

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 10th December 2018



Key Assessment tasks

Your child will bring home their 'Key Assessment task' on Friday 14th December. These tasks are part of our plans to improve our profiling and reporting procedures and I am issuing a separate letter about this today which gives more information.

Please make comments on the Key Assessment task as indicated and return to school by Wednesday 19th December.

Adverse weather

At this time of year we remind parents/carers of Adverse weather arrangements. Full guidance is attached and is also available on the school web-site.

The information line number is 0800 564 2272 and Millbank's pin code is 042610.

Updated information on school closures is available on the Council web-site and local radio stations.

Lateness

We are concerned about the number of pupils who arrive late in the mornings. During these dark winter months it's important that morning routines are established so that pupils do not miss out on their learning and class routines are not disrupted.

Christmas Parties

As in previous years we ask for a £1 contribution towards the cost of refreshments for your child's Christmas party. If your child has special dietary requirements then please supply their party food in a clearly labelled and sealed box/bag.

Recipe Books

Millbank Recipe books are now being sold in aid of school funds. There is a great variety of recipes in the book and they would make an ideal Christmas present. Books cost £5 and can be purchased from the school office or by sending money in a clearly marked envelope to school.

Children's raffle

As many of you will know we traditionally organise a raffle during our Christmas Shows to raise money for the P7 residential trip. Since we are not having Christmas Shows this year we are organising a children's raffle instead and this will be drawn on the afternoon of the 20th December. Tickets will go on sale at break times from Wednesday 12th December - 20p per ticket/£1 per strip.

After school clubs

Most clubs run by Highlife Highland and our own school staff and volunteers have now finished for the term.

The exceptions are Knitting club which finishes on Tuesday 11th and Gardening club which finishes on Thursday 13th.

School Christmas lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 13th December. Canteen staff would appreciate having an idea of the numbers to cater for so we would be really grateful if the attached slip could be completed and returned as soon as possible - we are happy to accept these slips by email or as a paper copy returned to the school.

My child/ren will be having a Christmas lunch on Thursday 13th December.

Name _____ Class _____

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Dates for your diary



Thurs 13 th December	School Christmas lunch in the canteen.
Fri 14 th December	P7 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Mon 17 th December	P6 party from 11.00 - 12.30
Mon 17 th December	P3 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Tues 18 th December	P5 party from 11.00 - 12.30
Tues 18 th December	P2 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Wed 19 th December	ELC party from 09.30-11.00
Wed 19 th December	P4 party from 11.00 - 12.30
Wed 19 th December	P1 party from 1.30 - 3.00
Thurs 20 th December	Church service at 10 am in St Ninian's church.
Fri 21 st December	School closes at 3 pm for the Christmas holidays
Mon 7 th January	School re-opens for the new term.

Online shopping - a message from Parent Council

A very easy way to boost school funds - at no additional cost to yourself - is to do your online shopping via the following website www.easyfundraising.co.uk/causes/millbankpsnairn

Website: www.millbankprimaryschool.co.uk

Tel: 01667 452240

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CARE AND LEARNING SERVICE - GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL DURING ADVERSE WEATHER

It is the responsibility of parents or carers to decide if a pupil should attempt to travel to school, by transport or on foot, in adverse weather conditions. The Council encourages full attendance at school but in severe weather conditions the safety of pupils is much more important. Parents and pupils are often concerned that important examinations may be missed, but this should not over-ride good judgement. Schools normally make alternative arrangements for missed examinations.

The school updates its procedures for adverse weather closure annually, therefore

- **parents** should advise schools of an alternative address, as close as possible to the school, which may be used by their children in emergencies
- **the school** will advise parents of normal local arrangements for school transport and any special arrangements in the event of adverse weather
- **the school** will establish a system of communication with parents and local transport operators and ensure that parents are fully informed of any revised arrangements. A telephone service is offered to provide parents with up-to-date information. Parents may call **0800 564 2272** to access your schools' information. Please note, you will need the unique pin number for your school which is available from your school or Highland Council website. http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/4653/telephone_pins_for_checking_if_a_school_is_closed
MILLBANK'S PIN NUMBER IS 042610

The Highland Council Website, Facebook and Twitter -

- The Council's **website** <http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures> will be updated with information for individual schools
- The Council's **Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/highlandcouncil> will show updated posts on the latest news of school closures and weather related problems
- The Council's **Twitter** page at <https://twitter.com/HighlandCouncil> will list Tweets of the latest news of school closures and weather related problems

When weather conditions are poor Local radio stations issue news and weather bulletins on traffic conditions and school closures. Transmissions may not cover all households and may be subject to re-scheduling but should be helpful. Parents are advised to remain "tuned in" to ongoing road weather, or school information updates.

Broadcast times

BBC Radio Highland: 6.30 am, 7.30 am, 12.30 pm, 4.30 pm.

In extreme conditions, Radio Highland will interrupt Radio Scotland transmissions (usually on the hour), to carry emergency bulletins.

Nevis Radio will carry bulletins at roughly ten minute intervals between 7.00 am and 8.00 am.

Lochbroom FM will carry bulletins at quarter-hour intervals between 7.15 am and 8.45 am.

Moray Firth Radio www.mfr.co.uk

Local news on the hour 6am - 6pm carries local information on weather, roads and conditions affecting schools. In severe conditions normal programmes will be interrupted more frequently to carry emergency bulletins.

Please do not telephone local Radio for advice but listen to appropriate broadcasts.

For pupils using school transport

- Parents should note that the final decision on whether it is safe to operate rests with the driver of the school transport vehicle. Therefore there may be occasions on which a school is open but some routes, or parts of routes, are unable to operate
- Parents should advise their children on how long they should wait at the pick up point for their transport. This will depend on the prevailing weather conditions and the availability of shelter at the pick-up point. During adverse weather conditions no pupil is expected to wait longer than twenty minutes past the normal "pick-up" time
- Morning journeys may be delayed by an hour if road conditions are unsafe at the normal journey time but have improved within the hour. Before pupils return to a pick up point parents should check the schools telephone information line for updated messages from their schools Head teacher. Please note that for some routes the transport operator may contact the parent directly
- Drivers are advised not to drop off children where there is a risk that they may not safely reach home or other place of shelter. This may involve children being taken to an alternative place of safety, agreed in consultation with the school
- Where parents are concerned about weather conditions at "drop-off" points, they should contact the school as early as possible.

Please note: when weather conditions are poor, parents should ensure that children are met at the "drop-off" point, especially where public service transport is used.

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