



# Milldene News 1

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are now relaxed, recharged and ready for another successful and fulfilling year at Milldene.

Summer is, for me, a time of reflection, reconnecting and time to catch up with family and friends; time to finish that novel I'd been reading; time to travel and enjoy other cultures; time to reflect on the previous school year and look forward to a future of promise and possibility; time to plan ahead in order to reap the benefits of our extraordinary community partnership at Milldene. And this year was no exception!

All signs point to another productive year: the teaching team is already planning and preparing rich learning activities and opportunities, the admin. team have been updating all our records, welcoming all our new families and sharing information about after school clubs; the premises staff have co-ordinated a whole host of maintenance projects over the summer break and ensured that the entire learning environment is ready for the start of term.

I remain extremely proud to lead the school as we embark on another year of growth and achievement for all. Who knows what lies ahead, but the following quote inspires me on both a personal and professional level—

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible!”

(St. Francis of Assisi) Here’s to the best school year ever!

Mrs Locke

## Ruby Class

We are delighted to welcome all or new children (and their families!) in Ruby Class.

We are pleased to report that everyone has had a successful few days.

All children are special and unique, and all children will settle into school in different ways. Some, will appear to take it all in their stride, whilst other may find those first few days a little trickier. We want to reassure you that, however your child behaves in these early days, we are here to support both of you and make this transition to school as smooth and positive as possible.

Over the first few days, some children may be a little tearful at home time. This is usually because they are tired after a long day and when they see you again they realise they have missed you!

Starting school can be a big change for some children but also the beginning of an exciting journey. Please remember we are here to support you and your child and if you have any concerns, please come in and see us.



## Music Tuition

We still have spaces available for guitar and piano lessons! If your child is interested in starting tuition, please contact the school office for information.

## Staffing News

Each year brings positive change -

Congratulations to Mrs Bateman (aka Ms Wilson) who got married over the summer break; a warm welcome to Miss Lane and Mrs Rowe, our trainee teachers in Years 1 and 4 respectively.



**Hello and welcome back to all the children, teachers and parents.** We have some wonderful events in store for you all this term and we hope you enjoy each and every one of them.

**Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA AGM meeting yesterday.** It is great to see some new faces and we look forward to getting you involved!

**\*\*\*Next PTFA Meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2pm \*\*\***

Our PTFA meetings are open to all and we would love to welcome you and your ideas! Please meet in the school foyer at 2pm next Monday. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Can you help us?**

We understand that it can be difficult to help out at events but in the run up to the Christmas Fair there will be a number of things which can be done at home. Perhaps you are good at negotiating raffle prizes from local companies? If you can offer any help, please email us.

#### **Your School Lottery – have you got your ticket?**

Please join now at <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/milldene-primary-school> to be in with a chance of winning a Virgin Gift Experience.

#### **Easyfundraising – thank you for your support!**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for the school? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 and there are no catches or hidden charges:

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and join for free. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

#### **\*\*\* Dates for your diary\*\*\***

Textile Recycling | 16 October.

Autumn Disco | TBC

Secret Santa presents | w/c 3 December

Christmas Fair | 7 December

Pantomime Trip | 10 December

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#### **Dates for Your Diary**

Key dates coming up in our school calendar:

- 24-28th September: Kingswood Trip Year 6
- 13th September—Night Owl Assembly
- 18th September—Individual School Photos
- 3rd October—Year 2 Trip to Ipswich Transport Museum
- 5th October—MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 16th October—Parents Evening 4.00-7.00
- 18th October—Parents Evening 3.30-5.30
- 19th October—Harvest Celebration Assembly
- 19th October— 50th Birthday Celebration

#### **Application for Leave of Absence**

Applications for term time holiday need to be submitted for consideration with a letter outlining the **special or exceptional circumstances** for which a term time holiday is being applied for. Thank you.

#### **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—Monday, Thursday & Friday

Sapphire—Wednesday

Topaz—Tuesday

Amethyst—Wednesday

Opal— Friday

Emerald—Friday

Diamond—Tuesday

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

#### **Meet the Teacher**

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

Monday 10th September—Year 4

Tuesday 11th September—Year 6

Wednesday 12th September—Year 1

Wednesday 12th September—Year 3

Thursday 13th September—Year 5

Tuesday 18th September—Year 2



#### **Save the Date**

Milldene will be celebrating 50 years with a Birthday celebration on Friday, 19th October.

#### **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.