

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 26 February

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

The Pride of Milton winners are Dylan Leitheiser in Key Stage 1, Maggie Wilkinson in Lower Key Stage 2 and Rose Jenkinson in Upper Key Stage 2.

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. **Children are also allowed to wear non-school dress on this day if they do not wish to dress up.**

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

Class 5 - Heritage Trail Project

Some of you may have already heard that the Mossley Civic Society announced that they were awarded a confirmed grant of £35,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the Routes to Roots project. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, the project aims to greatly raise the profile of Mossley Industrial Heritage Centre by increasing visitor numbers and encouraging children and adults to explore the heritage of Mossley in an engaging and fun way.

Working with Green Monster Arts, a local specialist educational arts provider, the Society will be working with class 5 to explore the heritage of Mossley and design an interactive walking trail from Milton St John's to the Industrial Heritage Centre. To start the project the children will be visiting the Heritage Centre on the morning of 8 March. Please could parents ensure the children have suitable footwear for the trip and are suitably clothed for the unpredictable weather.

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 3	27 April
Class 4	16 March
Class 5	23 March

Nursery Applications September 2018

Please be advised that the deadline for all Nursery applications for September 2018 has now gone. Applications received going forward will go on a waiting list and be looked at should any spaces not be accepted (this will be following the Easter break).



Snow Closure

With the forecast set to bring us snow this week please note that 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!



Spare Clothes

If anybody has any spare clothes that they can donate to the Early Years unit, we would be most grateful. Preferably aged 3-7 year old.

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.

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.

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 FASHION SHOW
FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018
AT THE ROYAL GEORGE
FROM 7.00PM**

**WE'RE NEARLY THERE!
HELP US REACH OUR TARGET AND MAKE OVER £400 FOR THE SCHOOL!**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED EQUALLY ACROSS EACH CLASS AT MILTON,
THEY CAN THEN DECIDE WHAT THEY WOULD MOST LIKE TO BUY.**

**SHOP2DROP PROVIDES AN ENTERTAINING AND FUN NIGHT OUT. YOU CAN TRY ON
ANY ITEMS BEFORE YOU BUY. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR A DRINK,
CAKE AND A NATTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS TOO.**

**THE CLOTHING SOLD IS ALL HIGH STREET LADIES BRANDS SIZES 8 TO 20
WITH UP TO 75% OFF RRP. SUITABLE FOR LADIES AGED 16 AND UPWARDS.**

COME ALONG AND GRAB A BARGAIN!

**TICKETS COST £5 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE, SKOOLS OUT AND PTA MUMS.**



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 started 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

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



During the Lent period we think about self-control and willpower. How can we demonstrate this in our daily lives?