

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 29 January

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

The Pride of Milton winners are Evie Scott in Key Stage 1, Holly Cyprus in Lower Key Stage 2 and Lexie Carter in Upper Key Stage 2.

### Learner of the Week



### Milton Manners



### Fantastic Friend



### Team Player



### Brass Award



### Sports Award



### Goodbye and Good Luck

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Brayshaw who will be going on maternity leave at the end of this week.

### Toast

If anybody would like to volunteer to make toast for the children on a Monday morning we would be most grateful. Please contact the School Office.

### Nursery Applications September 2018

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

### 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.

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### **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>

### **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.

## **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!**

## **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.

### **Micklehurst Juniors Cricket Club needs players for the 2018 season.**

Training starts on Monday 29 January, 7.30pm until 9pm at Mossley Hollins High School indoor nets.

All new players are welcome, just turn up on the night. If more information is needed please message the 'Micklehurst Cricket Club' Facebook page or contact 01457 832163.

**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.

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### Dates for your Diary

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