

# 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

As we reach the end of a very eventful week, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support. As you know, we were fully prepared to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and the 8pm announcement on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January took us all by surprise. We are looking forward to continuing to support your children whether in person, or remotely.

Mrs Danielle Warren

## Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

Although the school is closed to most children, it does remain open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Places have now been confirmed and you will have been notified. All key worker and vulnerable children must attend school full time. There is no part-time provision. We have been inundated with applications for places and the majority of classes are now at full capacity. If there are any further applications, we will need to review the current provision for key worker places and refine the criteria for admission. This may result in some key worker children being unable to attend school. However, we hope to avoid this as long as the current numbers do not increase.

## Children Attending School

Please remember that because it is important for us to keep classrooms well ventilated, windows will be open. This means that the temperature indoors is much lower than normal. Please make sure your child is wearing layers; they are allowed to wear a coat inside.

If your child becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you must keep your child at home. If they exhibit any of these symptoms in school, they will be sent home and you will be advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus

## 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, 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.

(COVID-19) infection. This sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

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.

Please also remember that if your child has been in contact with somebody who has tested positive, they will not be able to return to school unless they have completed their isolation period.

## Remote Learning

The remote learning tasks and resources have been put on the website with the class pages. Remote learning books are being delivered to you. If you have not received your book by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, please ring Emma Nutt in the office. Bear in mind that these books were set up before Christmas and before the announcement of the closure of all schools. Although the guidance set out in the letters in these books now no longer applies, the class timetable does still apply. Power Maths Practice Books A & B will also be delivered.

Each term, we have improved our remote learning offer and we will continue to do so. The activities, that you have been sent, closely match the activities the children are completing in school. We will be trialling teacher led zoom sessions to further enhance this offer and we would encourage as many children as possible to participate in these. This will build up over the coming weeks but please bear with us whilst we iron out any technical difficulties. Details of the zoom sessions will be emailed out to you today.

We realise this will be a very anxious time for families as you now try to balance work with having to home school your child. You may have more than one child at home trying to access learning with a limited number of devices or even no devices at all. Please know that we are very aware of the pressures on you all at the moment and we will do everything we can to help.

We understand that many of you are not trained teachers and have limited time available to support your child. Please try to complete as many tasks as possible. Home circumstances vary and children's learning styles are all different. If you or your child is finding it difficult or prefer to learn in a different way, the [BBC](#) and [Oak Academy](#) have some excellent resources and you could complete some of these activities instead. We still subscribe to My Maths and all the children have a login for the site. Remember that we have lots of online learning resources for you to access and links to these can be found on our weblinks ([learning links](#)) page on the website. If you need any extra help, please contact your class teacher who will be able to help and direct you to some alternative tasks if necessary. Please bear in mind that teachers are teaching during the day and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

## Oundle Festival of Literature

Don't forget that the closing date for receipt of competition entries is the 22nd January 2021.

Shortlisted writers will be invited to an awards presentation on Saturday 6th March.

## Messages from FOMS

### School Lottery

[Click here](#) If you would like to enter our school lottery draw. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It is a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

### Amazon

Did you know that you can raise funds for FOMS through Amazon, at no extra cost to yourself. All you need to do is [click this link](#) to sign up to Amazon Smiles.

### Regular notes:

**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.*

**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. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education.*

