

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 8 May

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

Volleyball Tournament

Well done to all of the children from classes 4, 5 and 6 who took part in the Volleyball competition on 19 April. Despite only having a few lessons, our team took part in the tournament and represented the school brilliantly.



Goodbye and good luck Mr Key

Sadly after almost 12 years we are saying goodbye to Mr Key. Mr Key has been successful in gaining a new role where he will be leading and teaching PE at Mount Carmel Primary School in Ashton and will be leaving us on 18 May. We wish him the best of luck and thank him for all of his hard work and dedication over the years.

SATs – 14–17 May

Please make sure children arrive promptly to school next week to minimise disruption to our Class 6 children.

Summer Fair

We are organising a Summer Fair on Thursday 12 July with the help of the PTA. In order for the fair to take place, we need plenty of volunteers to help run the event. To discuss ideas, please come to the next PTA meeting.

PTA News

Join the PTA at their next meeting – 7.00pm on Monday 14 May at the Rising Sun pub. All are welcome! Plans for this term include helping raise funds for school at the summer fair & welcoming new Nursery and Reception children ahead of their big start in September.

Class Photographs

All proofs need to be returned by Thursday 10 May.

Whit Friday

Whit Friday is on 25 May. The school will enjoy taking part in this great community event and will be walking in the Whit Walks again this year. We appreciate that some children may be walking with another group on the day, which we encourage; the only thing we do ask is that parents bring their children into school first to receive their attendance mark and then sign them out. All children need to be brought back to school following the walks to receive their afternoon marks, so that their attendance is not affected.

We are hoping to take the Reception children on the Whit Walks this year, which take place on the morning of Friday 25 May. We will, however, need enough parents/carers to help make this happen and make sure it is safe. Could you please speak to either Mrs Dale or Mrs Smith if you are able to help out on the day. Many thanks.

The school will close at 1.30pm on this day so that families can enjoy the various activities.

After School

Please could we ask that after school when your children are playing in the playground, that you do not allow them to climb on the embankments. They are not allowed to do so during school hours and we therefore expect them to adhere to this after school.

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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.

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.

Toast

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

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.

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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

Confirmation is a special time where people 'confirm' their faith - the promises made for them by parents and Godparents at Baptism. Confirmation is open to anyone from age 10 upwards, and a service will be held at St George's Church at 7.30pm on 28 June 2018. The preparation (training) session will be 10am-1pm on 13 June at St George's Church. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Fr David on 237667 or vicarofmossley@gmail.com or via our Facebook page: @mossleyparish.

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.

Priory Tennis Club in Cheetham Park

Mottram Road, Stalybridge

Open Day on Saturday 12 May when there will be a special coaching session for children aged 10 & under at 12.30pm, followed by an opportunity for parents and grandparents to play on the courts with their children at 1.00pm. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome.

Dates for your Diary

14-17 May

28 May-8 June

15-18 June

25 July

26 July

26 July

27 July

Class 6 SATs Week

Half Term Break – School Closed

Class 6 Kingswood Trip

Class 6 Presentation Evening – 6pm

Class 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9am

Class 6 Parents v's Leavers – 2.15pm

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