

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 22 January

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

The Pride of Milton winners are Erin Gower in Key Stage 1, Thomas Pattison in Lower Key Stage 2 and Mae Traynor in Upper Key Stage 2.

### Learner of the Week



### Milton Manners



### Fantastic Friend



### Team Player



### Brass Award



### Congratulations

We would all like to congratulate Miss Johnson on the birth of her first child; she is currently enjoying her maternity leave with baby Ethan.

### Christingle

Thank you to everybody that donated at our Christingle services, we managed to raise £298.28 for The Children's Society.

### SIAMS Inspection

Our SIAMS inspection was carried out last Wednesday. We would just like to thank the parents that managed to speak to the inspector and the School Council, Ethos Team and the other children that did a fantastic job of showing the inspector around. We anticipate the report will take approximately two weeks to be available and we will publish this as soon as possible.

### Mid-Year Reports for Nursery-Class 6

This Friday we will be sending out a mid-year report for your child providing information on achievement and effort. In preparation for this, the teachers have been holding individual mentoring sessions with the children, to discuss how well they are doing and what their targets are. Obviously teachers do this sensitively using age appropriate language. The reports will be very simple in an A4 format that the children (age appropriate) will be able to discuss with you.

### Nursery Applications September 2018

Please be advised that the closing date for all Nursery applications for September 2018 is Monday 12 February.

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.

## PTA News

The PTA are holding their next meeting on Thursday 8 February from 7pm at the Royal George in Mossley, all are welcome to attend.



### PTA Fashion Show

Do you fancy a child free night of fashion, wine and meeting other mums? The PTA are hosting a fashion show at the Royal George on Friday 9 March, from 7pm. There will be a fantastic range of discounted high street clothes for sale. This will follow previous fashion shows that have been a great success, with a relaxed atmosphere, whilst helping to raise much needed funds for the school. Tickets are now available from the School Office, Skools Out or the PTA.

### 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>9 February</b>
<b>Class 1 Dolphins</b>	<b>16 February</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>2 February</b>

### 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!**

### **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.

### **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.

**The Incredible Plastic Street Band** are currently recruiting new players! We have places available in the 4-6yrs group (pBuzz mini-trombones) and the 6-12yrs group (pTrumpet and pBone, full size plastic trumpets and trombones). We perform all our own music and the children rehearse once a week at the Vale community arts centre in Mossley. (Thursdays, 4pm pBuzz, 4.45pm-6pm pTrumpet/pBone). To sign up go to [www.vale-music.co.uk](http://www.vale-music.co.uk) or call Beren on 07941 157178.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>2 Feb</b>	Class 2 Assembly
<b>9 Feb</b>	Class 1 Sea Turtles Assembly
<b>16 Feb</b>	Class 1 Dolphins Assembly
<b>19-23 Feb</b>	Half Term Break – School Closed
<b>30 March-13 April</b>	Easter Holidays – School Closed
<b>16 April</b>	Inset Day – School Closed
<b>1 May</b>	Class Photographs
<b>7 May</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
<b>14-17 May</b>	Class 6 SATs Week
<b>28 May-8 June</b>	Half Term Break – School Closed
<b>15-18 June</b>	Class 6 Kingswood Trip
<b>25 July</b>	Class 6 Presentation Evening – 6pm
<b>26 July</b>	Class 6 Leavers’ Assembly – 9am
<b>26 July</b>	Class 6 Parents v’s Leavers – 2.15pm
<b>27 July</b>	School Closes at 3.15pm for Summer Break



We have encouraged all of the children to think of a goal in which it positively affects their life.  
“Every end is a new beginning.”