

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 17 September

Remember to subscribe to the newsletter on our website to receive an electronic copy.

The Pride of Milton winners are Arlo Sydney in Key Stage 1, Felix Smith in Lower Key Stage 2 and Isla Jewitt in Upper Key Stage 2.

### Learner of the Week



### Milton Manners



### Team Player



### Playtime Hero



We **S**how respect. We are **H**onest. We **I**nclude others. We **N**ever give up. We seek **E**xcellence in all we do.

## **NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

### **Goodbye and good luck Jeff**

Sadly Jeff Curtis, our Friday Sports Coach, who has been with us for several years is leaving us on Friday 5 October. Jeff has worked tirelessly at our school and across the partnership delivering PE lessons, various clubs, leading competitions and being our DJ at the end of term during dinnertimes and for the PTA. Although he is employed by Active Tameside he has become a valued and well-loved member of our team who will be greatly missed! We wish him all the best in his new role.

### **First Aid**

Children in KS2 once again can look forward to taking part in basic First Aid classes on Thursday 21 September with the help of North West Ambulance Service. They will be taught basic life-saving skills.

### **Penalty Notices for Non- school attendance – Information Letter**

Section 444(A) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 12 week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution (a separate penalty notice may be issued to each parent for each child).

In law, an offence is committed if a parent fails to secure a child's regular attendance at school. Tameside Education Welfare Service, in conjunction with schools and Greater Manchester Police, will use these powers as an early deterrent to prevent patterns of unauthorised absence developing.

Parents may also receive a Penalty Notice without a warning letter for the offence of failing to secure regular school attendance under the following circumstances:

- Their child is stopped on a truancy sweep
- Where the unauthorised absence of a minimum of 10 sessions occurs on consecutive days

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 also makes it an offence if a parent fails to ensure that their child is not in a public place during the first 5 days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion. Penalty Notices may be issued for such an offence.

The Local Authority and schools are committed to providing the best possible future for your child. If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school or if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact your school and ask for help.

### **PTA News**

It was lovely to welcome some new members last week. We have lots of ideas for this year under discussion - please watch this space!

This week each class is deciding what they would like to spend their £75 on, which was raised at last year's successful Fashion Show... and we are delighted to confirm that the date for this year's Fashion Show will be Friday 1st March 2019, from 7pm at the Royal George. Save the date!

## **PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **'SHINE week'**

This week we are holding our first SHINE week where we will be reflecting on our mission and ethos statement 'Show Respect, Honest, Include others, Never give up and Excellence'. The children will focus on one value per day during SHINE week e.g. Monday = Show respect, Tuesday = Honest etc. It will be a very busy week for the children as they complete a series of personal, class and mixed class challenges. They will be completing outdoor activities (weather permitting!), producing individual and group artwork and reading and retelling stories with morals. They will be asked to consider how they can 'SHINE' during their everyday lives both at home and at school.

We are also looking forward to listening to some kind parents who have volunteered to come into school during the week to share their own personal achievements us.

We always greatly value the support of parents and carers. To make our first SHINE week a success we need your help as we will be sending home a 'Personal Achievement Record' for your child to complete. Achievements could be learning to ride a bike with/without stabilisers, earning a badge/ certificate, continuing to try at something they find challenging or overcoming a problem they have faced. For the part on the record that says... 'This was achieved by' the child can write down what they did to achieve their goal.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 28 September 9.05am**

We would like to invite all parents/carers and family members to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It will be held on Friday 28 September from 9.05am. Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face, and, as treatments improve; more and more people are living with cancer in their daily lives. The money we raise at our coffee morning will help make sure no one has to face cancer alone, from the moment they are diagnosed, through treatment and beyond. Any donations of cakes, biscuits etc. for the event would be greatly appreciated and we hope that you can all join us on the morning and enjoy the refreshments, have a chat and catch up with others and donate something towards the cause.

### **School Meals**

Please be advised that if you wish to change your child's school meal preference, we require one week's notice to make the necessary amendments and to inform our catering team.

### **Homework/PE Kits**

Children receive homework and spellings weekly. We also encourage parents to read with their child every night. The children have PE twice a week and will therefore need their kits on the days indicated. Please see the table below for the correct information for your child's class. **Please note there was a mistake for the PE days in last week's newsletter for Class 3/4.**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Spellings</b>	<b>PE Days</b>
1	Reading everyday	Given out Friday - test following Friday	Tuesday and Thursday
2a (Miss Rodgers/Mrs Fernley)	Reading everyday +	Given out Friday - test following Friday	Monday and Tuesday
2b (Miss Collins)		Given out Friday - test following Friday	Tuesday and Friday
3	All classes set their homework on a Friday and must be completed and handed in by Wednesday the following week. Unfortunately, homework handed in after that will not be marked.	Given out Friday - test following Friday	Tuesday and Thursday
4		Given out Friday - test following Friday	Wednesday and Friday
5		Given out Friday - test following Friday	Monday and Friday
6		Given out Friday - test following Friday	Monday and Friday

### Class Assemblies

Please note the following dates for your child's class assembly. You are welcome to attend your child's assembly; they start at 9.05am in the school hall for 20-25mins approx. Year 1 and 2 assemblies will be after Christmas.

Class 3	Wednesday 24 October
Class 4	Wednesday 10 October
Class 5	Wednesday 3 October
Class 6	Wednesday 26 September

### Dates for your Diary

<b>17 September</b>	SHINE week
<b>24 September</b>	Spanish morning visit to Mossley Hollins for Year 3
<b>28 September</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning
<b>4 October</b>	Class 6 Safe Squad trip (am)
<b>8 October</b>	Nasal flu vaccination (Reception to Year 5)
<b>11 October</b>	Class 5 Ashton Central Mosque trip
<b>15 October</b>	Finance and Math's Week
<b>15 October</b>	Class 6 Air Raid Shelters trip
<b>17 October</b>	Individual School Photographs
<b>25 October</b>	Harvest Service at St John's (Yr 1-6)
<b>5 November</b>	Remembrance Week



Our theme this month is new beginnings.  
May we work hard to do our best and start  
each day with a grateful heart.