

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 19 December

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

Christingle Service

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.

Milton's X-Factor

Congratulations to Daisy Johnson and Eden Hadfield in Class 6 who were crowned the winners of Milton's X-Factor 2016, well done also to our runner up Harry Chamberlain in Class 5. Thank you and well done to all of the children who auditioned and took part in this event. Thank you to Jeff Curtis (our Sports Coach) for organising this competition, it has been a huge success and all of the children have enjoyed either taking part or watching the performances.

Football at Milton St John's

It has been brought to our attention that some Parents think that Football is banned. There is no ban on football at Milton St John's Primary School. However, because we have 257 children and only a small, sloping playground, there are specific areas designated for football; this is timetabled so all children are given the opportunity to play. In a morning and after school we ask that the children do not play ball games whilst Parents bring or pick up their children due to the lack of space.

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.

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.



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:

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.

Class 1	Friday 17 February
Class 2	Friday 3 February
Class 3	Friday 20 January

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

20 December	Reception/KS1 Christingle Service (9.30am)
20 December	School Closes for Christmas
5 January	School Re-opens



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 th January 2017	2.30pm	Churches Together Christian Unity Service @ St George's
21 st January 2017	10.00am	St George's PCC away day @ St John's



Our thoughts turn to Christmas and spending time with family and friends and remembering that Christmas is a time for giving. We also extend our thoughts to families who will find this time of year difficult.

