

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 9 July



Bee in the City Trip

A group of children were lucky enough to be invited to the launch of the Bee in the City project in Manchester last week. They took part in workshops and then toured some areas in Manchester in search of the bee art projects that have been arranged around the city. We spotted our bee in the Royal Exchange Theatre! The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and were keen to tell their friends about it. It's a great treasure hunt that you could do with the family over the summer and it is free!

Donation to the Emergency Services Fighting Moor Fires

The PTA has made a donation on behalf of Milton St. John's to our brave firefighters who urgently needed supplies of key items such as sun cream, insect repellent and energy drinks. As this is such a worthy cause I'm sure everyone would be in agreement that we could cover the cost of this donation by having a non-uniform day on the last day of term in return for an optional donation of £1.



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Summer Fair – Thursday 12 July 4.30pm-6.30pm

We are only a small PTA trying to organise a Summer Fair that we hope our children will really enjoy. We appreciate any support we receive from our parents before and on the day itself. This year we are using the proceeds from the fair to raise money to build a seating and large planter area so further outdoor learning can take place on the field. This would be a valuable resource used by children in all classes and an exciting addition to Forest School sessions.

There are a lot of ways you can help even if you are unable to help during the fair itself.

We need:

- donated books, toys and 'like new' children's clothes
- cakes brought to school the day before or on the day itself
- raffle prizes
- volunteers to sign up for a slot on the Summer Fair list that has been placed by the school office
- volunteers to help fold raffle tickets and label prizes on Friday 6 July straight after school in the nursery building (a crèche will be provided by school staff)

The popular 'Fill a Cup' stall will be back again this year. We would like the children to fill and return their cups by Wednesday 11 July so that they can be judged by the school council. Cups have been given to all of the children.

Unfortunately due to recent incidents the Governors have decided that it would not be appropriate to have a bouncy castle at this year's Summer Fair. Apologies for any inconvenience but I am sure you appreciate why this decision has been made.

Science Week – 9 – 13 July

Milton St John's will be celebrating Science Week this week, taking part in extraordinary experiments with our scientists from 'Mad Science', exploring relevant scientific issues with our visitors from Chester Zoo, developing their outdoor science learning skills in Forest Schools and investigating science problems with their classmates.

To summarise their learning and continue the excitement, on Friday 13 July, we ask that all children come dressed as a well-known/pioneering scientist so they can take part in their final set of experiments as a true scientist!

Reorganisation for the Next Academic Year

As the bulge year moves into Year 2 we are pleased to now be in a position to be able to keep Year 1 in the EYFS unit from September 2018. This will allow the children access to the outdoor areas and will aid transition from Reception to Year 1. Therefore when the children in Reception move to Year 1 the children will enter their new classroom via the old nursery door (off the road to the right as you walk up from Mill Lane). Year 1 children in September will start school at 9am like Reception and Nursery to allow parents to drop siblings off further up the school.

As Year 1 will be in the EYFS unit (we will be renaming the unit) we have approached the Local Authority about a possible restructure of the main entrance of the school. This is still in its infancy however this will hopefully take place in the summer of 2019. With this in mind we will be moving some of the year groups into different classes in the main school for September 2018 to prepare for possible building work in the following summer which will hopefully be taking place in the classroom nearest to the main gate (class 6).

School Grounds

Please can you ensure that children do not climb on/over the fences that surround the school grounds. It is extremely dangerous and staff are continuously asking children to get down, especially from the fence surrounding the field.

Class Organisation

Sadly Miss Bates is leaving us this term and starts in a new school in September. We wish her the best of luck with her new job in her dream role as a Reception teacher. Miss Johnson will be returning to school following her maternity leave next term as our part time HLTA and because of this we are interviewing this week for a teacher for class 4. Class organisation next year is as follows;

Nursery -Mrs Leaney

Reception - Mrs Smith

Class 1 - Mr Powell

Class 2a (Miss Bates) - Miss Rogers/Mrs Fernley

Class 2b (Mr Powell) - Miss Collins

Class 3 - Miss Hurst

Class 4 - TBA

Class 5 - Miss Gee

Class 6 - Mr Copsey

PTA Welcome Playdate for New Nursery and Reception Children

Huge thanks to everyone at Tumbles for hosting the PTA welcome playdate for new Nursery and Reception children again! It's so nice to welcome the children to our School in such a fun way.

Date: Thursday 19 July, 3.30-5.30pm

Entrance costs £4 per child, payable on the day, and includes a party tea. Siblings are welcome at £5 each.

Please note: parents / carers are expected to stay and supervise their child(ren).

Please confirm attendance via the office or the Milton St John's PTA Events Facebook page by Wednesday 11 July with the names of any children attending and any special dietary requirements.

Nursery Graduation

All Nursery parents are invited to their child's graduation ceremony on Tuesday 24 July which will commence at 9.05am in the Early Years Unit.

Heritage Bid Trail

In the Spring term, Class 5 contributed to the new Mossley Heritage Trails, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. They supported volunteers from Mossley Civic Society, along with facilitators from Green Monster Arts, to create a character linked to our school and its heritage, linking it to The Heritage Centre and other Mossley schools.

"Mr Pickles the Crow and Year 5 at Milton St John's School flew through the history of our town uncovering romantic adventures, waving men off to war and imagining the sound of hundreds of clogs clattering on cobbles. Pupils found blueprints of mill houses and shared stories from their grandparents, as well as learning about how children of their age would be working in the mills not so long ago. 'As The Crow Flies' shares these with you."

All children were given a leaflet for the new Mossley Heritage Trails which is a great way for families to explore our town and find out all about local history and to discover fun facts. The trails officially launched on Saturday 7 July but you can see some of the children's work in an exhibition at Mossley Heritage Centre (next to Emmaus) throughout the summer holidays so do call in. Have fun!

Informal 'Drop In' Sessions - All Parents and Family Members Welcome

Due to the positive response received from parents who have attended our 'Drop In' sessions, we will be holding our next sessions at the times stated below. The purpose of these sessions are to enable the children to share their work with their families. The children enjoy showing their parents and family members what they have been doing in school. Please see dates below.

All sessions run from the end of the school day until 4pm with the exception of Nursery which will be at 12.00pm.

Nursery (12pm) -	11 July	Class 3 -	16 July
Reception -	19 July	Class 4 -	4 July
Class 1 (Miss Bates) -	16 July	Class 5 -	16 July
Class 1 (Mr Powell) -	17 July	Class 6 -	18 July
Class 2 -	18 July		

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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 1 Sea Turtles 13 July
Reception 20 July

Monkhouse/TopForm Uniform Shop

The Oldham shop has now re-opened.

Hot Weather

Please can you ensure that all children have had sun cream applied prior to coming to School. Children can bring their own if they need to reapply later in the day. Please note: We are not able to apply sun cream to your child.

Community News

St George's Church Summer Fair
at the George Lawton Hall
Saturday 21 July 10.00am-1.00pm
Raffle, refreshments, attractions, stalls

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
11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October

Dates for your Diary

12 July	Summer Fair 4.30pm-6.30pm
13 July	Class 1 Sea Turtles Assembly
23 July	Class 5 Brockholes Nature Reserve Trip
24 July	Nursery Graduation
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