

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 7 November

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

First Aid Training

A big thank you to the North West Ambulance Service, Staff members and all of the children who took part in the 'European Restart a Heart Day'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day!



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 by **Wednesday 8 November at the very 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:



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



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

Remembrance Day

Unfortunately we have had issues trying to get poppies delivered to school, however we are hopeful that they will be on sale at school from tomorrow, for a suggested minimum donation of 50p per poppy.

Children in Need

On Friday 17 November we will have a Funky Hair Day! Children are encouraged to do their hair up however they like, all we ask is that they donate £1 to this worthy cause. All children must still wear full School uniform.

Non-uniform Day

On Friday 24 December all children can come to school wearing their own clothes for a donation for the School Fair. From Nursery/Reception and KS1 children we ask for bottle donations and from KS2 children we ask for chocolate donations for the tombola.

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.

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 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



This week we remember those who have sacrificed so much for us. We pray for calm and peace to prevail over war and conflict.



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
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Family events at the Village Hotel Hyde:

Lunch with Santa on 3rd/10th/17th December 12am until 4pm, priced at £12 child/£18 adult/infants under 2 free. Also on 24th and 27th December the pantomime Aladdin which includes a 2 course lunch and a visit from Santa, priced at £15 child/£20 Adult.

At the Ashton Hotel Lunch with Santa is 24th December and the Aladdin Pantomime is 17th/23rd/28th December priced at £15 child/£20 Adult.

The Pantomime Sleeping Beauty will also be at the Ashton Hotel on New Year's Day priced at £15 child/£20 Adult.

For further information please contact the Hotel direct on 0161 674 0155

Dates for your Diary

14 November	Class 4 MOSI Trip
17 November	Class 5 Assembly
17 November	Comic Relief Funky Hair Day (£1 donation)
21 November	Class 2 Ashton Mosque Trip
24 November	Non-uniform Day (contributions for Christmas Fair)
29 November	KS2 Dick Whittington Panto
30 November	Christmas Fair
7 December	EYFS Christmas Experience
12 December	KS1/KS2 Christmas Shows (am)
12 December	KS2 Christmas Show (pm)
13 December	EYFS Christmas Show (am)
13 December	KS1 Christmas Show (pm)
14 December	EYFS Christmas Show (am)
14 December	KS1 Christmas Show (pm)
14 December	KS2 Christmas Show (eve)
15 December	Christmas Jumper Day
15 December	Christmas Lunch
18 December	KS1/Reception Christingle Service (am)
18 December	KS2 United Carol Service at St George's
18 December	KS1 Christmas Party
19 December	EYFS Christmas Party
19 December	KS2 Christingle Service (pm)
14-17 May	Class 6 SATs Week

Christmas Fair

Thursday 30 November at 4.30pm - 6.30pm

We need your help and support!

Any money raised at the Fair will contribute to the cost of other Christmas activities in school. We will be collecting items for the following stalls:

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!

If you can spare any of the above items they would be much appreciated.

In addition to the sales stalls, we will have games, refreshments and of course, 'You Know Who' will be there!

If you would like to volunteer to help during the day or night, please come to the office and let us know. We would really appreciate your help.

Remember, the school fair can only be a success if we have the support of the parents and carers!

The school day will finish at 2.00pm on this day to enable us to set up for the Fair (Playgroup will remain open until 3.00pm for all children that attend on this day)

Christmas Performances

Christmas Performances – Entry to the shows will be by ticket only

DATE	TIME	SHOW
Tuesday 12 December	9.30am	KS1 Show & KS2 Show
Tuesday 12 December	3.30pm	KS2 Show
Wednesday 13 December	9.30am	EYFS Show
Wednesday 13 December	3.30pm	KS1 Show
Thursday 14 December	9.30am	EYFS Show
Thursday 14 December	1.45pm	KS1 Show
Thursday 14 December	6.00pm	KS2 Show

Other Christmas Events at Milton St John's

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 29 November	Afternoon	KS2 Dick Whittington Pantomime Oldham Coliseum
Thursday 7 December	During School Time	EYFS Christmas Experience
Friday 15 December	Lunch time	Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 December	9.15am	KS1/Reception Christingle Service
Monday 18 December	1.30pm	KS2 United Carol Service at St George's
Monday 18 December	During School Time	KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 December	Morning	EYFS Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 December	2.30pm	KS2 Christingle Service

EYFS: Nursery/Reception

KS1: Class 1 & 2

KS2: Class 3, 4, 5 & 6