



# Milldene News 1

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## Welcome!

What an amazing morning I've had! It is simply wonderful to welcome back pupils, their parents and staff, energised and raring to go. I hope you have all had a fun and relaxing break; some quality time to refresh and restore with extended family and good friends is always welcome, I am sure.

A combination of coastal walks, Irish "craic", traditional French cuisine and picturesque villages in the Limousin region of France has certainly helped me to recharge. And of course a perfect chance to re-energise my "inner bookworm", with peace and quiet to read and reflect. However, the highlight of my break had to be the Women's Rugby World Cup Final held in my native Belfast—such a great atmosphere and a chance to make new friends from all corners of the globe; New Zealand, France, USA. What a memorable day for me and, indeed, three generations of our extended family.

And so we look forward to another school year, full of hope and determination. I am thankful that we have such a talented and dedicated staff, all of whom have been growing, collaborating and planning for new and improved learning opportunities and experiences. All signs point to another incredible and productive year; together, we will achieve great things- we are building something exceptional here!

Each year brings positive change; we extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families. There are plenty of successful, rewarding and enjoyable experiences ahead! As you can see, our new boys and girls in Ruby Class are settling in well and enjoying their time with us already.



We also welcome Mrs Heydon to the teaching team, Mrs Longman to the office team and Mrs Deighton to the learning support team. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Webb, who will be providing maternity cover in Year 1. Some of our existing team are taking on new roles and responsibilities:

- Mrs Merry will now be dividing her time between the office in the afternoons and providing support in the classrooms in the mornings.
- Mrs Pass and Miss Fuhr will be taking the reins of the Fun Factory and are eager to welcome the children back to before and after school club.
- Not forgetting Mrs Munson, who will now be in the office as our Office Manager. (Never fear; she remains fully committed to her pastoral and wellbeing role!)

One notable absentee is Mr Clarke, who is usually based in Ruby Class. Unfortunately, ill health prevents him from joining us for a few weeks; we wish him a speedy recovery. Mrs McGrane begins her maternity leave; we wish her well and cannot wait for news of the new arrival. We will keep you posted!

Thank you for your continued support. We really appreciate the way you send us smartly turned out and well rested children, with full tummies and a hug goodbye still fresh in their minds—this certainly sets them up for a successful day. Together, I know we will make this school year another one of growth and achievement for all our children. It remains an honour and a privilege to serve as your Head Teacher and to lead our caring school community. Here's to a happy and enjoyable year ahead!

Mrs Locke

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our first charity fundraising event of the school year.

We will be holding our MacMillan Coffee morning in the school hall on Friday 29th September. Times will be confirmed nearing the event, but if you would like to start thinking about anything you would like to donate for the cake sale, all contributions would be gratefully received!

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### Open Classrooms

Our teachers will have their classrooms open for parents to come in and speak to them on the following days after school:-

- Ruby—every day
- Sapphire—Thursday
- Topaz—Tuesday
- Amethyst—Wednesday
- Opal—Friday
- Emerald—Friday
- Diamond—Tuesday

No need to book an appointment; just come on in!

### All Aboard!

There was great excitement on Thursday 20th July 2017, when Milldene Primary School took delivery of a double decker bus. Space for learning is always at a premium in school settings but, with limited resources in public services, the costs of a traditional extension would be prohibitive. However, we have been extremely lucky to strike up a positive relationship with Lodge's Coaches, a long established family business in the heart of Essex with a philanthropic, altruistic outlook. In fact, in recognition of significant achievement and major contributions to local communities without commercial benefit, Lodge's Coaches were recently awarded winner in the Business in the Community category in Uttlesford Business Awards 2017.



They have fully supported our novel idea and vision: to create an additional, yet unconventional learning environment in the form of a retired, decommissioned and refurbished double decker bus.

This enterprising, resourceful and creative solution will be transformed into a two-tiered annexe over the coming months.

All of Milldene stakeholders are extremely grateful for the generosity and good will extended by Lodge's Coaches.

### Meet the Teacher

We will be holding our meet the teacher sessions after school on the following dates:

- Thursday 7th September—Year 1
- Friday 8th September—Year 4
- Tuesday 12th September—Year 5
- Wednesday 13th September—Year 2
- Thursday 14th September—Year 3
- Friday 15th September—Year 6

### School Meals

We are on Week 2 of our school menus this week. A copy of our school menus is attached for your information.

Also a reminder that our school meals are now £2.10 per child per day.



### Clubs at Milldene

Our school clubs will be starting up again next week! To book a place, please contact the school office.

Monday 3-4:15	Multiskills	Years 1 – 5	£3
Tuesday 3- 4:15	Golf	Years 2 – 6	£3
3-4:15	Gardening	Years 3—6	Free
3-4:15	Science (after half term)	Years 3-6	Free
Wednesday 3 – 4:15	Dance	Years 1 - 5	£3
Thursday 3 – 4:15	Football	Years 3 -6	£3
Friday 8am – 9am	Cheerleading	Years 3—6	TBC
Friday 3 – 4:15	Rugby	Years 3 - 6	£4

### Kingswood Trip

Thank you to all parents who have returned their Kingswood Medical Information Forms to us.

If you require any further assistance or information regarding this trip and medication, please arrange to speak to Mrs Warrick.

### Uniform

We have checked stock levels with our new supplier, Tesco, and we can confirm that they do have stock available on their website.

Please note that we now do not have any stock left here at the school, so all purchases now need to go through the [Tesco website](#).

Thank you.