

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 12 December

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

### **Christmas Show Times**

The Key Stage 1 show duration will be approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour

The Key Stage 2 Show duration will be approximately 1 hour 20 minutes

The EYFS Show duration will be approximately 50 minutes

Please can we advise all Parents that where you are attending shows where 2 run consecutively, we do expect you to sit through both performances. The children have worked extremely hard on their shows and it is very disruptive when people get up to leave midway through performances.

For the evening performance of the Key Stage 2 Show on **Wednesday 14 December**, all children need to be back at school for 5.40pm.

### **Goodbye and Good Luck**

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Mr Carty the School Site Manager who will be retiring when we finish for the Christmas break. Mr Carty has looked after our School for over 10 years and he will be sadly missed by all of us here at Milton St John's.

We would also like to say goodbye and good luck to Mr McCarthy who will also be leaving us. We would like to thank Mr McCarthy for all of his hard work with Class 2 this term and wish him good luck in the future. Mrs Fernley returns from maternity leave after Christmas to take over from Mr McCarthy. Mrs Fernley will be visiting the class before Christmas and will be working closely with Miss Rodgers/Mr McCarthy to ensure continuity after Christmas. If you have any questions or concerns please contact any of the Teachers mentioned above, Mrs Titterington or myself.

### **Slippers for Shelter/Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 16 December**

To raise money for the homeless we will be having a 'Slippers for Shelter' day on Friday 16 December, we would like all children to bring their slippers into school to change in to and to wear for the day. Also on this day the children are able to wear their Christmas jumper/non School uniform to School to help raise money for 'Save the Children'. All we ask for is a £1 donation on the day; all monies raised will be split between the 2 charities.

### **Christingle Service**

At some point this week the children will be making Christingles at School. They will have brought home a candle holder which we would like all families to fill with any loose change that they can spare; this will contribute towards providing a hot meal to disadvantaged children over the Christmas period. We then ask for the candle holders to be returned to School in time for the Christingle Services, which will be held in the School hall on the following days:

Monday 19 December at 2.30pm – Key Stage 2 Christingle Service

Tuesday 20 December at 9.30am – Reception and Key Stage 1 Christingle Service

All Parents are welcome to join us.



## Planning Application

We would just like to bring to your attention that a planning application has been made to Tameside MBC for the land to the rear of 31 to 39 Carrhill Road. This is the land that used to be allotments behind the school (near the kitchen). If you require further information please see (web link). For your information, this application is in effect a renewal application for the development that was allowed on appeal.

We have contacted the Tameside Planning Department as the school had not received an official letter about this application and they have confirmed that as long as the Council receive responses before a decision is made, which is on or around 2.1.17, they can consider them, but Tameside MBC strongly suggest that if anyone has any comments they need to arrive in the next 2 weeks.

## After School Clubs

Please be advised that After School Clubs have now finished until further notice. The Key Stage 1 Sports Club and also Dance Club have now also finished. Children should have been advised direct by Tameside Music Service regarding Percussion Club however, we have been informed this Thursday will be the last session.

## Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is not going to be in School for any reason, you need to advise the School Office. This can be either a telephone call or a text message. Please do not use Class Dojo for reporting absences.

## Milton's X-Factor

On 16 December, Jeff Curtis (our Sports Coach) has very kindly offered to host a Milton's X-Factor event for all children in Class 3-6. This is something that Jeff has successfully organised in other schools each year and is a fun event for the children taking part and also the children watching.

## EYFS Plea

EYFS are aiming to improve their outdoor area and would be grateful if you could donate any of the following items: teapots, cups, saucers, bath toys, buckets, spades, spoons, pans, baking trays, rolling pins (only metal and plastic please). Please bring any items to the EYFS unit or leave at the School Office. Thank you.

## Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

Please can everyone check their raffle tickets for the following unclaimed prizes:

White 174      Yellow 4      Green 285      White 18

## 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.

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Friday 17 February</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Friday 3 February</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Friday 20 January</b>



## 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 the 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!**

## Dates for your Diary

<b>13 December</b>	Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas Shows (9.30am)
<b>13 December</b>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Show (3.30pm)
<b>14 December</b>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Panto
<b>14 December</b>	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Shows (9.30am)
<b>14 December</b>	KS2 Christmas Show (6pm)
<b>15 December</b>	EYFS Christmas Show (9.30am)
<b>15 December</b>	KS1 Christmas Show (3.30pm)
<b>16 December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>16 December</b>	Milton's X-Factor
<b>19 December</b>	Christmas Service (9.30am)
<b>19 December</b>	EYFS Christmas Party
<b>19 December</b>	KS1 Christmas Party
<b>19 December</b>	KS2 Christingle Service (2.30pm)
<b>20 December</b>	Reception/KS1 Christingle Service (9.30am)
<b>20 December</b>	School Closes for Christmas
<b>5 January</b>	School Re-opens



As Advent progresses and we continue to count down to Christmas, our thoughts turn to the Nativity and the other plays in School. May we be thankful for our children and the many blessings we have.





## Community News



### Church Christmas services

18th December	6.30pm	Carol service @ St John's
22nd December	7.30pm	Carol service @ St George's
<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
24th December	4.00pm	Crib Service @ St George's
	6.00pm	Christingle @ St John's
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass @ St George's
<i>Christmas Day</i>		
25th December	9.30am	Parish Communion @ St John's
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist @ St George's
<i>New Year's Day</i>		
1st January 2017	11.00am	United Parish Eucharist @ St George's
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	2.30pm	Churches Together Christian Unity Service @ St George's
21 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	10.00am	St George's PCC away day @ St John's

## Christmas Performances

**Christmas Performances – Entry to the shows will be by ticket only**

DATE	TIME	SHOW
Tuesday 13 December	9.30am	KS1: Born in a Barn & KS2: Olivia
Tuesday 13 December	3.30pm	KS2: Olivia
Wednesday 14 December	9.30am	EYFS: Jesus in a Manger & KS1: Born in a Barn
Wednesday 14 December	6.00pm	KS2: Olivia
Thursday 15 December	9.30am	EYFS: Jesus in a Manger
Thursday 15 December	3.30pm	KS1: Born in a Barn

## Other Christmas Events at Milton St John's

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 16 December	Lunch time	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 December	Morning	KS2 Jack and the Beanstalk-Middleton Arena
Monday 19 December	Provisionally 9.30am	Christmas Service at St John's Church
Monday 19 December	During School Time	EYFS Christmas Party
Monday 19 December	Afternoon	KS1 Christmas Party

**EYFS: Nursery/Reception**

**KS1: Class 1 & 2**

**KS2: Class 3, 4, 5 & 6**

