

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 23 October

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

Pride of Milton winners this week are Craig Pickering in Key Stage 1, Harrison Brierley in Lower Key Stage 2 and McKenzie Figgins in Upper Key Stage 2.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Mrs Brayshaw on the news that she is expecting her first child in February.

Harvest Service

This year's Harvest celebration will be held at St John's Church on Wednesday 25 October at 9.30am. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us at the Service. This year we would like the children to bring in to school, any non-perishable foods i.e. canned, packets etc. (with a long sell by date please). All donations will be given to a local food bank.

PTA/Christmas Cards for Schools

Each child will be bringing home a letter today with details of designing their own Christmas card. This is entirely optional, therefore if you would like your child to participate, they need to design their own artwork on the reverse of the order form, this needs to be brought back to school on Monday 6 November at the latest, complete with your order and cash only payment (correct change needs to be provided as all monies/orders are being passed to the PTA). Please ensure that you adhere to the following rules when designing the card:

DO

Bright coloured Christmas Design that fill the A4 paper produce the best results

Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils

Use collage (**make sure all pieces are securely stuck on**)!

Use **glitter glue**

Make sure any text is bold, legible and **kept within 1cm** of the edges of the A4 paper

Make sure any border design is nice and large as we trim about 3mm off the cards to give a professional finish

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be held on Thursday 30 November this year. If you have any of the following that you can donate after the half term break, we would be most grateful:

Raffle prizes and Tombola prizes – have you any new, unwanted gifts?

Toys and Books – *in good condition only please!*

Handicrafts – Christmas gifts, garments etc.

Chocolate/bottle tombola prizes

Plus, on the morning of the Fair we will be collecting homemade cakes!

DON'T

Please **do not** use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) – it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!

If you are doing collage, please **do not make the sheet thicker than 2 pieces of paper**

Please don't fold the artwork, or use staples or sellotape

Avoid metallic finishes over large areas

Pale coloured pencils on a white background do not reproduce well

Individual School Photographs

Proofs will be sent home today, please send your orders back in to school by **Thursday 26 October**. Alternatively you can order online direct with John Hunt.

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 ceased to be legal tender on 15 October 2017.

After School Clubs

Clubs held on Thursday are cancelled this week; this is due to the School Disco.

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. The PTA will be running a tuck shop selling mixed packs of sweet treats and glow sticks. Packs will be priced at 50p and £1.

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.

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 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

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.

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:

- 8 November 6.00pm-7.30pm
- 22 November 6.00pm-7.30pm

Dates for your Diary

25 October	Harvest Service
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
14 November	Class 4 MOSI Trip
17 November	Class 5 Assembly
21 November	Class 2 Ashton Mosque Trip
30 November	Christmas Fair
14-17 May	Class 6 SATs Week



We celebrate Harvest this week in School and Church.

We give thanks for all we have in abundance and commit to sharing with others.

“Reach out with acts of kindness”.