

# Millbrook Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all existing pupils and parents and welcome to all new pupils and parents to our school. All children have settled in fantastically well and returned to 'normality' quickly. Obviously, the coronavirus is still very prevalent, and Knowsley continues to be one of the highest in the country, so we still have many safety measures like regular handwashing, regular cleaning of rooms, toilets, handles etc.

We will continue to communicate with parents either online or via the telephone so we can protect staff. This will limit visitors to school in line with our risk assessments.

A message went on class dojo this week to inform you all that we are now resuming our voluntary school fund contribution of £1 per week. We are determined to get the children out on school visits as soon as possible. There are already some fun things in the diary - Altru are in school next week and they do fantastic drama workshops. We have purchased large structures for the playgrounds and need small pieces of equipment to go with these. We are sure all parents will support us in enriching children's education particularly since the pandemic has had such a huge effect on them. JMMaloney

## Year 6

This year is really important for Year 6, as they prepare for the first statutory tests since before the pandemic began. Regular high attendance is vital if they are to make good progress. Each year parents have arranged an end of year prom outside of school arrangements. If there is one organised this year, it must be arranged for the last day of school and **not during term time**. Pupils will not be allowed off school for any 'prom preparation.' We too will have lots of end of term events that are vital for children. We are sure we can all work together for the benefit of pupils.

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following Children who will be celebrating their birthdays between 4<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September.



Nursery – Maisy

Class 1 – Albie, Daisy-Jane, George & Reece

Class 2 – Ollie & Archie

Class 3 – Bobby

Class 4 – Isabelle, Tyla & Lilli

Class 7 – Hannah, Sonny, Jack & Dylan

Class 8 – Jack & Leah

Class 9 – Maisie

Class 11 – Jacob & Lillie

## School Term Dates 2021 – 22

### Autumn term 2021

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

**Half term – Frid 22<sup>nd</sup> – Frid 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**

### Spring term 2022

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Half term – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Frid 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

### Summer term 2022

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Bank holiday – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Half term – Frid 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Closed for staff training – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June)

## Dates for diaries

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Sep – Roald Dahl Day 'The Twits,' with Altru Creative education – workshops Class 3 – 10. Welcome meeting via Zoom, 4:00pm – Nursery, & C10, 4:30pm – C11

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sep - Welcome meeting via Zoom, 4:00pm – C1, 4:30p- C2 & C3

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sep - Welcome meeting via Zoom, 4:00pm C4, 4:30pm C7

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Sep - Welcome meeting via Zoom, 4:00pm C8, 4:30pm – C9

Frid 24<sup>th</sup> Sep – CELLS (consequence of criminal behaviour) project Year 6

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sep – Altru Creative Ed – C4 – The Great Plague

## Welcome meetings

For the second year running, we are unable to hold Welcome Meetings in school because of COVID-19. Cases are still very high in Knowsley, and we want to ensure we protect all staff so there are no disruptions to education. Teachers will do one session via Zoom. The sessions will last no longer than 25 minutes. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to find out all about the routines in your child's class and how you can help with their education at home. Details can be found on your child's Class Dojo page.

## PE kit and Lunchtime

As last year, children will continue to come to school in their PE kits. This must be a red polo shirt and black / shorts/ sports pants/leggings. This has been hugely successful and will be a permanent feature. We have moved all children back into the dining room for hot lunches and they have been absolutely delighted. We are hoping this can continue but obviously this is dependent on low virus rates. It's great to have some normality!

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## Attendance

Our first two days of school gave us a great start of 96.3%. Well done to everyone! This year we are determined to raise attendance levels further and are working with the local authority using their new Attendance Strategy. If your child is off on more than one occasion during this half term, we will request a meeting with you and set targets for improvement. If a child's attendance causes concern and improvements are not met, we will initiate an Early Help Assessment. The Early Help Assessment will identify further support to improve attendance. Regular attendance is vital if children are to progress.