

# Millbrook Junior School

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## Class Assemblies

We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume these.

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you all enjoyed a break over the Easter holiday and enjoyed a few days of lovely weather. As the weather picks up and the lockdown is further eased, we hope you will enjoy getting out a bit more over the coming months.

Please make sure that your child has accessed 'Google Classroom' at home. We will be using this online platform more and more over the next few months.

Thank you

Mrs Danielle Warren

## Captain Tom

On Friday 30th April 2021, it would have been Captain Sir Tom's 101st birthday. This remarkable man raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS by walking 100 lengths of his garden and inspired everyone with his simple message of hope – "Tomorrow will be a good day".

We will be joining in with the 'Captain Tom 100' - a challenge based around the number 100 - by collectively walking 100 laps of the school field on Friday 30th April. Each class will complete 5 laps with staff members completing the remaining 20 laps. Our Head Pupils will be in charge of proceedings and will calculate our progress throughout the day.

Donations (via Schoolcomms) would be most welcome and will go to the Captain Tom Foundation. This foundation supports charities including The



## P.A.T.H

Please remember to use PATH meetings to speak to the class teacher. (Parent/Carer and Teacher Hours) every Monday from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Telephone appointments can also be made during this time to meet with Senior Leaders of the school.

Although we are unable to meet you in person at the moment, we are always happy to speak with you on the phone. We care about your children and want to work with you to get it right.

To make an appointment with the class teacher, please phone or email the school office.

Don't forget that each class has its own email account. If you would like to email your child's class teacher, the email address is the class name followed by @millbrookjuniors.co.uk. E.g. Galileo class email address is [Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk](mailto:Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk)

If you have a complaint, please make sure you follow the school Complaints Policy which can be found on the school website.

Mix, Young Minds and Place2Be which support young people's mental health.

Thank you for helping us to honour Captain Tom and his amazing achievements.

You can find out more about the Captain Tom Foundation by [clicking here](#).

## Coronavirus Testing

If your child reports **any** symptoms of coronavirus, or demonstrates **any** symptoms of coronavirus while in school, they will be sent home and they will not be allowed to return to school until you have shared with us the results of a PCR coronavirus test or you have completed the isolation period required. Whilst we appreciate that this may cause you inconvenience, it is important we all follow this in order to keep everyone in our school community safe. You can find out more about testing [by clicking here](#).



## Parent/Carer Evening

Parent/Carer evenings will take place in the week beginning 17.05.21 and will run over two weeks. As for the last parent/Carer evening, your appointment will be conducted over the phone. More details will follow in a letter.

## Special Mentions

We love hearing about the wonderful things that our children do outside of school. Please contact us, via the school website, if you have something that you would like us to include in our newsletter.

## Wicksteed Park

You may have seen in the news over the Easter holiday, Wicksteed Park has been saying thank you to the local community by giving away exclusive Bear Hug badges from park mascot Wicky Bear.

The initiative was launched with a special badge presentation to four people, who were at the centre of fundraising, to help the park through the Covid-19 crisis.

The badges, featuring a smiling picture of Wicky Bear, will continue to be presented regularly to people nominated for things that they have done to help the park and its visitors.

Lucy E, who set up her own Just Giving page raised more than £4,000 for the park. Her badge was received on her behalf by daughter Annabelle, 11 who designed posters to help with the fundraising. Well done Annabelle and thank you for all your hard work in helping to save one of Kettering's most important leisure facilities!

## Good deeds

Over the Easter break, we received a lovely email from Paul Jackson at the Kettering Community Unit. He wanted to let us know that Charlie K (a pupil at our school) and his brother had used their own savings to purchase a trolley full of donations for the foodbank. They were overwhelmed with the generosity of the two boys, and wanted to let us know so that we could also say thank you and well done for such a generous donation. Well done!

## Message from FOMS

Thank you to all our supporters since starting the lottery in October. You have helped to raise £823.60 for our school. If you would like to buy a ticket to support our school, please follow the link. Tickets are only £1 a week. [If you would like to take part please click here.](#)



## Easter Raffle

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter raffle and congratulations to all our winners.

1st prize: £50 M&S voucher – David M

2nd prize: Morrisons hamper – Kayla M

3rd prize: Sainsbury hamper – Imogen S

With all your support, we managed to raise an amazing £585!

## Amazon

Did you know that you can raise funds for FOMS through Amazon, at no extra cost to you? [please click here to find out more and sign up to Amazon Smiles.](#)



## Lateral Flow Testing

[To find out more about rapid coronavirus testing click here.](#)

From the 9<sup>th</sup> April, everyone in England has been able to access free, regular, rapid coronavirus testing. You can do this in one of the following ways:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online
- community testing, offered by all local authorities

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone aged 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

[Click here to find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

**Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods.** This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Click here to order rapid lateral flow home test kits.](#)

## What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to do the following:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
- Report your test result online or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and adhere to the following guidelines:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. This does not, however, guarantee that you do not have coronavirus so you should keep following all coronavirus advice which includes the following:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

## Important Reminder – Symptoms and Testing

In order to ensure that the school remains the safest possible environment for the children and staff, and that the risk of transmission is reduced, we all need to ensure that we follow the latest government guidance. We all need to help to decrease the disruption that the virus causes to education through the closure of bubbles.

It is really important that we all keep up to date with the latest guidance and that you do not send your child into school when they should be isolating. **You must self-isolate immediately if any of the following apply:**

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you have tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- **you live with someone who has symptoms or who has tested positive**
- **someone in your support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive**

- you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK: [how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK](#)

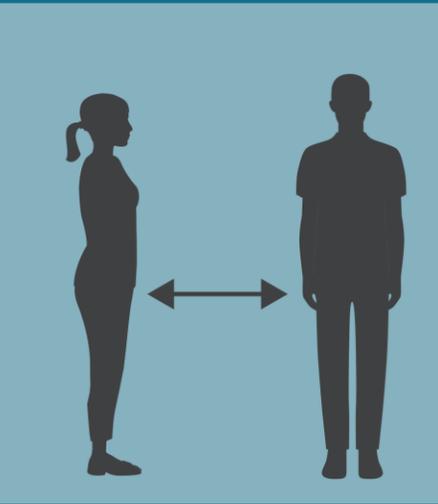
If anyone in your household or support bubble has any symptoms of Coronavirus, the **whole household must self-isolate** and the person who has the symptoms **must** get a test. **Please do not send your child into school if anyone in your household has symptoms. If you are not sure, ring us and we can advise you accordingly.**

## Regular notes:

**Attendance:** Please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise holiday in term times. Leave of Absence forms should be completed. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority which may result in a fine and court action. Please refer to the school attendance policy which is available from the school office and on the school website. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education.

**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our school, or you wish to discuss aspects of safeguarding, please speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Alternatively contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 126 1000.

## Coronavirus: What you need to do

		
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