



# Caterpillar News

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2021

Firstly, we would like to say it has been a pleasure to have you and your children here at Caterpillars and we hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well at this time.

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

This year we will be taking part in the Foundation Stage Nativity with Ladybirds and Bumblebees.

'Our First Nativity' will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45am and 2.30pm.

Tickets are on sale now, available through Parent Pay. **It would be much appreciated if you could provide your child with a suitable costume for a Donkey (am/pm children) or a Shepherd (all day children).**

You don't have to go out and buy an expensive costume, a homemade one would be great.

For example: A Shephard: A dressing gown/oversized t-shirt and a tea towel.

Donkey: Grey trousers, grey top, and some donkey ears

Please bring the costume into Caterpillars in a **named** carrier bag by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.



## CATERPILLAR PARTY

Caterpillars will be having their Christmas party on **Thursday 16th December**. The session times will run as normal. Children may come in their **party clothes or fancy dress**. This year we will be providing party food for your children. Please inform a member of staff if your child has any allergies or intolerances. If your child does not attend on a Thursday, 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 **Wednesday 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 11.30 am 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 normal sessions times - any questions please ask a member of Caterpillar staff!

## TERM DATES

Friday 17<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 that day**. Existing Caterpillars will return on Wednesday 5th January 2021. The induction for our new starters begins on Thursday 6th January.

We also have an open day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for prospective parents looking for a place for September 2022 so please spread the word to friends and family and ask them to book a visit via the school office.

## TARGET TRACKER

Hopefully by now you have all managed to get on to Target Tracker to see your child's observations and what they have been getting up to during their time with us. If you are having problems then please let us know.

## SNACK

Thank you to all of those parents and families who have paid last terms and this terms snack money. Please may we ask politely if you haven't contributed yet please could you 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. 😊

## WELLY FRIDAY

Thank you to those of you who have brought in a pair of wellington boots for Welly Friday - if you haven't managed to provide any yet - you still have time to bring in a pair of **NAMED** boots.





### 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!

### DROPPING OFF AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION

Please can you make sure you drop off your children at the correct time.

#### **Morning Session 8.30 & Afternoon Children 12.30.**

Our daily routines start immediately as the children come in, like our register time, and we would be very grateful if you could be on time as much as possible as the children on the carpet can become distracted when the late children arrive.

### PICKING UP AT THE END OF THE SESSION

Please may we ask that you collect your children at the correct time as again, picking up your child early or late can disrupt or upset the other children and affects the things we are teaching at that time.

Morning session **11.30am** (we open doors from 11.25am)

Afternoon session **3.30pm** (we open the doors from 3.20pm)