



## January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to this new academic term and a happy new year to those of you I haven't spoken to yet. We hope you all had a great break and that the children are well rested and ready for an exciting term.

I am excited to continue leading Millbank as Acting Headteacher this term with the help of an incredible staff team. We are very happy to welcome back some familiar faces with Miss Arkam, Mr Adom and Miss Hayward all back this term along with Miss Kremer and Mrs Davidian who returned at the end of last term, they have been missed!

There have been some exciting changes already this year with the introduction of our soft start to the school day. Already the start of the day is much calmer and children are engaging in productive morning activities to support their learning.

I am very excited for the annual Y5 Outward Bound residential at the end of this month. This year we are going to a new location, Aberdovey in Wales. I have been for the last three years and it is always a privilege to see our pupils face and overcome challenges and fears through taking themselves out of their comfort zones.

This month also sees the start of our 'I can be' trips which is designed to show young girls the career choices open to them through visit inspiring women at work. Miss staff and ten Year 3 girls will visit a range of workplaces, this year including Monzo and the Dominican Republic Embassy.

Finally, the academic dates for next year have been published and will be available on the website soon. A copy has also been placed into the office window and notice boards.

Best wishes,

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**Acting Head teacher**



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## **Soft start- new beginning of the day routine**

Millbank Academy is pleased to be introducing a 'soft start' to the school day. This means that pupils go straight to their classrooms from 8.45am; there will no longer be any classes or pupils lining up in the playground at the start of the school day. Students must be in their classrooms by 8:55am or they will be marked late in the register.

KS2 - Students in KS2 will enter the school via the ramp entrance opposite the school reception. Parents of KS2 students, please say goodbye to your children at the bottom of the ramp.

KS1 - Students in KS1 will enter through the main doorway to the centre block building. Parents of KS1 students, please say goodbye to your children outside the Centre Block entrance.

Reception - Parents of students in Reception, please say goodbye to your children at the entrance to the Early Years Building. There will be adults at the entrance, at the coat racks and in the classrooms to support them.

Nursery- Parents of students in nursery, please continue to escort your child into the Early Years Building.

**There will be a member of staff at the door of all buildings. If you have an urgent message for any particular staff member, please relay that message to the adult at the door so that they can pass this on to the relevant person.**

Once children have hung up their coats and entered their classrooms, they will undertake a range of independent learning activities such as reading, handwriting, spelling, number bonds, times-tables and reviewing previous learning, at the teacher's discretion.

If you arrive late with your child, please go to the school reception to let the office staff know why you are late.

At the end of the school day, children can be collected from their designated points as before, and teachers/senior leaders will be in the playground after school for informal conversations.

**If you have a more urgent/private matter we ask that you wait until all children are dismissed at the end of the day or email the office to make an appointment so that we can ensure these meetings are given the adequate amount of time.**

## **Emergency Contacts for Children**

With the ever changing world of mobile phones, we ask parents to ensure that we have up to date contact details and emergency numbers in case your child is taken ill or involved in an accident. Please let the office staff know of any change of details or circumstances immediately.



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## **Have a Giggle**

A joke for the New Year:

Q: Why was 6 afraid of 9 on New Year's Eve?

A: Because 9, 8, 7...

## New website for ordering school uniforms online

Whitehall clothiers have a new website where you can order our school uniform online.

Please note the new site address <https://www.whitehalldirect.co.uk>

You are still able to purchase these items at the physical shop located:

Whitehall Clothiers  
77 Camberwell Road

Camberwell

London

SE5 0EZ

Phone: 020 7703 3604

### How to get there:

Buses 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 148, 171, 176, 468

Nearest tube - Kennington

### Store Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday 9:15am - 5:30pm

Sunday CLOSED



Millbank Jumper

From £16.99



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Millbank Elastic Tie

£4.50



Millbank Tie

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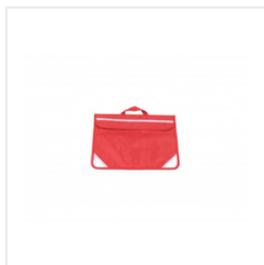
Millbank Coat

From £20.99



Millbank Backpack

£12.50



Millbank Book Bag

£6.50



Millbank PE Bag

£6.50



Please note the Millbank Academy winter coat has a hood, water proof material on the outside and fleece on the inside.

**All clothing, bags and shoes must be marked clearly with the owner's name.**

## School Office - Reminder

Please note that the school office will no longer be able to deal with forgotten packed lunches and PE kits. If children have forgotten their packed lunch, they will be given a school dinner, and this will be charged to their parent pay account. It is important that children learn to be organised for the school day ahead. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

**Millbank Academy Office: 0203 262 0068**

### Future Writers Award

This award is open to all KS2 children in any Future Academy Primary School. Children need to write a letter to any famous literary or historical figure. The deadline will be in March so plenty of time to start preparing. It would be wonderful if we could get as many entries from Millbank Academy as possible. Please send all entries to Ms Staff.



### January Dates and Events

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reception-Year 2: Neighbourhood Watch workshop
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am Parent Workshop: KS2 SATS
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 & 6: Explore Learning maths workshop
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2: Neighbourhood Watch workshop
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Outward Bound Residential Trip
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Praemium Litterarum Award January deadline
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Y3 I can be trip to Monzo

### February Dates and Events

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am Parent Workshop: Phonics
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	I Can Be trip to Red Lorry Yellow Lorry PR

**Half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**