

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 23 January

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

Pride of Milton winners this week are Craig Pickering in Key Stage 1, Dylan Artingstall in Lower Key Stage 2 and Mia Newton in upper Key Stage 2.

Milton Manners



Learner of the Week



Arts Award



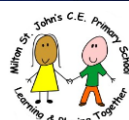
Team Player



Playtime Hero



Fantastic Friend



Dangerous Parking

Could we just remind everybody that they should not be parking on Milton Street, which is the road in between the main school and the Early Years Unit, it is very dangerous when children are arriving and leaving School.

After School Clubs

Clubs will start again today, you should have been notified which club your child has been given. Please can we stress how important it is to inform the club leader if your child is not attending. Failure to attend the club could result in the place being given to another child.

Informal 'Drop In' Sessions - All Parents and Family Members Welcome

Due to the positive response received from parents who have attended our 'Drop In' sessions, we will be holding our next sessions very soon. The purpose of these sessions are to enable the children to share their work with their families. The children enjoy showing their parents and family members what they have been doing in school. Please see dates below.

All sessions run from the end of the school day until 4pm.

Nursery	Monday 30 January (12.00pm-12.45pm)
Reception	Monday 30 January
Class 1 -	Wednesday 8 February
Class 2 –	Wednesday 15 February
Class 3 –	Wednesday 1 February
Class 4 –	Thursday 9 February
Class 5 –	Monday 13 February
Class 6 –	Thursday 9 February

Recycling Bins

Due to cross contamination TMBC have removed the recycling bins from our premises. The bins were not being used correctly and incorrect items were being placed in the wrong bins thus making TMBC reluctant to empty them regularly. The bins were therefore attracting vermin on to our site which is totally unacceptable.

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.

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 5	Friday 17 March



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!

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.

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.



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

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

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3 February	Class 2 Assembly
Wednesday 8 February	Class 2 Manchester Museum Trip
Friday 17 February	Class 1 Assembly
Friday 17 March	Class 5 Assembly



This week we focus on Bible stories and learn of the parables that Jesus told. Can we think of how they are relevant in our lives today? How can we link them with our 'SHINE' theme?

