



Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 8 December

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

This will be the last Newsletter of 2017. School will finish on **Wednesday 20 December** and re-opens for all children on **Thursday 4 January 2018**. May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Snow Closure

We will always try and keep the school open! However under certain circumstances and for various reasons this is not always the case.

1. We do check with local weather stations and liaise with the Local Authority to try and gauge whether there is a likelihood of heavy snowfall. Unfortunately the forecasts are not always accurate and there is heavier snowfall than predicted.
2. The school has a number of staff who live outside the Mossley area. If there are not enough qualified staff available to come into school to open up and manage it safely then it cannot open due to Health & Safety reasons.
3. If the roads are dangerous then the school may not receive food deliveries and may be unable to provide a hot meal or food for the children at lunch time.
4. If the school boilers fail to operate we would need to call out an engineer to repair the fault. The School would have to close if we are not able to heat the school. If the heating fails during the day we would make a decision about school closure and contacting parents.

If there is heavy snowfall and also taking into account the above points, this is what will happen.

1. If necessary a decision to close will be made by 8.15am (or earlier if possible). However if the weather deteriorates throughout the day, we may also need to close school. A text will be sent to all Parents advising them that school is closed or closing.
2. The website will be updated throughout the day, providing that it can be accessed.
3. We will pass school closure information to TMBC and they will update their website.
4. If school remains open, Classes may need to be split and shared amongst others if we do not have enough members of staff to cover all classes.
5. If snow is set to continue over a number of days and we are aware of disruption to traffic, we may look at opening at 10am so that school can remain open.

Sending text messages is the most effective way that we can communicate with our parents.

Could you please ensure that the school has an up-to-date contact number, if you have recently renewed your mobile phone this is particularly important!

After School Dance Club

Please be aware that Dance Club has now finished until the New Year. It will restart on Thursday 4 January 2018 from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

Christmas Show Times

Please see the last page of the newsletter for approximate finish times of the shows.

Christmas Dinner - 15 December

Christmas Dinner will be served on Friday 15 December for School meal children and those on packed lunches who have ordered one.

Christmas Jumper Day – 15 December

Children can come to School wearing their Christmas jumpers on Friday 15 December. Please can all children bring a £1 donation, all monies will go to 'Save the Children'.

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Christmas Services

Please be aware that you are more than welcome to join us at the Christingle Services we are holding at School and also the Church Services that are being held at St George's* and St John's. Please see the last page of the newsletter for dates/times. *Places will be limited at the joint service at St George's.

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.

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	9 February
Class 1 Dolphins	16 February
Class 2	2 February

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

Head Lice

Please can we encourage all Parents to check their child's hair for head lice and treat if appropriate. It is important that once treated you continue to check to make sure the treatment has worked effectively and that your child has not become re-infected. This is particularly a problem in Class 1 and Class 2 at the moment.

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.

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.

Parish of Mossley – Dates for your Diary

Carol Service at St John's	Sunday 17 December 6.30pm
Carol Service at St George's	Thursday 21 December 7.30pm
United Parish Eucharist at St George's	Christmas Eve 9.30am
Costume Crib Eucharist at St George's (children can dress as their favourite Nativity character)	Christmas Eve 4.00pm
Christingle at St John's	Christmas Eve 6.00pm
Midnight Mass at St George's	Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Parish Communion at St John's	Christmas Day 9.30am
Parish Eucharist at St George's	Christmas Day 11.00am
United Parish Communion at St John's	New Year's Eve 11.00am

Family events at the Village Hotel Hyde:

Lunch with Santa on 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

Active Tameside

Drop & Shop Christmas Holiday Camp



Venue:	Micklehurst All Saints CE Primary School
Date & Time:	Thursday 21st December 8.30am-3.00pm
Age:	6-13 years old
Prices:	£12
How to Book:	Book by Jeff Curtis or emailing chtis.moorhouse@activetameside.com

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A New Year.....time to pause and reflect on what to do with the time that is given to you. Always be your best and remember we rise by lifting others.

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Dates for your Diary

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)
20 December	Church Service at St John's
14-17 May	Class 6 SATs Week

Christmas Performances

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

DATE	START TIME	Approx. Finish Time	SHOW
Tuesday 12 December	9.30am	11.00am	KS1 Show & KS2 Show *
Tuesday 12 December	3.30pm	4.30pm	KS2 Show
Wednesday 13 December	9.30am	10.10am	EYFS Show
Wednesday 13 December	3.30pm	4.15pm	KS1 Show
Thursday 14 December	9.30am	10.10am	EYFS Show
Thursday 14 December	1.45pm	2.30pm	KS1 Show
Thursday 14 December	6.00pm	7.00pm	KS2 Show

***Please be advised that all members of the audience are expected to stay for both shows on this day**

Other Christmas Events at Milton St John's

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 15 December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day
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
Wednesday 20 December	9.30am	Church Service at St John's

EYFS: Nursery/Reception

KS1: Class 1 & 2

KS2: Class 3, 4, 5 & 6