



MILLBROOK NEWS



December 2017 - No.6

Our Value for December is: Happiness

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents

What a happy week it has been! So many random acts of kindness are being seen around school, we are sharing wonderful Christmas dinners and loving the fabulous Christmas plays from F1 and Y1 – I love my job!

Thank you all so much for bearing with us over the two snowy days. I have to confess that making that decision is possibly the worst part of my job! It is a responsibility that I take very seriously and I always put the safety of pupils and staff first. But missing a day of school is never ideal – there is always so much learning to be done, even this late in the term, and we were delighted to be open on a beautifully sunny, if chilly, Tuesday. Thank you one and all for making such an effort to get in.



It was a real pleasure to accompany some Vale Academy Trust singers to switch on the County Council Christmas tree lights – we were invited by our good friend Zoe Patrick, who is the current chairperson of the council. Dieza, Eliza and Georgia sang beautifully and were excellent advocates for the school and the trust.

As this is our last newsletter of 2017 I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you find some peace in the busyness of Christmas and that this family time is joyful for you all. We look forward to seeing you all, raring to go, in 2018.

Merry Christmas!

Jane Ratcliffe

School Christmas Post

Our school Christmas post box will be in position until Monday 18 December. Any cards put into the box after this day may not get delivered. Thank you to Year 6 and JLT for delivering all the cards.

School Dinners

Please remember to book your school dinners for next Monday 18 December on ParentPay by midnight tonight. There will be no meals served on Tuesday 19 December as we finish at 12.30pm. For the first week next term you will need to book on ParentPay by midnight on 28 December. Don't worry if in all Christmas festivities you forget to do this – please either email the school office on office@millbrook.vale-academy.org or come into the office to fill out a form.

Community Carols

The Grove churches have organised a community carol event around Grove on Friday 22 December from 6.00 to 8.00 pm starting and finishing in Millbrook School car park. There will be a carol singing procession with Wantage Silver Band, lanterns and a donkey. This is a free event with refreshments back at Old Mill Hall. Flyers with more information are being sent home today.

Very Important Pupils (VIPs)



VIPs – 27 November 2017

Amber R & Jamie B - 1M; Abigail R & Summer M - 1G; Sophie M & Ava C - 2D
Logen D & Leo H - 2T; Yasmin S & Jack L - 3EB; Luke S & Ava W - 3MB; Junior S &
Laura C - 4C; Peter R & Eva P - 4P; Arthur M & Ella W - 5PC; Ky W & Hollie G - 5B;
Bethany G & Charlie S - 6J; Ella S & Evie M-H - 6L

VIPs – 4 December 2017

Abbie H & Tommie V – 1G; Harry R & Sophie B – 1M; Ruby P & Ellie-Brooke M – 2T; Ethan J &
Haydn W – 2D; Peter H & Romaeo B – 3EB; Archie B & Macy B – 3MB; Morgan S & Oliver W – 4C;
Riley E & Lucy W – 4P; Macie Z & Joshua G – 5PC; Leah S & Dylan M – 5B; Louis J & James D –
6L; Jake V & Grace G – 6J

Due to the snow day we have not been able to appoint any VIPs this week. Our next VIPs will be named in January.

Christmas Holiday Childcare

Karibuni is open at Hanney Primary School from Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 December and on Wednesday 3 January. We provide OFSTED registered childcare for children of primary school age. A hot lunch is included, as are healthy morning and afternoon snacks. To book contact Ruth on 07948 293034 or bookings@karibuni.cc.

Full Circle

Millbrook Primary School first welcomed the Full Circle programme in 2003. The programme was developed to bring different generations together; to share time and make friends in order to build stronger communities. The programme unites people over the age of 50 with school children during a lunchtime craft session each Wednesday from 12.00 to 1.00pm during term time.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our friendly group, please contact the school office or Lydia Davison, Home School Link Worker.

Term Dates

A reminder that Term 2 finishes on **Tuesday 19 December at 12.30 pm.** No school meals will be served on this day. *Please be aware that this is different to King Alfred's Academy. Due to moving from 3 to 2 sites over the break they are breaking up earlier on Friday 15 December.*

Term 3 starts after the Christmas break on **Thursday 4 January 2018 at 8.50 am.**



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Xmas Post

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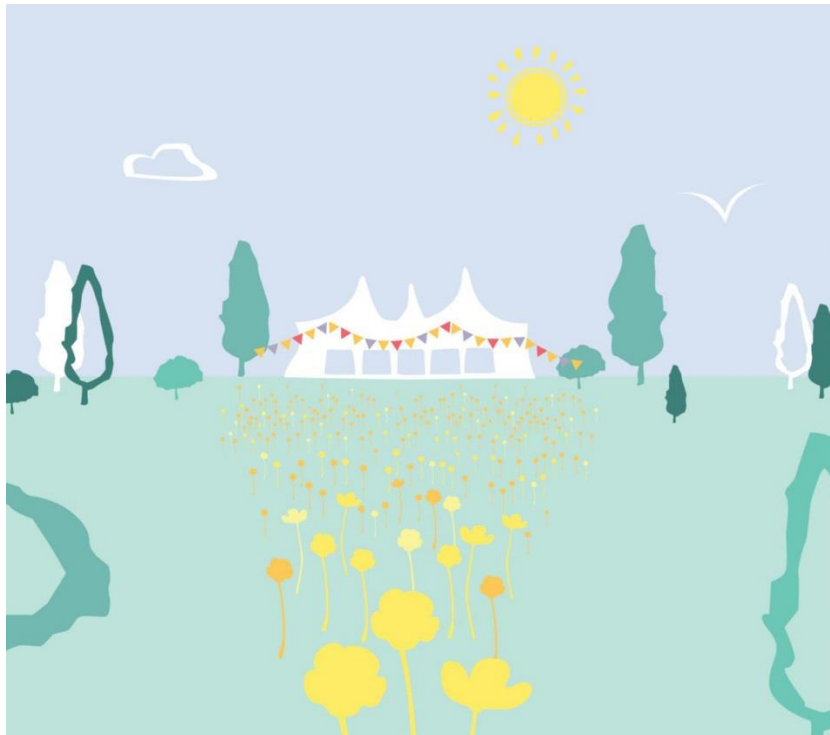
Post boxes will be in position from
**12pm Saturday December 2nd to
2pm Wednesday December 20th**

Cards will be delivered to
WANTAGE & GROVE ONLY

Postage costs 30p per card and should be deposited into
the post boxes along with the cards. We aim to deliver as
soon as possible but we may not be as quick as Royal Mail
All post will be delivered by Christmas Eve.

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