



5 April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We have enjoyed a busy term in school and everyone is looking forward to the Easter break. The Daily Mile track continues to be a big hit with all of our children and staff alike – but I still haven't seen many parents on it. Remember, 6 times round and you've done your mile! We have also had a new path installed leading to the willow circle which has been properly maintained this year – so it should become a real feature that the children can enjoy all year round.

Following on from a discussion with parents at the recent Coffee and Catch Up, we are changing the report format. This means that there will be no interim, mini report at the end of this Spring Term. Parents will receive the End of School Year report in July, as normal. There will be a new style interim report for the Autumn and Spring Terms introduced from September 2019.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

Reception

In Reception we had a mystery box in our classroom. We worked out it was a living thing, as there were breathing holes on the top and also that it was small and delicate, due to the size of the box and the word 'fragile' on the side.

"We worked out that it was an animal that had 4 legs." - Eleanor.

"We also found out it lived on land, ate lettuce and had a very strong mouth." - Ben.

"When we opened the box there was a tortoise called Cooper inside." – Jax.

"We fed him strawberries and cleaned his shell using toothbrushes." - Genevieve.

"Cooper needed lots of water and a heat lamp to keep him warm as he is used to living in warm places." - Isaac.

We looked after Cooper for the day and made fact-files about tortoises in our topic work.

YEAR 6

Year Six have been working very hard in preparation for their upcoming SATS. Not only have they been attending an afterschool club, they have also worked with their SAT mentors during lunchtime. True dedication. Keep it up - we are nearly there! A big thank you to the teachers and TA's for helping the pupils. Every little helps.

ROBINWOOD

This term Year 6 have attended their residential trip to Robin Wood. They have experienced an array of fantastic activities ranging from caving and bouldering to The Trapeze. Working on problem solving skills and resilience meant that being an effective team was crucial! A thoroughly enjoyable trip!

SPORTS NEWS

The Y3/4 Handball team won their tournament at Dean Trust Wigan. They played a series of games that were scored on sportsmanship, fair play and respect. There were 12 teams in the competition and our team were deemed the most respectful. We are very proud of how our children behave out of school on sports competitions.

POTENTIAL EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS: THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2019

We have received confirmation from Wigan Council that school will be required to make preparations for an additional Polling Day if the UK is still a member of the EU after 12th April 2019. If these Elections go ahead, school will be closed on Thursday 23rd May. We would just like to give families advance notice of this possibility to allow childcare arrangements to be made.

We wish you all a lovely Easter break.

Yours sincerely

C. Stevens

Mrs C. Stevens

Headteacher

P.T.O. for Diary Dates

Millbrook Diary Dates

Please be aware, dates can change – usually due to something beyond our control and we apologise in advance if this causes any inconvenience.

5th April : Last day of term

23rd April : Return to school for the first day of Summer Term

23 April : WACT Sports with all classes for 10 weeks

23rd April : After School Tennis Club starts with WACT (Tuesdays for 5 weeks)

24th April : KS2 After School Art Workshops (Wednesdays for 6 weeks)

1st May : Music Festival at Shevington Vale

2nd May : Polling Day SCHOOL CLOSED

6th May : MAY BANK HOLIDAY

14th May : Y3 Martin Mere Trip

23rd May : *POTENTIAL EUROPEAN ELECTION POLLING DAY – to be confirmed*

27th May to Friday 31st May HALF TERM BREAK

7th June : Sports Day (Juniors & Pre School AM + Infants PM)

12th June : New Intake meeting at 6 pm (for parents of children starting in Reception Sep 2019)

22nd June : FOM Summer Fayre

25th June : Y6 Transition Day at Shevington High