

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 18 September

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Milton Manners



Team Player



Fantastic Friend



Learner of the Week



Achievement Assembly - Mondays 9.10am

To show how proud we are of our children, we will continue to hold an Achievement Assembly for them each week. To make the assembly even more special, we invite the parents of any child receiving a certificate to the event. We are aware that sometimes a parent cannot attend; in this case any family member would be welcomed. In order to inform you that you are invited we will be sending a text out on a Thursday for the Achievement Assembly on the Monday. We understand that this is short notice but unfortunately we are unable to do this any other way.

The Midday Assistants will also be awarding the children a 'Playground Hero' throughout the week and the children will receive a certificate during the Achievement Assembly. Once again a text will be sent out to inform you if you are invited to the assembly.

Your PTA needs you!

Please join us! Whether you would like to get involved regularly or help out just occasionally at events, we'd love to hear from you. Our first meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday 19 September at 7pm in the Rising Sun pub. We'll be talking through various ideas for the year and everyone is welcome. You can also connect with us by requesting to join the Milton St John's PTA Events Facebook group.

We **S**how respect. We are **H**onest. We **I**nclude others. We **N**ever give up. We seek **E**xcellence in all we do.

Road Works on Manchester Road

Cadent are carrying out gas mains replacement work on Manchester Road and there will be extensive road works. The project was due to start on 13 September with an estimated duration of 8 weeks.

The 4 way traffic lights that connect Mill Lane, Three Counties Road and Manchester Road will be disabled during the works. There will be 2 way temporary traffic lights on Manchester Road throughout the duration of the works. Mill Lane and Three Counties Road will have give way signs at this junction.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thursday 28 September 9.05am

We would like to invite all parents/carers and family members to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It will be held on Thursday 28 September from 9.05am. Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face, and, as treatments improve; more and more people are living with cancer in their daily lives. The money we raise at our coffee morning will help make sure no one has to face cancer alone, from the moment they are diagnosed, through treatment and beyond. Being one of many people having first-hand experience of being supported by the Macmillan nurses, to be able to arrange anything to help them is an honour. Any donations of cakes, biscuits etc. for the event would be greatly appreciated and we hope that you can all join us on the morning and enjoy the refreshments, have a chat and catch up with others and donate something towards the cause.

Data Collection Forms/Local Trips/E-Safety/Home School Agreement

For classes 1-6 Data Collection sheets will be sent home by the end of this week, if there are any amendments please indicate on the sheet and return to school. For Nursery and Reception, Data Collection sheets have already been sent to parents, if you have not already done so **please return to school**. Consent forms for local trips, e-safety etc. will be sent home by the end of this week. All forms need returning by the date indicated.

As stated on the forms we are only requesting permissions once during your child's school career, unless there is a major policy change, therefore if you wish to remove your consent for local trip, internet use or photography please inform the school office in writing.

School Meals

Please be advised that if you wish to change your child's school meal preference, we require one week's notice to make the necessary amendments and to inform our catering team.

Homework/PE Kits

Children receive homework and spellings weekly. We also encourage parents to read with their child every night. The children have PE twice a week and will therefore need their kits on the days indicated. Please see the table below for the correct information for your child's class.

Class	Homework	Spellings	PE Days
1 (Sea Turtles - Miss Bates' class)	Reading everyday	Given out Friday - test following Friday	Tuesday and Thursday
1 (Dolphins - Mr Powell's class)	Reading everyday	Given out Friday - test following Friday	Tuesday and Wednesday
2	All classes set their homework on a Friday and must be completed and handed in by Wednesday the following week. Unfortunately homework handed in after that will not be marked.	Given out Friday - test following Friday	Monday and Wednesday
3		Given out Friday - test following Friday	Thursday and Friday
4		Given out Friday - test following Friday	Monday and Friday
5		Given out Friday - test following Friday	Monday and Friday
6		Given out Monday - test following Monday	Monday (swimming) and Friday

Lost Property

Unfortunately due to the amount of lost property that accumulates at school, our policy is to retain all items until the end of every half term, at that point any items that are still unclaimed will be sent for recycling.

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 Sea Turtles	To be advised
Class 1 Dolphins	To be advised
Class 2	To be advised
Class 3	Friday 27 October
Class 4	Friday 20 October
Class 5	Friday 17 November
Class 6	Friday 29 September

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.

- For illegal parking/causing an obstruction, i.e. On the pavement, contact the Police on 101
- For parking in restricted areas/on double yellow lines etc. contact TMBC Traffic Unit on 0161 342 8355

Penalty Notices for Non- school attendance – Information for Parents/Carers

Section 444(A) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 12 week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution (a separate penalty notice may be issued to each parent for each child).

In law, an offence is committed if a parent fails to secure a child's regular attendance at school. Tameside Education Welfare Service, in conjunction with schools and Greater Manchester Police, will use these powers as an early deterrent to prevent patterns of unauthorised absence developing.

Parents may also receive a Penalty Notice without a warning letter for the offence of failing to secure regular school attendance under the following circumstances:

- Their child is stopped on a truancy sweep
- Where the unauthorized absence of a minimum of 10 sessions occurs on consecutive days

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 also makes it an offence if a parent fails to ensure that their child is not in a public place during the first 5 days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion. Penalty Notices may be issued for such an offence.

The Local Authority and schools are committed to providing the best possible future for your child. If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school or if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact your school and ask for help.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Oasis Academy Leesbrook is a new secondary school for Oldham that will open in September 2018. The new Academy will be a 10 form of entry (300), inclusive, non-selective, co-educational school. We will open initially in temporary accommodation, at a purpose built unit previously used for education on Middleton Road, the Academy will then move into a new building on the Breeze Hill site.

As one of our local primary schools we would also like to invite your pupils to our Open Evening events on the following dates:

- 10 October 6.00pm-7.30pm
- 8 November 6.00pm-7.30pm
- 22 November 6.00pm-7.30pm



Dates for your Diary

28 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
29 September	Class 6 Assembly
3 October	Class 6 Safe Squad Trip
16 October	Class 5 Jodrell Bank Trip
20 October	Class 4 Assembly
26 October	Class 6 Stockport Air Raid Shelter Trip
27 October	Class 3 Assembly
17 November	Class 5 Assembly



We will be thinking of 'joy' this week in our collective worship. May we be ever grateful for what we have and seek to find joy in everything around us.

"Go and face the day with joy – God's got your back."