

MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th September 2021

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to school! and to our first 'Millbay High Street Primary Federation' newsletter, which will be published every Friday.

It has been really great to see the children back in school and learning. They have spent the first few days getting used to new routines, getting to know new faces, and generally acclimatising to being back in school after a long Summer holiday. And we are really proud of the way they have returned, many to new surroundings, with such adaptability and positivity. All of this bodes well for a fantastic year ahead, and we are all looking forward to seeing what the children will achieve this year.

We would like to say a big thank you to all those staff who contributed to getting both the Millbay and the High Street sites ready for the children's first day, and to those at Reach South who funded and organised the substantial renovations that have been made to both sites. Some works are outstanding at High Street due to unavoidable delays, but will be completed as soon as possible. The learning environments that the children are enjoying on both sites are fabulous, however, and we look forward to showing you round on our open afternoon on the 22nd September.

Drop-off and pick-up arrangements

Thank you for the way in which you have quickly got used to new arrangements for drop-off and pick-up. We are working to resolve the issues we have faced around booking onto and timings for the walking bus and will be communicating with you directly about this to ensure a smooth process for this important facility from Monday morning. Here is a reminder of drop-off and pick-up timings.

Morning

8.40am: School gates will be open at High Street and Millbay

8:55am: Gates close. Register.

End of day

3:15pm: End of day at High Street - collect from main gate

3:25pm: End of day at Millbay - collect from playground

Uniform

The children have come back to school looking very smart so thank you for making sure that they are in full Millbay or High Street uniform.

PE Days (and PE T-Shirts)

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. All children should now have their coloured P.E. top, which is the colour of their house team; red, yellow, blue or green.

PE lessons will take place on the following days:

Nursery	Thursday
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday

Lunchtime

We would like to encourage as many children as possible to eat a hot school meal at lunchtime, which will ensure they have a boost of nutritional energy to see them through their busy day of learning. Lunch is **free** for all children up to and including year two, and is also free for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are entitled to a free school meal.

Children learning on the High Street choose from the CaterEd menu which can be found [here](#). Paper copies are available from the school office if required. We use ParentPay to collect payment for meals.

Children learning on the Millbay site can choose their hot dinner in the morning; the 'Parent Hub' section of the Millbay website has up-to-date [menus](#), information about how to pay for your child's meals through Parent Pay, and information about how to apply for a free school meal.

Children can also of course bring in a packed lunch.

First Aid and Medicine

Any children who have first aid administered on site will have a coloured band applied to their wrist to ensure parents and carers know that they have had an injury that has been treated. These will be green if first aid has been administered. However, if the incident resulted in a head or facial injury a red or yellow band will be applied, a phone call home will also be made for those head or facial injuries. An incident report will also be in their contact book.

If you have any prescription medicine that you require school to administer, please bring it to the High Street school office or to the Millbay Front Desk and you will be supported in filling out the required paperwork.

Dates for your diary

We will next week be sharing key dates for the term ahead. In the meantime, please make a note of the upcoming opportunity to visit both sites to see your child's site, classroom, and meet their teacher.

- Wednesday 22nd September - Open afternoon on both the Millbay and the High Street site, 3:30-4:15.

Contacting us

Here, for your convenience, are the email addresses for both school admin teams.

- High.St.Primary.School@plymouth.gov.uk
- Primary@millbayacademy.org