



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Monday 1st^h February 2016

Dear Families,

You can see from the smaller photograph of the very first star awards tea party (Oct 1014) inserted below, in comparison to the amount of star award achievers last Friday, a visible demonstration of how well the school is growing. We are really pleased at the way the children understand the ethos of the school and are trying hard to 'live-it-out', for example on award days what is particularly lovely is the amount of children wishing the recipients well, and congratulating them in a manner which does not have any hint of jealousy. With this growth in the number of children has come the opportunity for relationships between pupils in both year groups to blossom, giving Year 1 children a chance to offer support to the younger children which can often accelerate their learning as much as advice from teachers. An example of this occurred on Friday when I noticed two year one girls praising a reception child for her independent writing and explaining to her how to add a full stop at the end of her sentence.

This week we will be introducing some fun, new equipment for the children to use outside in their break-times such as space-hoppers, stilts and rugby balls. To encourage the children to take responsibility for the care and storage of these new resources we are introducing playtime monitors who will wear bright baseball caps (orange for Year 1, purple for Reception) so that everyone knows who is in charge of the equipment for the week. Please talk to your children about managing their expectations of accessing all of the new resources on the first day they are out. Although we have bought more than 30 new items and staff will ensure children access them over the week, not everyone will get them on the first day.

Yours, Nicola Dudley - Head of School

Date Reminders:

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

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

Reception and Nursery cake sale: Friday 12th 3pm February

Year 1 cake sale: Friday 11th 3pm March

Parent Prayer Group 27/1, 9/2, 3/3, 21/3 and 20/4

Adult Courses

Thank you for your responses to the parent courses, the following interest has been raised so far.

- 4 x ESOL - *for adults who wish to study English as a second or additional language.*
- 1 X Keeping Up with the Children's English
- 1 X Keeping Up with the Children's Maths
- 2 X Paediatric First Aid
- 1 X Family Links (a parenting programme.)

If you have not yet told us of your interest in the above courses, please let the office know by the end of the week. (Friday 5th Feb)

Parent Contact Details

In the next few days the school will be sending home parent contact details with every child. Please check the details carefully and make any necessary amendments and return the form to school signed and dated. Please return the form even if you do not need to make any changes. This is the school's annual audit to ensure we have accurate contact details on file for you.

Spare Clothes

Please could the parents of all children in nursery ensure they have a spare set of clothes in school every day. If your child has been changed whilst at school, please return the school clothes washed as quickly as possible.

DVD's

Thank you to the parents who have commented on the quality of the Nativity DVD's. The school have taken your comments on board and will arrange to use an alternative supplier next year, though this will increase the cost.

PiPs - Reception and Nursery Cake sale 12th February

Please bring cake donations to the office on the morning of the 12th. The children in nursery and reception will make posters for the sale. Please can the class reps and a few parents come in early to set up the cake sale and sell the cakes. Please bring some small change on the day to buy cakes. Strictly "NO nuts".

Parent Christian Prayer Sessions – dates for your diary – 8.40am

An informal prayer meeting takes place in school at regular intervals. Parents discuss areas to pray for such as safety on school trips, praying for particular children families and for strength and wisdom for staff. All are welcome. If you would like to request a prayer to be said, pop a note in the prayer request box which is in the entrance area of the school. The next few sessions are: Wednesday 27th January, Tuesday 9th February, Thursday 3rd March, Monday 21st March and Friday 20th April

Party Invitations

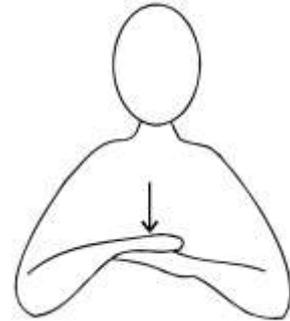
Parents and children are welcome to give out party invitations in the playground, however please do not ask staff to give them out or put them in bags. Thank you.

Makaton sign of the Week

Last week 'school'



This week 'to sit'



Launchpad Puppet Making Workshop

Last Thursday reception children joined their parents after school for a fun puppet-making session led by a speech and language therapist. Those children who were not able to attend will have chance to make their puppets in class.



Star Awards



January 25th 2016



October 2014

