

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 3 July

Sports Week

Sports Week was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the different events.



Sports Day

Sports Day for EYFS will be held on Tuesday 18 July at 9.30am

KS1 Sports Day will be held on Thursday 20 July at 9.30am

KS2 Sports Day will be held on Thursday 20 July at 1.30pm

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Johnson on her pregnancy. Miss Johnson will leave us shortly before Christmas, we will therefore have a new member of staff from September. As soon as the new member of staff has been appointed we can then advise you which Teachers are assigned to which class.

Slippers for Shelter Week – 26 June-30 June

Thank you to all of you who sent donations in for Emmaus. Unfortunately, they do not accept books, we are therefore hoping to sell the donated books at the Summer Fair. If this causes you a problem please contact the School Office.

End of year reports/ Celebration of work evening

Our end of year reports will be sent out next week. The report provides you with an indication of your child's progress, achievement and effort at the end of the year in relation to the National Curriculum. This year, a different format for the report has been used, which we hope will make it easier for parents to understand. Additionally, in consultation with the schools in the Mossley and Carrbrook Schools' Partnership, we have collectively decided to report how your child is performing based on the curriculum age group expectations.

This year we are also introducing an after school 'Celebration of Work' evening on Tuesday 18 July 2017 between the times of 3.15pm–5.00pm. This 'Celebration of Work' evening is **not** a compulsory event, however, it will take on a similar format to our after school 'Drop in' sessions, where the children's books will be on display to look at with your child. Parents/carers are able to move from one classroom to another (if there are siblings) as the event will be long enough to allow quality time to be spent in each class. The class teachers will be in each classroom during this time to informally talk to parents, if required. We will not be operating an appointment system on this night, however, if you do need to talk confidentially to the class teacher regarding your child's school report, please arrange this through Class Dojo or by speaking to the teacher directly.



Summer Fair – Thursday 13 July 4.30pm-6.30pm

We are organising a Summer Fair on Thursday 13 July with the help of the PTA. In order for the fair to take place, we need plenty of volunteers to help run the event.

A brief meeting is being held **this evening** to discuss preparations for the Summer Fair. The meeting will be at the Rising Sun pub at 7pm. If you think you can help out on the day, please come and join us at the meeting.

If you have any unwanted books, toys/teddies, please bring into the School office. We will also require cakes on the morning of the fair, to be sold on our cake stall.

We hope that all of the children have fun decorating their cups to sell on the cup stall. Please put your child's name on the bottom of the cup when you bring into School (cups were sent home with your child on Friday).

Nursery Graduation

All Nursery parents are invited to their child's graduation ceremony on Tuesday 25 July which will commence shortly after registration.



Unwanted Visitors

Please can we ask you all to look at this picture to see if you recognise any of the 4 youths who were spotted on the School roof on Sunday tea time. This has become a regular occurrence over the last week and not only is extensive damage being caused but it is also a Health and Safety risk for the individuals concerned. The incidents have been reported to the police and we would urge anyone with information to contact the school or the police direct.

Dangerous Parking

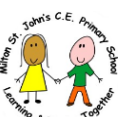
Please can we remind you all to be mindful of where you are parking in the mornings and also in the afternoons when you are dropping off or picking up your children from School. We are constantly receiving calls/emails from local residents due to the thoughtless parking of some of our Parents we are sad to say. Please respect our neighbours and be courteous when parking. If you know you are going to be on the School grounds for a long period of time, please be mindful that our local residents are also trying to get home and park outside their homes later on in the day. Also delivery drivers struggle to reach our neighbours homes due to thoughtless parking by others.

Apart from the fact that thoughtless parking is upsetting our neighbours, it also makes it extremely dangerous for our children coming in to and out of school. Cars are often trying to manoeuvre in tight spaces and around other parked cars; they cannot always see the children/parents trying to cross. With this in mind, if this reckless parking continues we will have no option but to take pictures of the culprits and publish them in the weekly newsletters.

Can we also re-iterate that there is ample parking on the Yorkshire Ward car park and it is then only a short stroll down to School.

Garden Area

Please can we ask that you do not allow the children to play in the borders around the playground. A lot of time and effort has been spent trying to make the area look nice but unfortunately some of the flowers have been pulled out of the ground by children at the end of the school day.



Safeguarding Issue

Last week Snapchat introduced a new feature, the 'Snap Map'.

