

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 5 February

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

The Pride of Milton winners are Jack Thistleton in Key Stage 1, Maddie Howes in Lower Key Stage 2 and Mia Riley in Upper Key Stage 2.

Learner of the Week



Milton Manners



Fantastic Friend



Team Player



Brass Award



Playground Hero



Sports Award



SIAMS Inspection Report

We were very pleased to receive our SIAMS inspection Report following our inspection on the 17 January. We were judged as '**Good**' in areas which included 'the effectiveness of leadership and management of the school as a church school', 'the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church of England school' and the impact of collective worship on the school community'. We were particularly pleased to receive the judgment of '**Outstanding**' for 'how well does the school, through its distinctive Christian Character, meet the needs of all learners'. The report is now available on the school website by clicking on the 'Key Information pencil' on the left hand side of the website.

Safer Internet Day 6 February

Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 6 February 2018 with the slogan 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you' and it provides a fantastic opportunity to engage with children about their digital lives. Classes will be involved in various activities tomorrow to highlight the importance of staying safe online. If you would like any help the 'UK Safer Internet Centre' has some useful information to help parents including [conversation starters](#), a [factsheet](#), [family pledge card](#) and more! Visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers> for more details.

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.

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.

Disney themed week - 26 February - 2 March

The first week after half term sees the return of World Book day on the 1 March. Miss Collins and the CLL team have organised a Disney themed week to commence on 26 February where class teachers will be basing activities that week on a 'Disney' book. The children are then able to dress as a character from their book on World Book Day 1 March to celebrate, if they so wish. We wanted to give parents plenty of notice in advance; therefore, the classes have chosen the following books below to base their activities.

Reception and Nursery won't be focusing on a Disney book during this week as they will be starting the wonderful 'Aliens love underpants' book but they will be taking part in World Book Day by being able to dress as a character from a book on the 1st March if they wish.

Class 1 Sea Turtles -	Toy Story
Class 1 Dolphins -	Beauty and the Beast
Class 2 -	Lion King
Class 3 -	Hercules
Class 4 -	Peter Pan
Class 5 -	Mulan
Class 6 -	101 Dalmatians

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.



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.

Class 1 Sea Turtles	9 February
Class 1 Dolphins	16 February
Class 3	27 April
Class 4	16 March
Class 5	23 March

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.

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.

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

On Friday 2 February we received a complaint from a resident on Woodbank Terrace advising that they could not get anywhere near their property due to the inconsiderate parking from Parents collecting their children at home time. Please can we ask you all to be respectful of our residents and ensure that you are not blocking drives etc. Also, please be wary of children exiting the school premises from the steps that lead on to Woodbank Terrace as they lead directly on to the road.

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 or call Beren on 07941 157178.

Dates for your Diary

9 Feb	Class 1 Sea Turtles Assembly
16 Feb	Class 1 Dolphins Assembly
19-23 Feb	Half Term Break – School Closed
16 March	Class 4 Assembly
23 March	Class 5 Assembly
30 March-13 April	Easter Holidays – School Closed
16 April	Inset Day – School Closed
27 April	Class 3 Assembly
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."