



# Millbrook Primary School

School Lane, Grove, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 7LB



11th September 2017

## Fitzwaryn/Millbrook Integrated Nursery Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Nursery!

The children are settling in well and are already taking part in a wide range of activities. We enjoyed meeting all the children with their parents at the beginning of this term and feel it has helped the children to settle more quickly. We do appreciate that it is difficult to leave your child if he/she appears upset. However, in our experience they do settle quickly. It is in your child's best interest not to prolong saying goodbye but to hand them over to their Key Person and leave promptly at the start of the session.

Here is some useful information to start the year!

### Normal Session Times

Morning session 8.30 am or 8.50am to 11.30am  
Afternoon session 12.15pm or 12.45pm to 3.15pm  
All day session 8.30am-3.15pm

Please make sure a member of staff has been told if someone else is collecting your child and that the person collecting knows your child's password.

It is also helpful if you can try to be punctual at the beginning and end of sessions. Your child may feel anxious, if they are either the last to arrive or the last to leave.

### Passwords and 'all about me' books

Please can you return the 'all about me' books, as soon as possible, so that we can find out your passwords. To go along with your passwords, we would like to have a photograph of anyone that may pick up your child.

Please write the name of the adult and the children they will pick up, on the back of the book.

If an adult arrives to pick up a child, we don't recognise them, have a picture of them or they don't know the password, then that child will not be able to go with them. If this situation happens Mrs Ratcliffe or Mrs Youngman will be informed.

I appreciate your patience when picking up your child, whilst the Staff are becoming familiar with the adults, who are picking up the children.

Thank you for your help.

### Nursery Fund

From time to time the children will be taking part in cooking, gardening, play dough and other special activities. We would be very grateful for a voluntary contribution of £1 per term (we have 6 terms) to pay for consumable items such as ingredients for cooking, play dough and special art activities for this term.

### Birthdays

As both Fitzwaryn and Millbrook Schools are part of the Healthy Schools Initiative we would like to suggest that when your child is celebrating his/her birthday they may like to buy a book to present to Nursery as part

of their birthday celebration instead of bringing sweets. We will put a special book label on the outside of the book, to show that your child has given the book to the class on their birthday. We are happy to provide a list of suitable books. It will also help us to replace torn or worn books in Nursery. Thank you.

#### Going Outside and Spare Clothes!

We would like the children to have a pair of named wellies (to be kept at school) and if possible a coat with a hood as we will be going outside every day in all weather! They may also need a sun hat and suntan lotion applied before they come to school (as staff are unable to apply suntan lotion).

It would be very useful if your child could bring a named **drawstring bag** with a change of clothes in for emergencies!

Please also label your child's sweatshirts, coats and shoes clearly.

#### Snack Time

All the children are provided with a drink of milk or water and a piece of fruit everyday. If your child has any food allergies, please inform the staff.

#### School telephone

If you have an urgent message that you would like us to know about before the end of a session. Please could you phone the school office number (01235 764822), as we don't always hear the phone or are busy with the children.

#### Parent/ Teacher Consultations

Parent consultations will take place in the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. Further information will follow shortly. We do operate an 'open door policy' and Nursery Staff are usually available after sessions to discuss any concerns or to give advice, so please let us know if you would like a chat.

Please find attached some information about the activities the children will be taking part in this term. If you have any questions please ask!

#### Boxes of tissues

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of a box of tissues, to help us stop the spread of any viruses.

#### Our Topic

This term our topic is entitled 'Under the Sea'. If you have visited any aquarium or sea world centre over the holidays and would like to share any pictures or experiences with us, we would love to see or hear them. You may be an expert in sea life or know some information or facts about sea animals that you could share with us.

#### Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October- Library visit for rhyme time.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October -End of Term

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October -Start of Term

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November- parents are invited to come into the Nursery to make rockets with their child. More information to follow.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Marion Betts- Millbrook Teacher

Mrs Jo Rudzinska - Early Year support worker

Mrs Katheryn Houldey-Early Year support worker

Mrs Laura Gale -Teaching Assistant