



Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter



Monday 17 December

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Christmas Shows

Thank you to all the parents and other family members that came to see the shows last week. I'm sure you will agree that the children across all year groups performed so well and were so confident on the stage in front of so many people! Thank you to parents for helping the children learn their lines or songs and providing the costumes. A big thank you must also be said to the staff who have worked tirelessly over the past weeks practising with the children, making props, painting scenery and sewing backdrops etc for the shows.

MCSP Musical evening

Last week was a particularly busy week for some of the Year 3's as they started the week off with a very late night on Monday where they performed at the MCSP Musical Evening at Mossley Hollins. A special well done needs to go to them as they represented the school beautifully and some still managed to make our evening performances later on in the week.

Thank you – Evan, Jessica, Olivia, Michael, Dylan, Elsie, Jayden P-C, Naomi, Jack, Erin and Isla.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all the children and staff who got involved with our Christmas Jumper Day. We managed to raise £212.30 for Save the Children. Thank you to everybody who donated.

Snow Place Like Home – Our Snowman

Following the launch last Tuesday we are delighted to present our Snowman 'John Milton' with the theme of 'Snow Place Like Home'.

The KS2 Arts Councillors went to the launch day at Media City on Tuesday (in between Christmas shows) and got to see some of the different designs.



The trail can be seen over Christmas and finishes on the 6th January.

See <http://www.mediacityuk.co.uk/whats-on/event/walking-with-the-snowman/> for further details.

Sickness bugs

Please could we remind Parents that if your child has a bug and is vomiting or has diarrhoea we follow the Public Health Agency Guidance for Schools and other childcare settings, where it is recommended that children should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. This is to reduce the spread of bugs across the school. Although we understand that childcare may be an issue, trying to prevent other children becoming sick is our priority. You will be asked to take your child home if you bring your child back to school too early.

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Christmas Dinner - 18 December

Christmas Dinner will be served tomorrow for school meal children and those on packed lunches who have ordered one.

Christmas Services

Please be aware that you are more than welcome to join us at the Christingle Services we are holding at School and also the Church Services that are being held at St George's* and St John's. Please see the table below for times/dates. *Places will be limited at the joint service at St George's.

Christmas Events at Milton St John's

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 17 December	1.30pm	KS2 United Carol Service at St George's – Parents welcome
Monday 17 December	During School Time	KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 December	Morning	EYFS Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 December	Lunch time	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19 December	9.15am	KS2 Christingle Service – Parents welcome
Wednesday 19 December	2.15pm	Reception/KS1 Christingle Service – Parents welcome
Thursday 20 December	9.30am	Church Service at St John's (Yr 1-6) – Parents welcome

For information - EYFS: Nursery/Reception

KS1: Class 1 & 2 a/b

KS2: Class 3, 4, 5 & 6

Snow Closure

We will always try and keep the school open! However, under certain circumstances and for various reasons this is not always the case;



1. We do check with local weather stations and liaise with the Local Authority to try and gauge whether there is a likelihood of heavy snowfall. Unfortunately, forecasts are not always accurate and there is heavier snowfall than predicted.
2. The school has a number of staff who live outside the Mossley area. If there are not enough qualified staff available to come into school to open up and manage it safely then it cannot open due to Health & Safety reasons.
3. If the roads are dangerous then the school may not receive food deliveries and may be unable to provide a hot meal or food for the children at lunch time.
4. If the school boilers fail to operate we would need to call out an engineer to repair the fault. The School would have to close if we are not able to heat the school. If the heating fails during the day we would make a decision about school closure and contacting parents.

If there is heavy snowfall and also taking into account the above points, this is what will happen.

1. If necessary a decision to close will be made by 8.15am (or earlier if possible). However if the weather deteriorates throughout the day, we may also need to close school. A text will be sent to all Parents advising them that school is closed or closing.
2. The website will be updated throughout the day, providing that it can be accessed.
3. We will pass school closure information to TMBC and they will update their website.
4. If school remains open, Classes may need to be split and shared amongst others if we do not have enough members of staff to cover all classes.
5. If snow is set to continue over a number of days and we are aware of disruption to traffic, we may look at opening at 10am so that school can remain open.

Sending text messages is the most effective way that we can communicate with our parents.

Could you please ensure that the school has an up-to-date contact number, if you have recently renewed your mobile phone this is particularly important!

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PREVIOUS NEWLESTTER ITEMS

Clubs

Reminder that all clubs have now finished until the new year.

Reception 2019

Reminder – online applications for those children that are to start in Reception in September 2019 are now open and close on 15 January 2019. Can parents please note that if your child attends our nursery your child does not automatically have a place in Reception. Online applications, by the deadline, must be completed please.

Eco Science project

As part of our Mossley Schools Partnership, we have started a science competition that is all about doing our bit to help reduce, reuse and recycle plastic. Maybe you could think of a way to reduce the need to use plastics in packaging or everyday items such as straws. Maybe you could think of a new way to reuse plastic bottles or bags for a new purpose. Or can you think of a way to recycle plastics and make them into something completely different? Design sheets have been sent out for your child to draw, label and describe their innovation. They are to be returned to Miss Gee by Friday January 11 2019.



A New Year.....time to pause and
reflect on what to do with the time
that is given to you. Always be your
best and remember we rise by
lifting others.