

Millbrook Messenger

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child"

The Government have launched a campaign to drive up attendance and tackle persistent absence in schools. In response we have reviewed our Attendance Policy in line with the guidance. You will have recently all received a copy by email and a copy is available on the attendance page of our school website. Attendance is also a focus in our School Development plan this year.

<https://millbrook-primary-school.schudio.com/admin/pages/edit/80569>



We want to thank the majority of our families who attend school every day and on time and congratulate Skylarks and Starfish Classes who won the cups for best attendance in our Celebration Assembly last week.

Millbrook CARES

C- Curriculum For All

A - Attendance

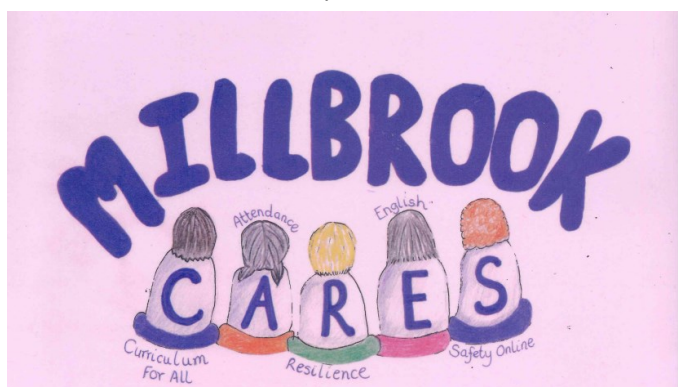
R - Resilience

E - English

S - Safety Online

Our new **School Development Plan** focuses on the 5 areas we have identified as being most important to the progress and well-being of all children here at Millbrook.

- We want our Curriculum to be the best it can be and meet the different needs of all our pupils
- We want all the children to be in school as often as possible so that they can take advantage of all the amazing opportunities we offer & build strong friendships
- We want children to become resilient in school and in life so they don't give up easily and can fulfil their potential
- We want their English skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing to be excellent and allow them achieve well in every area
- We want them to stay safe online and understand how to make best use of the internet for their school work and in their everyday life by making good choices.



Laptop Library

Would a device help your child to complete their homework, access Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars? We have a Laptop Library and can loan laptops to enable children to access online learning.

If this is of interest to you please email secretary@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk with the title in the subject line LAPTOP LIBRARY.



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Dates for your Diary

Weds 7th Feb—Turtles Class Assembly 9am

Thurs 8th Feb Millbrook Friends Disco — Infant & KS1 3.15—4pm and KS2 4.15pm—5pm

Friday 9th Feb last day of school

Mon 12th—Friday 16th Half term holiday

Mon 19th Staff Training Day

Tues 20th Feb—Children return to school

Tues 20th—Friday 23rd Feb — Wizard of Oz Book Week

Thurs 22nd Feb—Dressing up day as a character from **The Wizard of Oz**

Friday 23rd February—Year 3 and 4 trip to the Oxford Museums

Fri 8th March—Mothers Day gift shop (Millbrook Friends)

Tues 19th—Mon 25th March—Travelling Book Fair

Weds 20th & Thursday 21st March—Parent's Evening



Financial Worries?

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at the moment Citizens Advice are running a drop in session at Freshbrook Church on Tuesday 6th February from 1.30pm -4.00pm

If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals —

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your household annual income is less than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided your household annual income is less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Worried about rising costs?

Speak with our Financial First Aid Advisers.

Where possible, we can help you:

- Increase your income through unclaimed benefits or grants
- Reduce your outgoings through budgeting, accessing lower social tariffs and savvy shopping
- Reduce energy usage
- Access debt advice
- Access emergency food or fuel vouchers

Freshbrook
Church
Tuesday 6th
February
1.30pm-4pm



To make an application please go to —

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

Millbrook is also a referrer to Swindon Food Collective and The Affordable Food Club run at Freshbrook Church. Please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Tucker if we can help you in any way.

Keeping your child safe

Have you spotted the new internet safety signs appearing around the school? Are you making sure you and your child are safe on the internet?



Parking at school drop off and collection continues to be an issue -

Please be considerate to local residents when bringing your child to school by car. We have received more complaints of dangerous parking on Gainsborough Way, that not only endangers the lives of our children but causes problems for other motorists. Parking is available locally by Tesco's/the Community Centre or in the church carpark. Please may we also remind Blue Badge holders to display their badge clearly when parking in the disabled spaces at school.

Keep up to date with local events in our community including ideas for the half term holiday on our website — <https://millbrook.swindon.sch.uk/parents/local-events>

You are also welcome to go along to Stay & Play at Freshbrook Church with your child every Tuesday during term time between 3.15 and 5pm. The Millbrook families who are currently attending have a fantastic time.



STAY & PLAY



Fun activities for the whole family!
Every Tuesday 3.15–5.00pm at Freshbrook Church

For Primary age children and their families.
Have family fun playing, making and enjoying a free light meal together.



Freshbrook Church
Know Christ, Grow in Faith,
Go to the World

Millbrook Friends Disco Thursday 8th February

Tickets are on sale in playground after school every until Weds 7th.

Infant and KS1 disco 3.10-4pm

KS2 disco 4.15–5pm

