

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 2 October

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

Pride of Milton winners this week are Dylan Leitheiser in Key Stage 1, Emily Turner in Lower Key Stage 2 and Tyler Arya in upper Key Stage 2.

Milton Manners



Arts Award



Playtime Hero



Learner of the Week



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everybody that supported our coffee morning. We managed to raise £108.19 for this worthy cause.

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.

Hand Washing Day – Thursday 12 October

The SMSC school team are holding a hand washing day on Thursday 12 October to promote good hygiene. The children will learn about why it is so important to wash their hands properly and will get the chance to use a handwashing light box that will help them to identify how to wash their hands thoroughly.

The School Council are running a competition for children to design a poster to encourage other children to wash their hands. The winning posters will be displayed around school. All entries must be in by Wednesday 11 October and will be judged by the School Council.

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.

Parents' Evening – 18 & 19 October

Letters will be sent home this week regarding Parents' Evening. Please indicate your preferred time slot on the reply slip and return them to school as soon as possible. If you have more than one child in school, you only need to return one reply slip with all children listed, to one of the Class Teacher's.

PTA Autumn Disco

The PTA are hoping to hold an Autumn disco after school on Thursday 26 October. However, the PTA need a reasonably priced DJ and parent volunteers to ensure they can run it. If you can offer any help then please contact the PTA via their Facebook page or the School Office.

A huge thank you to parents who have been involved/are still involved with the PTA. The children benefit so much from the money that they raise.

A number of ways the PTA's money has been distributed has included:

- iPads
- Artwork in the playground
- Window art in the school hall
- Forest school waterproofs
- Cheerleading outfits
- Contribution towards Year 6 leavers' party
- New Reception welcome session at Tumbles

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.

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.

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

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

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

3 October	Class 6 Safe Squad Trip
10 October	Class 3 Portland Basin Trip
16 October	Class 5 Jodrell Bank Trip
17 October	Individual School Photographs
18 October	Parents' Evening
19 October	Parents' Evening
20 October	Class 4 Assembly
26 October	Class 6 Stockport Air Raid Shelter Trip
27 October	Class 3 Assembly
17 November	Class 5 Assembly



This week we focus on success and failure.
We will talk to the children about being resilient and building emotional strength.
"Failure is not the opposite of success,
it's part of success"