

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 10 January

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

Christingle Services

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in our Christingle Services over the festive period and thank you for all of your generous donations, we managed to raise £313.70 for the Children's Society.

School Plea

Please can we ask if anybody has any spare ribbon, fabric, tinsel, string, florist ribbon or lace in any of the following colours: gold, yellow, orange, cream, red, shiny, sparkly that they would like to donate to school, we would be most grateful. It is for a new display in the School hall.

After School Clubs

Clubs are currently being reviewed and we will update you as soon as a decision has been made as to which clubs will be running etc. Dance club will continue from Thursday this week and Key Stage 1 Sports club continues every Friday until further notice.

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!



PTA

If anybody has any unwanted gifts that they would like to donate to the PTA for future events, please bring them into School. Also, if you have any ideas for future PTA events please share them with the team via their Facebook page.

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
Class 5	Friday 17 March

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.

Community News

NEW: Six week drumming course at the Vale, Mossley! Ages 7-11, Tuesdays at 5-6pm, starting 10 January. Minimum contribution £12 (£2 per week). The group will be working on rhythms to support the Incredible Plastic Street Band in their carnival and parade events such as the Mossley Whit Walks. Contact Beren on 07941 157178 to join. We are also taking on new members in the street band (ages 5-11, sign up at www.vale-music.co.uk).

The Mayor and Mayoress of Mossley, Cllr Gregory Brett & Dianne Kerr invite you to a Masquerade Ball Civic Dinner on 25 February at the George Lawton Hall, the night will include a gourmet meal and surprise act – For further information please contact
Chris Lyness on 01457 832134
All proceeds to the Mayor of Mossley's Charity for community groups in Mossley

Church Services

15 January 2017	2.30pm	Churches Together Christian Unity Service @ St George's
21 January 2017	10.00am	St George's PCC away day @ St John's
4 February 2017	10.00am	St John's PCC away day @ St George's
8 February 2017	7.00pm	Safeguarding Training @ St George's
16 February 2017	9.30am	St John's School Service @ St John's
28 February 2017		No 7pm Eucharist



A brand new year and a fresh start! May we make the most of every blessing and arising opportunities. Let us welcome kindness, honesty, generosity and compassion into our hearts, minds and lives.

