



MILLBROOK PARK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

7th September 2015

Dear Families,

A warm welcome to Millbrook Park CE Primary School to our new families and welcome back to those families who were with us last year. Already the year has got off to a fantastic start, all of the staff team attended two very full days of training on the 1st and 2nd of September, part of which involved clarifying our school vision and priorities for the year ahead. Clearly opening the nursery will be a special feature of this year, as well as the new outdoor provision in reception; but equally, a rigorous new approach to tracking progress in Year 1 is going to be used which we will share with you in the near future. Keep an eye out for information in the newsletter and on the new outdoor notice board. I hope you all have a great start to the year.

Yours

Nicola Dudley - Head of School

For our new families: Every Monday a newsletter will be e-mailed to our families and uploaded to our school website for you to access. It is important to check the letter for key dates and to get an insight into what is going on within the school.

Lunches

Year 1 children will soon be enjoying sharing their lunchtimes with Reception children. Caterlink will continue to provide the catering for Millbrook Park as we have been happy with the quality of food and care the children receive from them. All of our children are entitled to a free, healthy school lunch, regardless of family income. Please find the new menu attached.

Teacher Welcome Meeting

Year 1, Reception and Nursery staff will be in touch with you soon to invite you to a 'Parents Welcome Meeting'. At the meeting you will learn about the routines and procedures in your child's class, as well as any expectations.

Supporting Reading in Year 1

As the children move forward with their reading it will be very beneficial for them to get lots of opportunities to read 1-1 with an adult. We are very lucky as we already have a volunteer who reads weekly with a group of Year 1 children but in addition to that, I would like to

establish a parent group to read with individual children on a regular basis. It would begin with some training on how to support and extend young readers and how to help them use their phonics and other strategies to tackle unknown vocabulary. The sessions would need to be weekly and across the school year so a commitment of half a day per week would be required from any parent wanting to be involved. Please let either myself or Gill Finney know if you would like to be involved.

Wellies

Wellington boots from Miss Ward and Miss Khan's previous classes will be put outside for collection at the end of the day on Monday. If you have no need for them, as they are probably too small for your child now, we are happy to keep hold of them as spares for future reception pupils.

Thank you – Active Sport Vouchers

The Year 1 children are going to enjoy playing with some super new equipment during their playtimes thanks to the Sports Active Vouchers you all collected and gave to school last year. The 'Kick-Flick' boards look particularly intriguing.



Parking

The times for parent parking have been updated by Inglis Consortium and the signs have been erected. Please take note of the times. It would be helpful as our numbers grow if as many people as possible utilise our kiss-n-drop option, especially the older children. The playground will always be supervised between 8:30am and 8:40am with a minimum of four staff members.



Sherpa Kids After-School Club

After school club commences Monday 7th September, if you would like your child to access the service please pop into the school office to pick up a Sherpa Kids registration form, if you have not already done so. This service is open for Year 1 and Year reception pupils

Please note:

- Correct uniform needs to be worn and nothing extra added eg girls should only wear simple dark blue hair accessories and children should not wear watches or jewellery to school.
- Year 1 children should not bring snacks to school. The school provides each child with fruit to take out to morning break-time. They then eat a full lunch including a dessert and access milk or water in afternoon breaks as well as any spare fruit.
- Children are not allowed to climb on the wooden climbing frame before or after school for safety reasons. Please make sure your child knows this rule.
- Please refrain from using mobile phones whilst waiting in the playground to drop-off or collect children. These are only short 10 minutes time slots. As our parent group grows it will be difficult to ensure that the photograph facility of phones is not utilised.

Meet the staff

The staff at Millbrook Park are looking forward to getting to know all of the children and families. For your information the following are a list of key staff members:

Nicola Ward	Early Years co-ordinator and reception class teacher (full time)
Neelum Khan	Reception Teacher (full time)
Hannah Corbishley	Learning Support Assistant Reception (full time)
Emma Kent	Learning Support Assistant Reception (full time)
Florence Okafor	Learning Support Assistant Reception EYFS (part time)
Bruce Alaway	Trainee Teacher Reception (full time)
Shamylea Miller	Year 1 Teacher (full time)
Rachel Tilley	Year 1 Teacher (full time)
Francesca Pieri	Learning Support Assistant Year 1 (full time)
Karen Simmons	Learning Support Assistant Year 1 (full time)
Silvia Pavel	Learning Support Assistant (part time)
Andrina Barnden	EAL Reading support Year 1 (part time)
Elaine Dawson	Nursery teacher (full time)
Susan Maley	Learning Support Assistant Nursery (full time)
Sarah Kennedy	Inclusion co-ordinator (part time)
Gill Finney	School administrator (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
Sandra Upali	School administrator (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
Relu Olariu	Site Manager
Marius Merlescu	Assistant to Site Manager
Coco Mbuyama	Caterlink Chef
Gergana Gyurova	Catering Assistant
Nicola Dudley	Head of School (full time)
Anthony David	Executive Head (2 days)

Please find below some advance warning key Autumn term dates:

September

Mon 3rd – 8th/9th

Reception and Nursery home visits

Mon 14th

Reception children in full time/nursery phasing-in

Tues 29th

Harvest Service 9:15am (parents welcome) coffee 8:40am

October

Tues 20th

Individual Photographs Day

Fri 23rd

Police Liaison half hour visits for each class

November

Thurs 26th

MBP's 1st Birthday – official opening of MBP Nursery

December

Tues 15th

Nativity 2pm and mince pie/social (TBC)

Thu 17th

Children's Christmas Event

Fri 18th (last day)

Christmas Jumper Charity Day