



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 14th March 2016

Dear Families,

Walking around school recently I have seen lots of really positive things going on in every year group. In reception the children are responding really well to the 'Launchpad' language programme run by a speech and language therapist, Aria. Aria has planned a second workshop for reception parents which will take place in school on 12th May at 2:30pm. Likewise in nursery the weekly drama sessions have helped to support the children with developing their focus and communication skills. Year 1 meanwhile have been very focussed on planning their trip which will take place next Thursday (24th), please see below for further details.

Yours, Nicola Dudley - Head of School

Date Reminders:

Easter weekend: Fri March 25th – Mon 28th (4 day weekend) back to school Tues 29th March
Easter holiday: Mon 4th April to Fri 15th April – back to school Mon 18th April
Parent Prayer Group 21/3 and 20/4

PIPs Meeting: led by Denise Blair, Wednesday 23rd March from drop off 8:40 to 10am, parents of all nursery, reception and year 1 children welcome. Location: Science Room.

Guided Reading Books Amnesty

We would be very grateful if you would have a really good look at home to see if you have any unreturned school guided reading books. The teachers use the books in sets with children in shared reading sessions and at the moment there are quite a few missing books from the sets. This means certain book sets are not able to be used because it would require children sharing a book which is not desirable in focussed reading sessions. The books are all brand new and expensive to replace.

Year 1 Trip

We thought it might be helpful for you to know the arrangements for the school trip year 1 will be taking to the London Transport Museum. We aim to return to school at normal pick-up time, if we are delayed we will notify the school office who will put a sign up on the gate.



Workshop at the Museum: At the museum the children will take part in a pre-booked super workshop, spend time exploring the main museum and enjoy their lunch in a booked slot in the museum's lunch room. It should be a really fun day...expect tired children at the end.

Ratios and Parent Volunteers: The DFE state that schools should decide on the ratio they feel is appropriate for each specific activity or trip though most schools generally do 1:8 or 1:6 with children beyond reception age. The Transport Museum suggested 1:6 but we chosen to have a maximum ratio of 1:4 with some groups being smaller, depending on children's needs. The staff going on the trip are: Mrs Dudley, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Tilley, Miss Miller, Miss Pieri, Miss Simmons, Mrs Kabali plus two parent governors (Denise Blair and Tulin Williams). There are also several parents attending so **each group will either be 1:3 or 1:4.**

Lunch: If you have ordered a school packed lunch for your child it will consist of a sandwich, piece of fruit, homemade cake and a bottle of water in a disposable bag. If you are providing your child with a packed lunch please ensure everything is disposable (no lunch boxes, flasks, water bottles, nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks). This is to enable children to throw away their rubbish so they do not need to carry a bag all day.

Medical and Safety: On every trip we ensure we have a first aid trained member of staff but on this trip we have got four. Miss Pieri, Miss Miller and Miss Simmons are Paediatric trained and Mrs Dudley is First Aid at Work trained. We take medical kits and children's family's contact details with us and any individual meds that children may need. Before any trip a teacher does a rehearsal of the journey and trip and writes a risk assessment identifying any any potential areas of concern in addition to a plan of good places to stand when gathering as a group for 'head-counts'. Risk assessment booklets are shared with parent volunteers on the morning of the trip.

Travel: The children may like to look up the route prior to the trip. We will travel by tube from Mill Hill East to Charing Cross Station. We will NOT need to change trains. We use pre-booked TFL school trip tickets, these are designed to alert stations to groups of children arriving which often leads to TFL staff helping on the platform.

Makaton sign of the Week

Last week 'chair'



This week 'to listen'



Star Awards

Well done to this week's award winners. The children should feel proud of themselves for their hard work and exemplary behaviour. Special congratulations to Joshua and Eddie who achieved their 100 star trophies!

