

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 9 October

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

Pride of Milton winners this week are Evie Harrison in Key Stage 1, Lennon Taylor in Lower Key Stage 2 and Amy Titterton in Upper Key Stage 2.

### Milton Manners



### Fantastic Friend



### Team Player



### Playtime Hero



### Learner of the Week



### Ofsted

The official Ofsted report will be published this week, a copy will be sent home with your child today. All staff and Governors are pleased with the outcome and would like to thank Parents for their continuing support in making Milton a 'Good' School.

### 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 were sent home last 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 holding an Autumn disco on Thursday 26 October. There will be a KS1 and KS2 disco. Unfortunately Reception won't be included as previous discos have proved quite overwhelming for them at this point in the year.

Years 1 & 2 Disco 3.20pm – 4.20pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Disco 4.20 – 5.20pm

The disco will cost £1 and will include a drink and a snack. We are very lucky that Jeff, our Sports Coach, has agreed to be the DJ.

Please make sure your child hands their £1 directly to their Teacher and not to the office. Please make sure the correct money is given as no change will be available. **Unfortunately we won't be able to accept old £1 coins.**

The disco will run dependent on the goodwill of our staff and PTA. Therefore it is essential that your child is picked up on time.

If you are available to volunteer for this event and to help hand out drinks/snacks and supervise the children, then please contact Mrs Fernley or the School Office.

It should be a fantastic event for the children and raise some much needed funds for the PTA.

### **Swimming Lessons – Class 5**

Swimming lessons for Class 6 will finish at half term. Lessons for our Class 5 children will commence on Monday 6 November. Children will need full swim kit, full swimming costume (no bikinis) for girls and shorts that don't come below the knee for boys. A letter from parents is required, should your child need to wear their own goggles.

### **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.

### **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>

### **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**

One of our Parents is collecting plastic bottle tops to raise funds for charity. If you would like to bring any in to School that we can pass on to her, it would be much appreciated.

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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

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
26 October	KS1 PTA Disco 3.20pm-4.20pm
26 October	KS2 PTA Disco 4.20pm-5.20pm
27 October	Class 3 Assembly
27 October	School closes for half term
6 November	School Re-opens
17 November	Class 5 Assembly



This week we are learning about some of the parables that Jesus told and how they are relevant today.

Let us seek deeper meanings from experiences and stories.