

Millbrook Newsletter



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Attendance

Attendance for the last two weeks has been 94.1% and 90.8% respectively. This is far too low. The highest class during the previous two weeks has been Sycamore with 98.1% and Willow with 96.4% Our 100% attendance £10 Amazon vouchers winners over the past two weeks have been: Bella & Lucy (EYFS) Oliver & Charlie (KS1), Louis & Joseph (KS2). Well done to these children.

Huge apologies to James who represented our school in the Y3 EFC football tournament. James played very well and was missed off the last newsletter.

Dates for diaries

Mon 5th Dec – *Rockstars Week and assembly, Bikeability begins*
 Thurs 8th Dec- Reception Elm CLC – Christmas
 Frid 9th Dec- *Christmas Dress up Day, Maple & Holly at Heaven Sent (am), Rocks Stars concert.*
 Mon 12th Dec – Hazel at KHS – Drama
 Tues 13th Dec – Reception Nativity 9:15am,
Reception Elm Nativity 2:30pm.
 Wed 14th Dec – Year 1 & 2 Nativity – 2:15pm
 Thurs 15th Dec – *Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2:15pm, Reception Pine CLC Christmas, Christmas Disco*
Infants – 4:00–5:15pm, Juniors – 5:30 – 7:00pm
 Mon 19th Dec – Y5/6 Christmas Choir visit Millview, Christmas Dinner, Talent Show 1.
 Tues 20th Dec – *Nursery Christmas Party, Y5/6 Christmas Choir visit Kirkby House, Talent Show*
 Wed 21st Dec- Nursery Christmas Nativity, Christmas Grotto at Millbrook, Christmas Parties for all classes. Party clothes! Break up 3:15pm.

Make Every Day Count

As we approach the end of a school term and 2022, pupils are being encouraged to achieve 100% school attendance when they return in the New Year. School plays a key role in children's development, both academically and socially. Pupils with poor attendance are five times less likely to achieve five GCSE pass grades and this can have a major impact on their future career and further education options. Attending school regularly provides children and young people with the absolute best start in life by ensuring they have opportunities to learn, develop, achieve, and succeed. It also provides a fantastic opportunity to socialise, meet new friends and try new things. Having a regular routine too is essential to your child's development – regular bedtime routine as well as morning routine, including attending school on time. Cllr Margaret Harvey, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said "Our school years are some of the most important years of our lives. Let's all work together to ensure our children and young people succeed and achieve their potential by making sure they make every day count by attending school regularly and achieving 100% attendance."

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following pupils who celebrate their birthdays between 4th and 14th December.



Cedar – Meda
 Cherry – Corey & Lorenzo
 Holly – Hollie
 Sycamore – Charlie & Charlie

Christmas Dress Up Day

On Friday 9th December, we will have Christmas Dress up day. Pupils can wear clothing of their choice including Christmas jumpers or Christmas decorations. A donation of at least £1 is requested to go towards the Kirkby Christmas Toy Appeal.

2023 Key Test Dates

Please note these dates and ensure your child is in school. 100% attendance from New Year is vital to their success.

Year 1 Phonic Screening – Mon 6th– Frid 10th June
 Year 2 tests – Throughout May (tests in Reading and Mathematics take pace during this month)
 Year 4 – Multiplication checks – Mon 6th June onwards
 Year 6 tests – Tues 9th May, (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, Wed 10th May, (Reading), Thurs 11th May, (Maths Paper 1 & 2), Frid 12th May (Maths Paper 3)

School Term Dates 2022 – 23

Term ends:	Wed 21 st December
	Spring term 2023
Pupils return	Wed 4 th January
Half term	Mon 13 th – Frid 17 th Feb
Pupils return:	Mon 20 th February
Term ends:	Fri 31 st March
	Summer term 2023
Pupils return	Tues 18 th April
May Day	Mon 1 st May
Kings Coronation	Mon 8 th May
Half term	Mon 29 th May– Mon 5 th Jun
Pupils return	Tues 6 th June
Term ends:	Wed 19 th July

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of Year 6 for leading *Christingle in St Chad's* for parents and children of our school. *Christingle is always a lovely event and the start of Christmas at Millbrook. It was lovely to have everyone together for the first time on three years.*

This week Sycamore visited the new Shakespeare North Theatre to watch 'A Christmas Carol.' This is the first time our school have visited this new theatre and we hope to have many more visits.

Last week I went to All Saints with several pupils from Chestnut to take part in the Kirkbyography event. It was exciting and historic event. We sang four songs both local and national and Lucas, Dolly-May and Amelia did readings to a packed audience. Well done to all the children who attended. They made me, Mr Arnold, and Mrs Williams immensely proud.

*I have put in this newsletter all key test dates for next year. It is vital that all these children are in school for the tests and checks. All schools nationally complete these at the same time and they are statutory requirements. We are trying to improve all standards at school and pupil attendance is vital if we are to do this. Please read our attendance articles carefully. The highest achievers **are always** the highest attenders. JMMaloney*

Child of the Week

Blossom – Sienna & Logan
 Elm -Bobby & Louie
 Pine – Rosie & Kiera
 Willow – Sophia & Henry
 Cedar – Max & Marnie
 Cherry – Corey & Lizzy
 Maple – Isaac & Nevaeh
 Holly – Dylan & Oliver
 Hazel – Lily-Rose & Jack
 Chestnut – Michael & Lucas
 Sycamore – Max & Faith
 Mrs Williams – Amber & Ruby
 Mrs McKuhen – Jack & All of Elm Class