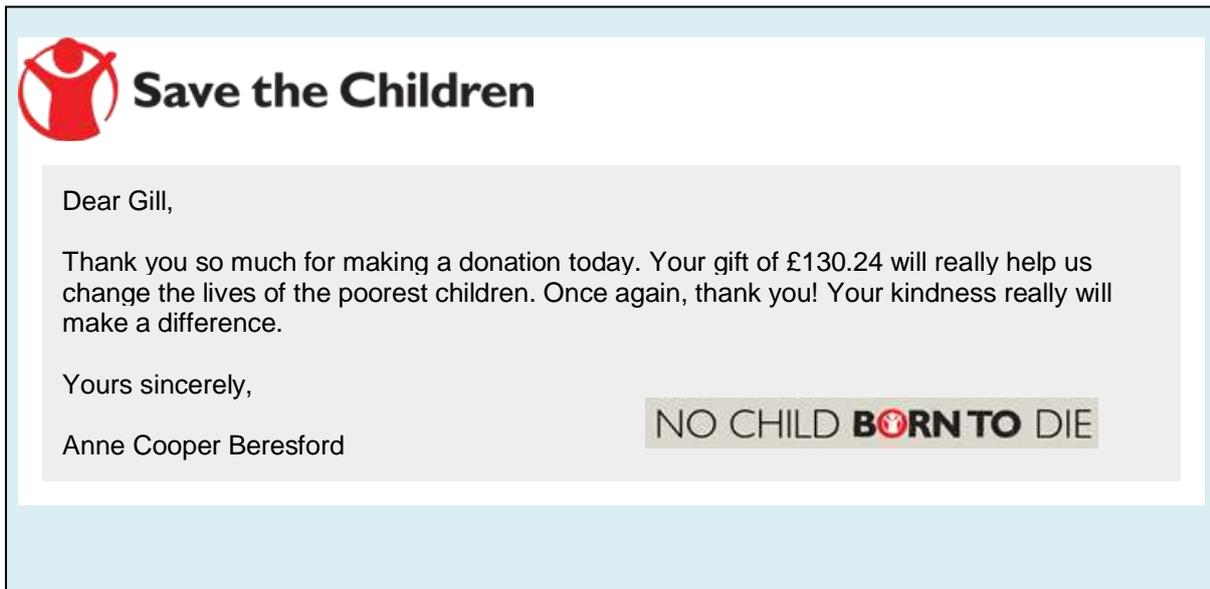
Dance Club starts: Monday 18th January until 14th March

Enjoy-a-Ball Club starts: Tuesday 19th January until 15th March

Drama Club starts: Thursday 21st January until 31st March

Cooking Club starts: Thursday 21st January until 17th March

Please see below the receipt for your Christmas Jumper Day donations:



Activity Clubs

If you have signed your child up for an after school activity club please login to Parent Pay and pay online by Monday 18th January 2016. We will no longer be accepting cash payments in the school office.

Reception children only - vision and hearing will be on Thu 28th and Fri 29th April

Vision and hearing check forms will be going home with your child this week, please fill them in and return them to the school office.

Serving Plates and Trays

The office have accumulated quite a lot of trays and large serving plates left at school after the Christmas parties. Please pop in to collect your missing items.

Half Term Camp - Enjoy-a-Ball

Enjoy-a-Ball will be running a half term camp at Millbrook Park School on Tues 16th, Wed 17th and Thu 18th February. See attached link for booking information.

<http://eepurl.com/bMcuuT>

Star Awards

Well done to all the star award winners and a special welcome to Eli who has very recently joined the school and has clearly made a good start by ending his first week with an award.



Stars of the Week



20 stars, 50 stars and 75 stars!

Absences and Lateness

As a school we are concerned about the levels of absence we have and we need to improve this. Any sickness absences close to holidays, such as children out of school on the day/s just before and after school holidays will now be tracked and parents will need to provide evidence from their GP that the child was actually sick and not absent for any other reason or they will be issued with a fine for unauthorised absence. The school is also monitoring high levels of individual absence and lateness and will be writing to the parents of children concerned.

If your child is genuinely sick then of course the best place for them is at home but please ensure your child attends every session possible to help expand their learning at this important stage in their lives. Every day they are off school they miss a crucial piece of learning, for example in phonics they will probably miss a new letter sound and in maths a new concept which leaves them with gaps in their learning. If this happens several times children can start to have significant gaps in their knowledge which causes them to struggle.

Lunchtime Maternity Cover

One of our Lunchtime Play Leaders will be starting maternity leave at the end of this term and therefore the school have a temporary job available to cover this position. The role is for five days a week from 11.45am to 1.15pm. Job description and application form attached with this newsletter should any parent wish to apply. Please email or drop in completed applications to the school office by Friday 15th January 2016. admin@millbrookparkschool.lbsact.org

