

Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 31 January 2024

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PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MEASLES

We have been asked to circulate the following information...

Measles can be a very serious illness and with cases on the rise, please make sure you and your child are up to date with your MMR vaccination to get the best protection. This advice isn't just for kids, everyone should check they've been vaccinated, especially if aged under 35. Most people can check their vaccination records through the NHS app.

One in five children with measles will attend hospital, while nine in ten unvaccinated children will catch measles if a classmate has it. The rise in measles cases nationally increases the risk of outbreaks as the infection spreads easily between people who have not been vaccinated. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from the infection – it is safe and very effective, with 99% of people who've had two doses of MMR being protected.

Please contact your GP practice if you need to book a vaccination for yourself or your child.

MCSP BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children represented our school at the MCSP basketball competition last night. They were amazing and didn't give up

despite a few injuries. We are very proud to say that our Year 5 team came second overall and our Year 6 team (with some courageous Year 5's who covered a poorly team mate's absence) came first!!

Well done everyone and thank you to Mossley Hollins and the PE hub for organising this event!



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024/2025

The school calendar for 2024/2025 is now on the website to view.

VALENTINE'S DISCOS

We need parent volunteers to help out at the Valentine's Disco. We need parents for both evenings, but Wednesday in particular, to help with giving out refreshments, party favours and tidying up.

If anyone would like to help please email pta@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk.



NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 24

If your child will be 3 or 4 years old between 1 September and 31 August and you would like them to attend our Nursery, please contact the office for an application form or if you would like further information. The deadline for applications is Monday 5 February 2024.

For information, since September 2012, each child is entitled to 15 hours free early years education per week from the term following their third birthday. At Milton St John's, this 15-hour provision runs from 8.45am – 11.45am Monday – Friday, term time only. From September 2017, parents who work a minimum of 16 hours per week may be entitled to an extra 15 hours of free early years education per week. This is on production of an eligibility code. This code and NI number must be brought to the school office for us to check through an online portal. This must be done before the start of the term in which the parents start to claim the extra 15 hours. Eligibility then must be confirmed on a termly basis by the parent. Should eligibility change there will be a grace period in which the parent will still be able to claim the extra 15 hours of childcare.

We are very fortunate that Castletop Nursery and Skools Out offer wrap around care for parents should they require it.

WORLD BOOK DAY – 7 MARCH

World Book Day this year is on 7 March. As it has been quite a while since we have last done this, we have decided that the children can come into school dressed as a character in a book on this day. We would like to emphasize that we will be encouraging the children to try and be creative with the clothes and resources they already have at home, rather than go out and buy a ready-made costume. We are very aware that things cost a lot of money and we do not want to add any further pressure to parents.

The following websites (from last year) have some ideas that may help:

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

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CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Parents are welcome to attend the following assembly dates for the class assemblies. We anticipate they will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes. Year 6 will be performing in another show later on in the year rather than a class assembly. We will inform you of dates nearer the time. All assemblies will start at 9.05am.

Year 4	7.2.24
Year 3	20.3.24
Year 2	26.6.24
Year 1	8.5.24
Reception	3.7.24

DIARY DATES

Wed 7 Feb 2024	PTA Valentine's Disco Rec/Yr 1/Yr 2
Thurs 8 Feb 2024	PTA Valentine's Disco Yr 3/Yr 4/Yr 5/Yr 6
Thurs 7 March 2024	World Book Day
Thurs 28 March 2024	Yr 5 trip to Lowry Theatre and Imperial War Museum
Mon 13 May-Thurs 16 May 2024	Yr 6 SATs week
Fri 14 June – Mon 17 June 2024	Yr 6 Kingswood Residential trip
Fri 19 July 2024	Yr 6 Leavers' Party

<https://cosmickids.com/childrens-mental-health-week-activities/>

9 ways to help children with anxiety



Resources to help children develop mental super powers

Children's Mental Health Week

5-11th February

Free resources to support your Whole School Approach

<https://www.worthit.org.uk/blog/5-practical-meaningful-activities-childrens-mental-health-week>

WORTH-IT®

5 Practical and Meaningful Activities for Children's Mental Health Week

Apply for a Cost-of-Living Grant | Cash for Kids | Helping the children that need it most



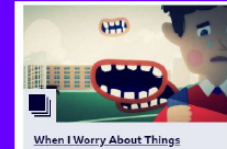
For key workers and schools to apply. Please check criteria before applying

Children's Mental Health Week
(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



Resources to support Children's Mental Health Week

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teach/childrens-mental-health-week/zk37bdm>



BBC Teach

Animations and activities to support Early Years, Primary and Secondary Schools

<https://cloud.brandmaster.com/point/en/koothplc/component/default/103665>



Free mental health resources for our amazing supporters

Kooth Resource Hub

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/childrens-mental-health-week/>



Improving children's mental health

This year's theme is My Voice Matters.

Free Resources for Schools.

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

Supporting wellbeing through literacy teaching
A collection of resources and insights to support wellbeing and the recovery curriculum through literacy.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/childrens-mental-health-week/>



UK Health
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Measles: How to Stay Safe

The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, and 3 years, 4 months



If you have not had two doses, you can get them free from your GP surgery



Know the symptoms!
Keep people with symptoms away from others



Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP



Symptoms

Rash



Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough



UK Health Security Agency gateway number: 2023004. Download only resource www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-outbreak