



# Caterpillar News

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Firstly, we would like to say it has been a pleasure to have you and your children here at Caterpillars and we are looking forward to meeting you at parents evening next week.

Remember, if you ever want to contact us, please email us on: [caterpillars@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:caterpillars@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk)

We cannot believe it's nearly December - December is always a busy month at Millbrook!

## SHOW AND TELL

Next week we are going to start 'Show and Tell' on a Thursday. On this day your child can either bring something in from home or you can send in a picture by email of something that they would like to talk about. This is to help your children to develop their speech, communication and listening skills. Please may we ask that, if they are bringing something in from home, you put **their name on it** so it doesn't get lost.

Please encourage your child not to bring anything from home into school unless it is their Show and Tell Thursday!!!

## SHARING STORIES

We would like to get parents/ grandparents coming into the classroom. We thought it would be nice for you to come in and read a story to a small group of children. You can either bring in a story from home or read one of ours. If your first language is not English, we would love you to bring in a story and read it in the language that you speak. Let a member of staff know and we can arrange a time and date.

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

A separate email/letter will be coming out soon.

## CATERPILLAR PARTY

Caterpillars will be having their Christmas party on **Monday 19th December**. The session times will run as normal. Children may come in their **party clothes or fancy dress**. This year, we ask that you provide an item of party food. We will be placing a list outside at picking up times for you to put your name against an item of food that you are able to bring in. Please inform a member of staff if your child has any allergies or intolerances. If your child does not attend on a Monday, they are more than welcome to attend. Just speak to a Caterpillar staff member and they will tell you which session has a space.

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

School Christmas lunch is on **Thursday 15th December**. All children are invited to attend if you would like them to. A traditional Christmas lunch with a vegetarian option will be on the menu. Please pay and book for the Christmas lunch on ParentPay.





If your child attends the morning session and you want them to have a Christmas lunch, you will need to collect them at 12.20pm instead of 11.30am on that day. If your child usually attends in the afternoon, and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner, you will need to drop them off early at 11.30am instead of 12.30pm. If you do not want them to have a Christmas dinner, then it will be normal session times - any questions please ask a member of Caterpillar staff!

### **TERM DATES**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is our last day of term in Caterpillars. The morning session will end at 11.30am as normal and 1.15pm for children who usually stay all day. There will be **NO afternoon session on this day**. Existing Caterpillars will return on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The induction for our new starters also begins on this day.

We have an open day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December for prospective parents looking for a place for September 2023 so please spread the word to friends and family and ask them to book a visit via the school office.

### **DOJO**

News on when this goes live will follow soon.

### **SNACK**

Thank you to all the parents and families who have paid last term's and this term's snack money. Please may we ask politely, if you haven't contributed yet, that you do so as soon as possible. If you are having any issues with ParentPay or are unable to pay at this time, please come and talk to us. We are here to help. ☺

### **CLOTHING**

Please could we also remind you to **name everything** with your child's name - as sometimes children forget which coat or jumper they wore to school that day and sometimes children have the same items of clothing as other children!

### **DROPPING OFF AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION**

Please drop off your children at the correct time.

**Morning session - 8.30am & afternoon session - 12.30pm.**

Our daily routines start immediately as soon as the children come in and we would be very grateful if you could be on time so the children on the carpet aren't distracted when the late children arrive.

Also, can we kindly ask you do not park in the school grounds. Use the Tesco or church carpark. Thank you for your continued support.