

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Monday 14 May

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

### **Class 2/6 SATs**

It is that time of year again when the children in Class 2 and Class 6 complete their SATs. We'd just like to say that we are very proud of all our children at Milton and that a few tests do not demonstrate how wonderfully talented, gifted and very special our children are. We wish them all the very best with their SATs but want them to know that each and everyone one of them are unique, clever and skilled in a variety of ways, and most importantly are lovely, kind individuals who will go on to become all they were meant to be - of that we have no doubt! Good luck, everyone; we are already very proud of you all.

### **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.

### **Kingswood Trip**

There will be a meeting for all Class 6 Parents on Thursday 24 May at 3.15pm. The meeting is not compulsory but may be useful if you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming trip.

### **Year 1 Phonics - Parent meeting**

There will be a meeting for all year 1 parents on Tuesday 22 May at 3.30pm. This is to inform parents about the upcoming Phonics Screening test in June.

### **Remembrance**

At 6.30pm on 22 May a Vigil led by the Mayor of Mossley, and representatives of churches and groups from across Mossley, will be held on the Market ground as we mark the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena bombing. All are welcome.

### **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 tonight, Monday 14 May from 7pm 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.

### **Whit Friday – School will close at 1.30pm**

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.

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### **Catering**

We will be switching Catering providers in the next couple of weeks, further information will follow. We would ask as we work towards the changeover that all school meal monies are paid to the School Office.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Dates for your Diary

14-17 May

28 May-8 June

15-18 June

22 June

2 July

25 July

26 July

26 July

27 July

Class 6 SATs Week

Half Term Break – School Closed

Class 6 Kingswood Trip

Nursery Cockfields Farm Trip

Class 1 & 2 Cannon Hall Farm 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*