

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 8 October

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

### NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

#### Times Tables Rock Stars

[www.ttrockstars.co.uk](http://www.ttrockstars.co.uk)

The school has purchased this exciting interactive times table resource which will benefit your child's learning. This website allows the children to create a rockstar character and then practise their times tables and the corresponding division facts – they are rewarded with 'money' and can 'buy' things for their rockstar. They can see their own progress and compare themselves to other users. They are not able to communicate with any strangers on this website. The new curriculum requires children to know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4 and this is a great resource to help with that. Children who know their times tables rapidly are much more able to access the Maths curriculum. Year 1 - 6 are able to login, however Key Stage 1 children may need support when accessing this app and it has been limited to 2, 5 and 10 times tables for the younger children.

Login details:

School: Milton St. John's Primary School (select from the list)

User Name: JohnSmith (Your child's full name with no spaces)

Password: milton

To access the times table activities, click 'Dashboard' and then one of the music festivals listed.

This website runs on a desktop computer or laptop, but may not run on a tablet. If your tablet at home is running iOS or Android, you can download the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' app from the App Store for free and log in that way.

#### New Governor

We would like to thank the three parents that showed an interest in becoming a governor at Milton St John's and thank everyone who voted to elect our new Parent Governor. Mrs Baker (Vice Chair of Governors) conducted the count this morning and we can now announce that we welcome Naomi Benn as our new Governor.

#### PTA Autumn disco

The PTA are holding an Autumn disco on Thursday 8 November. There will be two discos, a lower school and upper school. Unfortunately Reception won't be included as previous discos have proved quite overwhelming for them at this point in the year.

Years 1, 2 & 3 Disco 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 Disco 4.30 – 5.30pm

The disco will cost £2 and will include a drink and a snack. The PTA will be running a tuck shop selling mixed packs of sweet treats and glow sticks.

Tickets will be available from **Monday 22 October**, please make sure your child hands their £2 directly to their Teacher and not to the office. Please make sure the correct money is given as no change will be available. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis as there is a limit on numbers.

The disco will run dependent on the goodwill of our staff and PTA. Therefore it is essential that your child is picked up on time. If you are available to volunteer for this event and to help hand out drinks/snacks and supervise the children, then please contact Mrs Fernley or the School Office.

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## Tag Rugby Event



Well done to all of the children who took part in the Tag Rugby competition at Aldwinians RUFC last week.

Thank you to the Physical Development team and Tameside School Sports for providing Milton with the opportunity to compete.

## PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everybody that supported our coffee morning. We managed to raise £91.31 towards this worthy cause.

### **Finance Week –Week beginning 15 October**

Mr Copsey and the PSRN team are organising a Finance week which will focus on money e.g. saving, needs and wants, charity etc. To make the week even more practical and more life like we need your help! We would like to ask for Harvest donations earlier than usual so that we can use the produce to convert a classroom into a pretend shop so the children can learn about budgeting and use the shop to help improve their maths skills. Therefore, if you have any non-perishable items that you would like to donate to Mossley Food Bank for Harvest that we can use for our pretend shop during the week beginning 15 October please bring them in to School this week. Any items we receive will then be passed on to Mossley Food Bank.

### **Parents' Evening – Thursday 25 October**

Letters will be sent home this week regarding Parents' Evening. Please indicate your preferred time slot on the reply slip and return them to school as soon as possible. If you have more than one child in school, you only need to return one reply slip with all children listed, to one of the class teachers.

### **Individual School Photographs**

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17 October to take individual photographs. Please ensure all children are looking smart and wearing the correct uniform.

## 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 – this week

## Dates for your Diary

11 October	Class 5 Ashton Central Mosque trip – this week
15 October	Finance and Maths Week
15 October	Class 6 Air Raid Shelters trip
17 October	Individual School Photographs
25 October	Harvest Service at St John's (Yrs 1-6)
26 October	School closes for half term
5 November	School re-opens
5 November	Remembrance Week
8 November	PTA Autumn disco



As we approach Harvest, we give thanks for the many blessings of food and resources we have access to. Let us not forget to help others who are less fortunate.  
"Do good and share with others"

Hebrews 13:16

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