

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 23 April

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MCSP Talent Show

Well done to our School Choir and Street Dance squad who took part in the Talent show prior to the Easter break. The evening was a huge success and I would like to thank everybody who got involved.

Easter Service

A big thank you to Father David for organising our Easter Service at St. John's Church.



Nut Policy

Following a recent incident involving a child being within a short distance of nuts and having a serious allergic reaction, the Governors have reviewed our Managing Nut and Other Allergy policy and made some changes that parents need to be aware of. Whilst we are not proposing that we are a 'Nut Free School' the Governors have made the decision to not allow peanuts and tree nuts into school to help minimise the risk of allergic reactions to these products.

Therefore nuts in their natural form such as peanuts, cashew, walnuts, pecan, almonds, pistachio etc. and peanut butter are not allowed in school and should they be brought into school they will be sensitively taken from children and handed back to the parents at the end of the school day.

Items where the ingredients highlights "may contain nuts" and where nuts that are contained within products are still permitted e.g. cereal bars.

Class Photographs

Please be aware that Class photos will be being taken on Tuesday 1 May. Please ensure all children are in correct uniform.

Railway Danger

It has been brought to our attention that some children have been playing close to the railway tracks. The children have been spoken to about how serious and dangerous it is playing near railway lines but could parents also be aware and discuss this with your child. Unfortunately some children have also been playing knock-a-door run around the vicinity of the school and playing in the wooded area near Woodbank Terrace without adult supervision. There are a number of bluebells planted around the wooded area that we would like to protect and so ask that the children do not play here.

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.

Penalty Notices for Non- school attendance – Information for Parents/Carers

Section 444(A) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 12 week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution (a separate penalty notice may be issued to each parent for each child).

In law, an offence is committed if a parent fails to secure a child's regular attendance at school. Tameside Education Welfare Service, in conjunction with schools and Greater Manchester Police, will use these powers as an early deterrent to prevent patterns of unauthorised absence developing.

Parents may also receive a Penalty Notice without a warning letter for the offence of failing to secure regular school attendance under the following circumstances:

- Their child is stopped on a truancy sweep
- Where the unauthorised absence of a minimum of 10 sessions occurs on consecutive days

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 also makes it an offence if a parent fails to ensure that their child is not in a public place during the first 5 days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion. Penalty Notices may be issued for such an offence.

The Local Authority and schools are committed to providing the best possible future for your child. If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school or if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact your school and ask for help.

Toast

We will continue to provide toast for the children following the Easter break. Toast will be provided every Thursday for KS1 and KS2 children.

School Holiday List

Please be advised that the School Holiday list for 2018-2019 is now available on the school website.

Monkhouse/TopForm Uniform Shop

Unfortunately due to a major flood at the Oldham shop affecting all 3 floors of the building, they have had to close the shop until further notice. As soon as they have a clear idea on how long the damage and stock replenishment will take, they will notify us.

In the meantime any undamaged stock has been transferred to their Rochdale shop and uniform can be purchased or ordered from them, they have also offered free postage. If you have any queries please call the Rochdale shop, number below or shop on-line at www.topformschoolwear.com

Rochdale shop details:

TopForm Rochdale
51-53 Drake Street
Rochdale
OL16 1RX Tel. 01706 345257

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

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

Please can we ask you all to be respectful of our residents and ensure that you are not blocking driveways etc.

Parish of Mossley

Come to St. John's Church for breakfast!

Come and enjoy a breakfast roll and a cuppa – bring your little ones along too!

9am-11am on the second Wednesday of each month

9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October

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.

MAODS presents 'Gypsy'

at the George Lawton Hall – 23-28 April 2018

Book at www.maods.org

Dates for your Diary

23-26 April	Class 6 Bikeability Course
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 are thinking about Christian Heroes in the Bible and what we can learn from them. Let us remember that when life is challenging we can lean on God for strength.

“Hard times don’t create heroes. It is during the hard times when the hero within us is revealed.”

Bob Riley