

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 25 September

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### Milton Manners



### Team Player



### Playtime Hero



### 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.

#### 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.

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.

## Year 1 - Forest School

After talking to a few parents, we thought it was important to clarify a couple of things for the parents/carers in both of the Year 1 classes regarding the Forest School sessions. The children will have one Forest School session each week (one afternoon). Each session will take place with 12 children and will be led by Miss Bethell supported by another Teaching Assistant. The remaining 12 children in the class will spend the afternoon with the teacher on a specific learning task. Splitting the class this way, allows the children to get the most out of Forest School sessions whilst simultaneously allowing the other children to have deeper, focused learning time in class. As we have two Year 1 classes, it will take four afternoons to allow each class to have 2 sessions (half the class in each session).

Forest School sessions for Year 1 children will include activities such as den building, problem solving, art activities and games that need good communication and listening skills. As the children haven't had any Forest School experience yet, tools will not be used. As the children move up the school the children may be introduced to various tools as/when the Forest School leader feels that the children are ready and responsible enough to use them. When this does occur the children are trained on a 1 to 1 basis with the Forest School Leader.

If you are struggling with any of the clothes items that were requested in the original letter, please let us know as we do not want any child to miss out and we do have some spare items. With this in mind, if anyone has any spare clothing that could be donated to our Forest School supply, we would be very grateful.

## Ofsted

As you will be very aware we were visited by Ofsted last week. Unfortunately, we are unable to comment on the visit until the report has been published but we would like to thank the parents/carers that either spoke to the inspector on the day or filled in 'Parent View' online and the children for showing how proud they are of the school.

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

For classes 1-6 Data Collection sheets were sent home last week, if there are any amendments please indicate on the sheet and return to school. For Nursery and Reception, Data Collection sheets, \*consent forms for local trips, e-safety etc were sent to parents last week, if you have not already done so **please return to school**. 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.

## Cash Payments at School

With immediate effect, we will no longer be accepting old £1 coins at the School Office. The old style £1 coins will cease to be legal tender on 15 October 2017.

## Individual School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 17 October to take individual photographs. Please ensure all children are looking smart and wearing the correct uniform.

## 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.***

## 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.

## 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.

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

### **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

### **School Trips**

We are increasingly aware that more and more Parents are failing to contribute towards the cost of a School trip. School trips are heavily subsidised by School and we rely on your contributions to enable the trips to go ahead. If you are having difficulty paying please contact Miss Gallaher or Mrs Titterington. Unfortunately, we may have to reduce the number of School trips if we continue to have insufficient funding.

## 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



Mossley Hollins High School  
warmly invites you to our  
Open Evening @ 6pm  
on Tuesday 26th September 2017

### Dates for your Diary

<b>28 September</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning
<b>29 September</b>	Class 6 Assembly
<b>3 October</b>	Class 6 Safe Squad Trip
<b>10 October</b>	Class 3 Portland Basin Trip
<b>16 October</b>	Class 5 Jodrell Bank Trip
<b>17 October</b>	Individual School Photographs
<b>20 October</b>	Class 4 Assembly
<b>26 October</b>	Class 6 Stockport Air Raid Shelter Trip
<b>27 October</b>	Class 3 Assembly
<b>17 November</b>	Class 5 Assembly



We reflect on the need for rules and boundaries and how these keep us safe. We pray for all those in power who help to make rules and laws. May they keep peace and harmony at the forefront of their minds.