

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 1 November 2023

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

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all parents for their support with our fundraising events last term, a total of £735 was raised, which is a fantastic start to the year! We also wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about our activities last year. In total we raised £3680, and we spent £480. We held a Christmas film night, a Valentines disco, a grown-ups only comedy night and of course, the summer fair. We welcomed the new Reception and Nursery children by subsidising a Tumbles party, helped with the Coronation celebrations by paying for the ice cream van visit and supported the Year 6 leavers parties by making a donation to their funds.

Our long-term goal is to help improve the playground resources and we hope to spend the money raised previously and in the coming year on something exciting to support the children during their playtime. But we would love to hear from parents who have any other ideas for us to consider. Our fundraising isn't possible without you and the money is to support the school, to provide equipment and experiences for the children, so we would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on how we spend it.

You can let us know your thoughts by emailing us at pta@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk, or by joining us for a meeting, everyone is welcome! Our next meeting is 8pm Monday 6th November on Zoom, email us for a link.

We would also love to hear from any parents who feel like they can spare some time to help us out at events, doing little tasks like handing out squash and hanging decorations and of course, getting to see the fun unfold. One of the year 6 parents recently volunteered because they were keen to get involved in school life and soak it all up before their child moved on to secondary school. If you would like to join our volunteer list, please send us an email.

And finally, if anyone has any skills, knowledge or contacts that they think could help us in our goals of improving the playground and supporting our children in their school experience, then please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you!

ANTI BULLYING WEEK – ODD SOCK DAY



Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we are asking the children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13 November.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

This year's theme for Anti Bullying Week is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. We want to spread a positive message that if we all come together, celebrate our difference, and stick up for each other, we can bring an end to bullying!

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That's why we need your help to make a noise and spread that message on Odd Socks Day.

Info for pet lovers - The Anti-Bullying Alliance will be holding a competition for the best pet in odd socks during anti-bullying week. If you would like to take part, all you have to do is share a photo or video of your pet in odd socks on X (Twitter) and use the hashtags #OddSocksDay #PetsInOddSocks and tag @ABAonline @AndyOddSock during Anti-Bullying Week. The alliance will be sharing their favourites throughout the week on their website, with the final round on the last day of Anti-Bullying Week.

2024 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

The online portal is now open for applications for Reception September 2024. The closing date for submitting a Reception 2024 school application is 15 January 2024. (Applications submitted after this date will be processed as a 'late' application)

Please visit <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions> for more information.

SHINE DAY



On Wednesday 8 November we will be holding a special SHINE day in school, where we will be promoting our school ethos and values and focusing on what SHINE represents at Milton.

The children will be taking part in many activities during the day and will be sharing what they have been doing with each other. They will also be reflecting on how we 'can let our light shine' at school, at home or in the community.

'Let your light SHINE' [Matthew 5:16](#)

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Tuesday 12 December we will be serving Christmas Dinner. If your child is on school meals they will automatically be having a Christmas Dinner. If you would like to order Christmas Dinner for your child who is on packed lunches please look out for a link being sent out tomorrow. **No late orders will be taken due to deadlines for the catering team ordering the food.** The cost of a Christmas Dinner is £2.46 unless your child is entitled to free school meals or are in KS1.

Once you have requested a Christmas Dinner we will let you know when you can pay on Schoolmoney.

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PE DAY REMINDER

Year Group	PE days
Reception	Thursday/Friday
Year 1	Monday/Friday
Year 2	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday/Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday/Friday
Year 5	Wednesday/Friday
Year 6	Thursday and swimming on a Friday (children can wear PE kit on Friday too.)

PARENT WEBINARS

As the PTA have a membership with Parentkind, parents are able to book webinars for free! Some of the upcoming webinars are below. All you need to do is click on the link below and it will ask for the school's address (postcode OL50BN) and it will then redirect you to the booking registration form.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

Demystifying maths for parents (KS2) – 10.11.23 (7 – 8pm)

A nutritionist's guide to dealing with fussy eaters – 14.11.23 (7.30 – 8.30pm)

Conflict styles and difficult conversations – 22.11.23 (7-8pm)

Developing your child's thinking ability – 29.11.23 7.30 – 8.30pm)

Time management for parents juggling work and family life – 6.12.23 (7.30 – 8.15pm)

HELP US WITH FREE DONATIONS WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

Thank you to those parents that have signed up to help raise funds for the school. With just 44 supporters you have already raised £381.49 for school!

Just a reminder for those that haven't managed to do this yet or didn't know about it, Milton St John's are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Amazon, Tesco, Argos and Groupon are some of the brands that you are able to shop at and get them to donate to us.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/miltonstjohnsprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-



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To find out more about how it works click on the link below.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/?efr_source=website&efr_medium=easyfundraising&efr_campaign=header-navigation

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies are still on sale. Suggested donations start from 50p - £1.00 for various Poppy themed items.

DIARY DATES

Tues 14 Nov 2023	Year 2 trip to Ashton Mosque
Tues 12 Dec 2023	Christmas Dinner day
Thurs 14 Dec 2023	KS2 Panto trip
Mon 15 Jan 2024	Deadline for Primary School applications
Fri 14 June – Mon 17 June 2024	Year 6 Kingswood Residential trip
Fri 19 July 2024	Year 6 Leavers' Party

COMMUNITY NEWS



**SADDLEWORTH
LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

LANGUAGE CLUBS



French
EYFS, KS1 &
KS2
8:30-9:25

Spanish
EYFS & KS1
9:30-10:25



Spanish
KS2
10:30-11:25



Clubs held at The Satellite Centre, Wellington Road,
Greenfield, OL3 7AQ on Saturday mornings, beginning
Saturday 4th November.

£8.50 per session, booked in six week blocks

Parents welcome to stay or return after the club

Qualified MFL teacher, 15 years experience, enhanced
DBS disclosure

**More information and
booking by scanning the
QR code**



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EXCITING AND FUN

**BREAKING
NEWS**

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TRANSFER CENTRE

Mossley



Town
Team

FESTIVE MARKET

Saturday 4th November

Mossley Methodist Church

Chapel Street, OL5 0EX

11.00 am to 2:30pm

FREE ADMISSION



Refreshments, 24 Various Craft Stalls,



**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

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