



# Caterpillar News

November  
2023

Firstly, we would like to say it has been a pleasure to have you and your children here at Caterpillars and we hope you enjoyed parent's evening.

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!

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10 am and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Please can we have all costumes by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December as this is our Dress rehearsal day?

Tickets are available via Parent pay.

## CATERPILLAR PARTY

Caterpillars will be having their Christmas party on **Tuesday 19th December in the morning only**. The session time 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 Tuesday am, they are more than welcome to attend. Just speak to a Caterpillar staff member so that we know they will be attending. If your child usually stays for lunch on this day, please do not book a hot dinner or bring a lunch box as we will be eating lots of party food. 😊

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

School Christmas lunch is on **Wednesday 13th 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 19<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 4th January 2023. The induction for our new starters also begins on this day.



We have an open day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 3.45-4.45pm for prospective parents looking for a place from January & September 2024 so please spread the word to friends and family and ask them to book a visit via the school office.

### DOJO

We hope you are enjoying our dojos updates. Don't forget you can always contact us this way.

### Primary School Places 2024

Please remember to apply for your child's school place by 15 January 2024, using the following link

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions/427/primary\\_school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions)

### SNACK

Thank you to all the parents and families who have paid last terms 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 that 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.