This location based map allows users to see where in the country their Snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location based photos and videos. The Snap Map shows a user's Bitmoji, their cartoon avatar within Snapchat, pinpointed on a world map. Users can then zoom into the map to see the exact location of their friends.

How to access Snap Maps

To access the Snap Map in the latest update of the Snapchat app, users need to go to their camera screen within Snapchat and zoom out using two fingers. This will then launch the Snap Maps screen and will allow a user to see their friend's locations.

Choose who can see your location

It is important to be careful about who you share your location with, as it can allow people to build up a picture of where you live, go to school and spend your time.

Given how specific this new feature is on Snapchat - giving your location to a precise pinpoint on a map - we would encourage users not to share their location, especially with people they don't know in person.

There are three settings for sharing your location on the map, these are; Ghost mode, My Friends, and Select Friends. But what do these settings mean?

Ghost Mode

Ghost Mode means that you are the only person who can see your location on the map. Within Ghost Mode you can still see the locations of your friends but they will be unable to see you. This setting will ensure that you have complete control over who knows your location.

My Friends

My Friends means that all of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location. If turning on this setting then it would be important for users to review their Snapchat contacts and also make sure that they never add someone they don't know in person onto Snapchat.

Select Friends

This setting allows users to look through their friend list and then decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location. This setting gives users the opportunity to control who can view their location.

Changing settings

When first opening the Snap Map users get to make a decision of who they want to be able to view their location. Once these settings are in place they can always be changed in Snapchat's settings. This can be done in two ways:

In the Snapchat settings

In the Snapchat screen click on the Settings (cog) icon> click on 'see my location' > Choose the setting which suits you

On the Snap Map

Top tips

Sharing location can be a risky thing to do. Our tips for location sharing are:

Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.

Don't add contacts to Snapchat if you don't know them in person.

Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. Remember you can switch this off at any time. Think about where you're sharing your location. Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you're on the app and whether these are locations you want to share – if not, then turn this off within your settings.

Please visit the below for further advice and guidance:

UK Safer Internet Centre : <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%99snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat>

<https://techcrunch.com/2017/06/21/snap-map/>

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>


<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40415706>



Community News

The Marvellous Mossley Great Community Get Together
A Mammoth Celebration of Mossley Life
Saturday 8 July 10am-2.30pm at the George Lawton Hall
Free family activities, live entertainment, community café, something for all ages, abilities and interests

We hope you've been enjoying finding the Mossley Mammoths and clipping your trail sheet. Don't forget to bring your completed (or nearly full) trail sheets along to the Marvellous Mossley event at George Lawton Hall (see above) for the next part of the puzzle...and of course your reward!



Do Code.

Tameside CoderDojo is a free code club for 7 -17 year olds, where young people can learn to code in a safe, friendly and relaxed environment.

It is free to attend but places are limited. Booking is required.

Calling all curious Tameside coders....

Tameside CoderDojo #1

When: Sunday 9th July 2017, 11am-3pm

Where: Active Medlock, Sky High Adventure, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden M43 7XU

To find out more about CoderDojo and book your place now:
www.tamesidecoderdojo.org.uk

Church News

Church Services

8 July 12pm	Jubilee Eucharist at St George's
9 July afternoon	Mirfield Celebrations
15 July 10am	Summer Fair at the George Lawton Hall
27 July 9.30am	Milton St John's School Leaver's Service at St John's
28 July 9.30am	St George's School Leaver's Service at St George's

Dates for your Diary

10 July	Class 4 Police Museum Trip
11 July	Class 6 Heights of Abraham Trip
12 July	Class 1 and 2 Eureka Trip
13 July	Summer Fair
14 July	Reception assembly (Mrs Smith)
18 July	Class 5 Brockholes Nature Reserve Trip
18 July	EYFS Sports Day 9.30am
18 July	Celebration of Work Evening (3.15pm-5pm)
20 July	KS1 Sports Day 9.30am/KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
21 July	Reception assembly (Miss Bates)
25 July	Class 3 Magna Trip
25 July	Class 6 Presentation Evening @ 6.00pm
26 July	Leavers Assembly @ 9.00am
26 July	Parents vs. Leavers @ 2.00pm



This week we are focusing on prayer and how it can positively impact our lives.

We encourage you all to pray in times of happiness and of sorrow.

