



### A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL – MRS MCCAFFREY

I would like to thank all of our families for making me feel so welcome during my first full term at Millbridge. It has been a busy term with lots of changes and I really appreciate all of your support.

We are making swift progress towards our key priorities this year, this has been noted by pupils, parents and by external visitors:

Behaviour for learning is improving, our curriculum has been reinvigorated and there have been many opportunities for extra-curricular enrichment.

Over the next term, there will be a huge focus on attendance and punctuality. Thank you to all of our families whose children get to school as often as possible, on time.

Our pupils have done us proud this term, they are embracing the new curriculum and are excited and engaged. I have been particularly impressed with the Christmas performances - the Christmas Extravaganza in EYFS, the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Carol Concert were amazing.

We value parent feedback and have made every effort to listen:

The Carol Concert was added to the festive diary because you made the suggestion and procedures for drop-off and pick-up have been revised after it was recognised by both staff and families that current procedures need improving.

Next year we will work on ensuring messages and information are shared clearly and in good time. We are looking into a more effective app and have introduced a Twitter page, in addition to Class Dojo.

I am incredibly proud of the pupils and staff here at Millbridge. Here is to a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

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## Get Connected



As a parent you can sign up to Class Dojo @ [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com) or download the app. Ask your child's teacher for your parent code or leave your email with them or the office who will send you a code to get connected.

You will be able to see what is happening in school and get updates from your child's class teacher. It also allows you to communicate with their class teacher too!



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## Uniform

This has been our first term in our new uniform. I would like to thank all the parents that have supported these changes. The children look fantastic and very smart.

A reminder uniform can be purchased from Sports FX, Cleckheaton and Rawcliffs, Dewsbury.

Please ensure ALL items of school uniform are named.



### Things to remember:

- Black School Shoes
- No Jewellery – Only a small pair of studs (no hoops) & a watch
- Bobbles and headbands in school colours
- PE kit in school PE bag to be kept in school

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## Fundraising

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us with our various fundraising days and events so far.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Harvest Festival - Food Bank Donations

Children In Need - Non-Uniform Day

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Save The Children - Christmas Jumper Day

Fundraising events and donations for the Christmas Fair

Enterprise Fair



The school is pleased to have the support and help of The Helping Hands of Millbridge. Parents have come together to organise some fantastic events, this term, these have included:

Halloween Disco

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all parents who have been involved so far. We know a lot of time and effort goes into these events. If you would like to be a part of The Helping Hands, please contact the school and we will be happy to pass on your details. Being a part of The Helping Hands does not mean that we expect you to commit to every organised event. It is more about offering your spare time when you can and contributing to ideas about how to raise funds for the school.

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## Our focus for Spring Term 2020

### Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality will be a key focus for the school next term and we are pleased to welcome Mr Harris to the school as Head of Inclusion. He will be working with the children (+ their families) to support attendance, punctuality and behaviour. From January any child that is late or collected early will need to be signed in and out by a parent/carer. More information can be found in our arrival and collection policy. If you require a copy please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### Key changes from January 2020

- All pupils and parents/carers should use the gate to the right of the school entrance, near the Community Room. There will be no access to or from school grounds through the tunnel from January 2020 - this is to keep your children safe.
- Nursery and Reception aged children must be dropped off and collected by a parent/carer or an authorised adult aged 18+.
- Children in Years 1-4 must be dropped off and collected by a parent/carer or an older sibling or authorised person aged 14+.

### Snow Closures

It is that time of year again when we have to remind you about procedures if we are forced to close due to snow. On days where we have severe weather, we will assess the safety and practicality of opening school to pupils. If we have to close, we will inform Kirklees Council, who will contact the local radio stations on our behalf.

We will inform parents via our school app and text message. You can also check our website [www.mjin.org.uk](http://www.mjin.org.uk) or our twitter page @Millbridge\_Acad. Information will also be available on the council website ([www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures)) or follow the latest news on [twitter.com/kirkleesschools](https://twitter.com/kirkleesschools).