

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 1st July 2019



Staffing news

At the end of this session we say farewell to several staff members.

Mrs Ann Forsyth is retiring after teaching in Millbank for more than 28 years, mainly in Additional Needs classes. She taught in the Base for many years and then transferred to the Haven when it opened in October 2014. She has been a tremendous support to pupils, families and staff. Her kind, calm and patient nature has been of great benefit to us all and her many years of experience and great expertise in ASN have been a great asset to Millbank. We wish Ann all the very best in her retirement.

Mrs Corinne MacLaren is retiring having been an Additional Support Needs teacher at Millbank for over 2 years. Pupils have benefited from her kind and supportive nature and she has been a valued member of our ASN team. We wish Corinne a happy and healthy retirement.

Ms Sarah Young has been teaching P6 this year and pupils have greatly benefited from her enthusiasm, commitment and support. In addition to her teaching commitments she also set up the netball club, assisted with the junior cross country club and was a teacher rep on the Pupil Council. Sarah is taking up a position in Aberdeenshire; we very much appreciate all she has done at Millbank and we hope she will be very happy in her new school.

Ms Kathleen Navarro de Paz has been teaching P2 since December and was previously the supply teacher working across Nairnshire. Kathleen is leaving to take up a position at Cawdor primary; we thank her for all her hard work at Millbank and wish her every success in her new post.

Mrs Frances Sinclair has been teaching in our Haven for over a year and is now moving on to other schools as Additional Support Needs teacher. We appreciate all Frances' hard work supporting pupils in the Haven and we wish her all the best in her new position.

Classes for next year

Unfortunately I am still awaiting confirmation from Highland Council regarding our staffing allocation for next year. I very much hope that we will have news early this week so that I can let pupils, staff and parents know the arrangements for next session. I do fully appreciate how very unsettling this is for everyone.

RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association)

Many thanks for your support of the Dress Down day in aid of RDA on Friday 28th June - £152 was raised for this worthwhile charity.

Mary's Meals

You may remember that last session Mary's Meals (a charity which provides meals to some of the world's poorest children every day they attend school) asked us for unwanted school bags/back-packs. These bags are filled with clothing and equipment to enable children to attend school. If you are planning to replace your child's school bag over the summer and are willing to donate your old one please leave it on your child's peg and we will collect them and pass them on.

School lunches

Canteen staff will provide a sandwich lunch, for those pupils in receipt of free school meals, on the last day of term - Thursday 4th July. If you would like your child to receive a lunch on this day please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

I would like my child/ren to receive a sandwich lunch on Thursday 4 th July.	
Name of child	class

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 3 rd July	End of term service and prize-giving at 10 am in St Ninian's church
Thursday 4 th July	P7 Leavers' assembly at 9.30 am
Thursday 4 th July	School closes at 12 pm for the summer holidays
Monday 19 th August	In-service training day for staff
Tuesday 20 th August	School re-opens at 9 am for the new session.

Thank you

This has been a very busy and successful session at Millbank. The long awaited refurbishments to ASN classrooms and to pupil toilets were very much appreciated and the huge amount of work done to improve our school grounds has been of great benefit to pupils and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued support of our school and to thank all staff members for their hard work and commitment in making Millbank a happy, inclusive and successful school.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful summer holiday. 

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