

# Millfields Mag

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## First day of school

Welcome back to everyone in the Millfields community -pupils, children and staff. And a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children and parents, and other new starters throughout the school. I hope you have had a good break, and enjoyed time with friends and family.

Welcome also, to all our new staff, Kate, Joy, Celeste and Alice -teachers, Penny and Judyann - trainee teachers, and -support staff -Steve, Tassadit, Katarzyna, Isabelle, Victoria, Adele and Sham. Congratulations to Assistant Head -Vicky who gave birth to a lovely baby boy, Samuel on 14th August.

I hope that your child is reporting that they are happy and settled in their new classes with their new teachers. If there are any issues please speak to the class teacher in the first instance or catch me at the school gates in the morning or at the end of the day. Or speak to one of us at the 'Welcome meetings 'next week. The dates and times are on the website, and in this Mag.

The Year Group welcome meetings are an opportunity for you to meet your child/ren's new teacher and find out what they will be learning in school and how you can support them at home. There will also be a Curriculum Booklet sent home at the end of next week.

Thank you to all of you - parents and carers for making such a great effort with school uniform. All of the children are looking rested and refreshed, and extremely smart in their new uniforms. A reminder letter about school uniform with a few amendments went out yesterday. Please make sure that children are wearing dark-coloured, sensible shoes, and no tops with hoods please. In welcome back assemblies, we talked about the year ahead, and encouraged the children to set their own goals for this year. The children all showed that they were eager to move on to the next stage of their learning by sharing that they, 'want to get better at spelling', 'make my handwriting better', 'try harder in science lessons', 'be a good helper to my friends', 'make friends with new children in my class' and 'try my best at all times' -just a few of the comments that were made. At the end of last term, we asked all the children to think about future hopes, dreams and aspirations, which they wrote this down during Transition Day. Each child's thought will be part of our 'Aspirations Tree' that will be ready in the main foyer very soon.

All the classes from Years 1-6 have been busy already, learning about the UK city that their class is named after, as well as creating their own Class Charter based on the rights of the child that we advocate as a Rights Respecting School. The children have also taken part in an class activity to launch their new topic -some have been on treasure hunts in and out of the school, taken part in archaeological digs in class, and Y5 even met a real Viking!

Please remember to look for information on the school noticeboards, the school website, via text or email, as well as on the Millfields Mag. If you have not let the office know your email address or you have changed your mobile phone number please let them know asap.

I hope you have a good weekend. Best Wishes, Jane

## Important Dates

### Tues 8th September

3pm Yr 1 welcome meeting  
Secondary school's fair

### Weds 9th September

3pm Yr 2 welcome meeting

### Thurs 10th September

3pm Yr 3 welcome meeting

### Fri 11th September

3pm Yr 4 welcome meeting

### Mon 14th September

3pm Yr 5 welcome meeting  
Clubs start this week

### Tues 15th September

3pm Yr 6 welcome meeting

### Weds 18th November

Parents Evening

For children in  
Nursery and  
Years 3-6 dinner  
cost the following:

**Dinners**

£1.85 daily, £9.25 Weekly ,  
£70.30 Half term 1 or £133.20  
for whole Autumn Term. Thanks.

## PSA After-school Tuck Shops

Autumn 2015

We would like to continue with our weekly tuck shops this year. Last year they were very well supported and raised substantial funds for the PSA playground fund. We will need people to volunteer time to run the stall on the day and will need lots of donations of food on the day. Just take your food to the office on the day of your stall.

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 11th Sept	Derby	Friday 6th Nov	York
Friday 18th Sept	Leeds	Friday 13th Nov	Birmingham
Friday 25th Sept	Nottingham	Friday 20th Nov	Portsmouth
Friday 2nd Oct	Year 5	Friday 27th Nov	Winchester
Friday 9th Oct	Year 6	Friday 4th Dec	Manchester (Xmas Fair)
Friday 16th Oct	Liverpool	Friday 11th Dec	Sheffield
Friday 23rd Oct	Manchester		
<b>HALF TERM</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	

**Clubs** Please note that only breakfast club, play club and early years play club will run from the 2nd -11th September. All other clubs will begin the week of 14th September to enable new members to sign up.

To avoid disappointment please make sure you have paid any monies owing before this date as no child with outstanding debt will be accepted for a new club until it is paid.

This terms clubs list is available in the main office or the web-

## SHARING ASSEMBLIES - Autumn Term 2015

Date(Fridays)	EY and KS1(Bottom Hall @ 9.10am)		LKS2 and UKS2 (Top Hall @ 9.10am)	
18.9.15		Manchester Class (Ashraf)		Dundee Class (Alex)
25.9.15			Oxford Class (Dorothy)	
2.10.15	<b>Maths Week - No sharing assemblies</b>			
9.10.15	Belfast Class (Teague)		Canterbury Class (Abigail)	
16.10.15		Nottingham Class (Esme)		Swansea Class (Lloyd)
23.10.15	Edinburgh Class (Rana)		Birmingham Class (Naomi)	
<b>HALF TERM</b>				
6.11.15		York Class (Sevilay)		Glasgow Class (Celeste)
13.11.15	<b>Work Week—No Sharing assemblies</b>			
20.11.15		Derby Class (Wayne)		Bristol Class (Kingsley)
27.11.15	Cardiff Class (Joy)		Sheffield Class (Kate)	
4.12.15		Liverpool Class (Emma)		Newcastle Class (Mehmet)
11.12.15	South London Class (Saska)		Winchester Class (Matthew)	
18.12.14	<b>WINTER CONCERTS AND NATIVITY</b>			

I know lots of you have been asking if all went well for Vicky, and I am pleased to announce that she gave birth to a



lovely baby boy, Samuel Paul, on 14th August 2015. I have passed on all your congratulations, and she will be in school soon -possibly next week at the beginning of the day to show him off! As you can imagine, she has effortlessly taken to motherhood, and is already missing us all!

Congratulations Vicky!

### Secondary School Transfer 2016 - 17

All year 6 pupils received a leaflet regarding Secondary School transfer today. Please read this carefully as there are some open days and events next week. You will receive a book very soon with all the details required to make your application. This is available online already if you go to the Hackney Learning Trust site and follow the links to admissions.

All applications need to be made online. We have set aside 2 days for you to see Chris if you need support making your application. Please note that this is only if you need computer access or help understanding the form, we can not advise about your choice of school. Once we have received the booklets you will receive a letter with more details regarding this.

All applications must be submitted by **Friday 23rd October**. If you submit your application late your child may not be given a school place in September or may be offered one at a school anywhere in Hackney regardless of your preferences.

### Lateness and Attendance procedures

If your child should arrive at school late (after the 9am bell) they must be marked in at the late gate. This ensures that they are marked into the register and we know they are here in case of evacuation etc. The late gate is through the door near the bottom hall. Please do not enter through the school office unless very late as your child may not be marked present. **Please note:** that no parent/carer may enter the school due to safeguarding procedures. Children will need to make their own way from the late gate to their classrooms.

If your child is unable to attend school please ensure you leave a message on the school attendance line by 8:30am on the first day of absence. This is a 24 hour message service. Please clearly state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence. We operate a first day of absence calling system whereby if your child is absent and it hasn't been explained we will call you to ask for an explanation.

It is our duty as a school to ensure good attendance of all pupils. Any children whose attendance or punctuality is of concern will be referred to the Hackney Learning Trust Attendance officer for further support. Our attendance has always been very good and we would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually.