

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 5 March

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

The Pride of Milton winners are Toby Beedham in Key Stage 1, Jamie Porter in Lower Key Stage 2 and Nell Sedgwick in Upper Key Stage 2.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will be held on Tuesday 20 March and Wednesday 21 March, letters will be sent out this week to allow you to book the most convenient slot. Please return your slips by the date requested. **Could we also remind you that only Year 6 children are allowed at Parents evening. We had a number of complaints from parents at the last parents evening that they couldn't hear teachers in the hall due to the noise children were making near the book fair.**

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.

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). Acceptance of a Nursery place must be received by Tuesday 27 March, after this date we will assume that it is no longer required.

Dangerous Parking

Please could we ask Parents/Carers to be mindful of where you are parking in the bad weather, we had complaints from residents on Three Counties last week as one car in particular had been left on the bend where you exit the estate, almost in the middle of the road, making it dangerous and difficult for everybody else to manoeuvre around it. The same car had been left in the same place a few weeks ago when we had bad weather.



Sports Relief 2018

As part of Sports Relief, the Sports Council have decided that each class will take part in a fun run in the next few weeks during their PE lessons, to raise awareness about Sports Relief. The children could wear an odd sock, silly glasses or fun wigs to do the fun run in if they so wish. However, we cannot specify what days this will be as it will be weather dependent so the children are able to bring them in from Monday next week. If you would like to donate to Sports Relief, the Sports Council have suggested a £1 donation which we will collect on **Friday 23 March**.

Fair Trade Fortnight Competition

We are currently in the second week of Fair Trade Fortnight. The children have been told about a competition that we are presently running at school to raise awareness about it. The children can either design a poster to raise awareness and inform people about fair trade or can produce the fair trade symbol using any media forms they wish. Entries need to be in by **Friday 9th March** please.

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.



Easter Events

Easter Service Thursday 29 March

Our Easter Service will be on Thursday 29 March at St John's Church at 9.30am, all are welcome to attend.

Decorated Eggs – Key Stage 2 Activity (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Unfortunately parents, it's that time of year again when your child may come and beg you to help them decorate an egg! Every year we have some fantastic displays and hope that this year will be the same. If your child would like to do this please ensure hard boiled eggs are used and that entries are received no later than the morning of Wednesday 28 March. We have had many amazing entries in the past and I'm sure we won't be disappointed this year!



There will be prizes awarded to a winner from each class and this will be decided by the School Council/Arts Council; they will particularly be looking for the children's efforts rather than their parents!

The children are able to bring in their creations, from Tuesday 27 March so they can be displayed for all to enjoy. Parents can come along to view the eggs after School on Thursday 29 March when the winners will be announced.

Easter Bonnet Competition- Year 1 and 2

Back by popular demand! The children in Classes 1 and 2 are all invited to make an Easter Bonnet and enter our Easter Bonnet Competition this year. Could parents please ensure entries are in on the morning of Wednesday 28 March, so that winners can be decided during the day by the School Council and Arts Council.

There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.50 pm on Wednesday 28 March that parents/carers are more than welcome to attend, we will also announce the winners.

EYFS Easter Activity Day - Parents/Carers welcome

Parents and carers of the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) are invited to attend an Easter Activity Day on Monday 26 March. It will be an opportunity for parents/carers to spend some time with your child in the setting taking part in activities together. Further details will be published in the EYFS newsletter.



Easter Egg Hunt

We are also hoping to hold our annual whole-school Easter Egg Hunt during the last week of Term. Each class will have the chance to hunt for eggs. The highest number collected by a class wins!

Text/Email Messaging Service Update

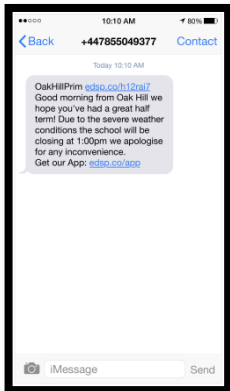
As a school, it is very important that our parents/guardians are informed of updates and changes at school in addition to the personal updates you will receive about your child's progress and wellbeing.

From the week commencing Monday 5 March, the text messages you receive from school will appear differently on your phone.

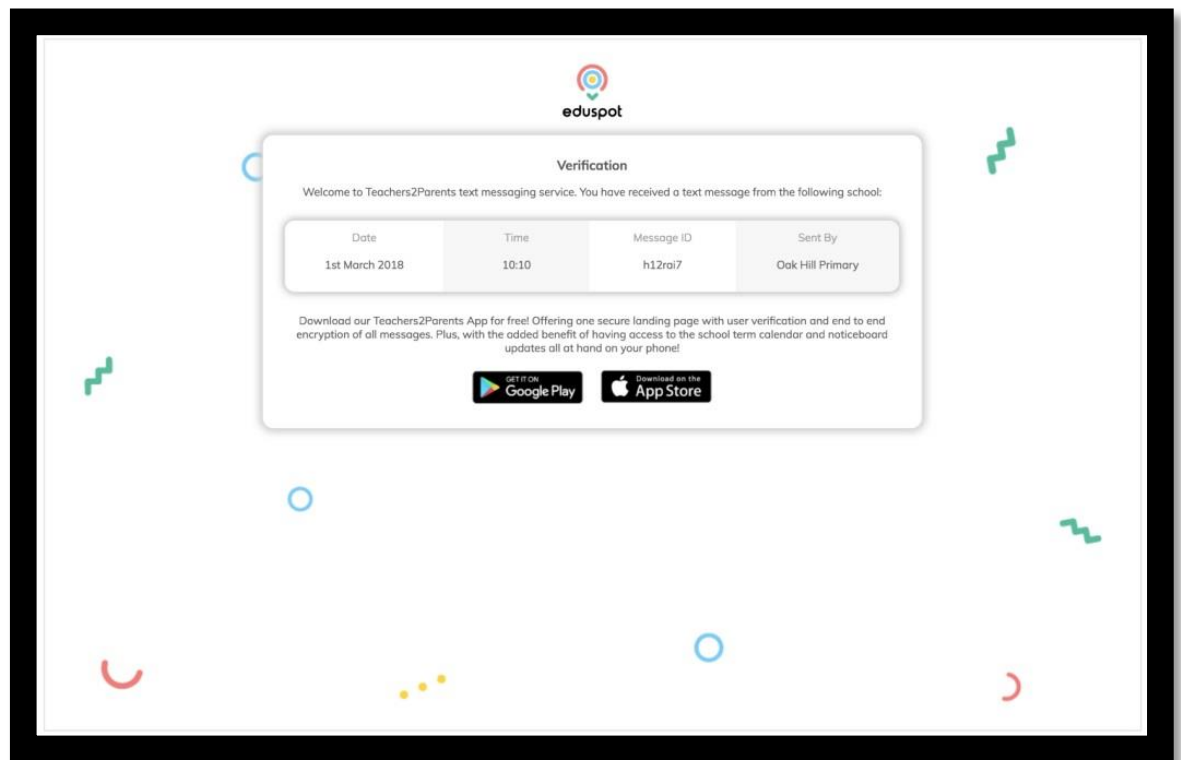
Our service provider, Teachers2Parents, are excited to introduce an additional new security verification measure to allow parents/guardians to check that the messages you receive are from school.

Much like telephone banking, you will continue to receive messages from a secure number with the school message ID now in the body of the message, accompanied with a link at the beginning of the message to click through to a Teachers2Parents verification page; confirming that the sender of the message is genuine.

This added security measure is another step forward to help reassure parents/guardians of the safety and wellbeing of your child at school.



A typical message will look like this:



When you click to verify the message, you will be taken to the following screen:

The changes to the text messaging service will not affect use of the Teachers2Parents App, as this continues to offer built in user verification and end to end encryption of all messages, plus you will still have secure access to term calendar and school noticeboard updates.

To take advantage of the Teachers2Parents app, please search and download 'Teachers2Parents' for **free** on iOS App store and Android smartphone devices.

We hope you agree, as we do, that this added security measure bolsters reassurance that any important communication about your child is safe and you can always be sure that it has been sent by our school.

For more information about Teachers2Parents, please visit. <https://eduspot.co.uk/product/teachers2parents>

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



**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.

Dates for your Diary

6 March	Reception Eureka! Trip
7 March	Class 2 Manchester Museum Trip
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?