

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

If you believe you can achieve

Monday 10th January 2022



Good morning, I hope you had a good weekend.

Return to school

The return to school last week went very well and it was good to have all classes open again. As I'm sure you will know the virus continues to present significant challenges across all sectors of society and the month of January is expected to be very difficult in terms of rising case numbers and the impact of self-isolation on staffing levels. We will continue to strive to keep our school open while ensuring we safeguard the health & wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

We are very fortunate in having a dedicated team of cleaners who keep our school clean throughout the day and all staff follow the guidance around hygiene, ventilation and distancing. Please continue to –

- ✔ Maintain a safe distance from other families in the playground.
- ✔ Always wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting pupils.
- ✔ Look out for symptoms at home and follow Test and Protect guidance if anyone shows any signs of COVID.
- ✔ Encourage regular handwashing.
- ✔ Ensure pupils have warm clothing – we recognise the many benefits of outdoor play and learning and will spend time outdoors in all weathers. With classroom windows open all the time it's useful for pupils to have an extra layer for indoor use as well.

Staffing

On Friday we will say goodbye to Holly Cameron, a PSA working in Rainbow & Sparkle classes. Holly has been at Millbank for 4 years and has been a much valued member of our ASN team. Her kind, patient, friendly nature and commitment to her work have been very much appreciated by the pupils, their families and her colleagues. We wish Holly all the very best in her new job.

After school clubs

We are advised to minimise our contacts and so we have decided to suspend all after school clubs until later in the year.

Dates for your diary

Monday 21 st February	Mid-term holiday, school closed to pupils and staff
Tuesday 22 nd February	Mid-term holiday, school closed to pupils and staff
Wednesday 23 rd February	In-service day, school closed to pupils
Friday 1 st April	School closes at 3 pm for the Easter holidays
TUESDAY 19 th April	School re-opens for the new term.

Best wishes,

Mrs McPherson