

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 22 July

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Message to Year 6

Well done to all of our Class 6 children who have worked with enthusiasm and dedication during their time at Milton. Not only have they achieved some amazing SATs results, more importantly they leave behind a lasting impression at Milton as caring, funny, enthusiastic and independent individuals that will no doubt continue to SHINE. It has been a privilege to have been part of your learning journey and we wish you all the best for the future. Continue to be brave, make the right choices, think big and aim high!

End of Year Message

A big thank you goes out, as always, to everyone who has helped the school in some way. We would also like to thank parents who have given up many hours of their time to come into school and help the children and to those people who are always there in the background giving so much without question or recognition.

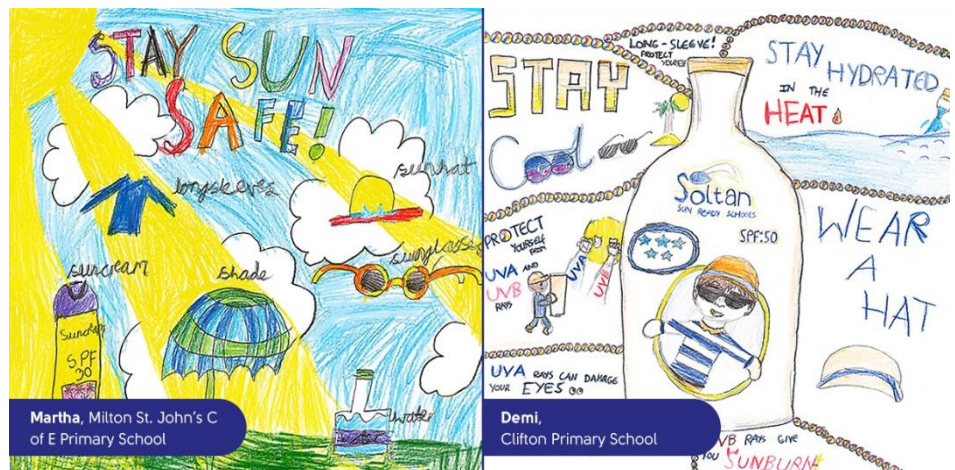
I would also like to thank all of the staff at Milton St John's for all of their hard work and enthusiasm over this last academic year, I am thankful that I have such a fantastic team and I'm sure that you will agree that their commitment to providing a rich education filled with memorable experiences has enhanced the lives of the children at our school.

Goodbye

We would like to say goodbye to Mr Powell who is embarking on a new adventure and will be leaving us this week. We would like to thank him for his dedication to Milton over the last 2 years and wish him the best of luck for the future.

Soltan Competition winner

Well done to Martha Swallow for winning the Soltan Sun Ready Campaign Challenge! It is great reminder, with a heat wave coming, to wear sun cream this week. Martha's entry can be seen online and will be displayed at Boots in Ashton!! Well done Martha!



Safety Day 18 July

We would like to say a huge thank you to Plevin's for the Safety Day they helped organise for our children last week along with the Police. It was very informative and the children enjoyed the whole learning experience.

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JASS awards

A huge well done to Imogen Collins and Alex Kirk for completing and achieving the Bronze Junior Award Scheme for Schools Award. The children have challenged themselves in various ways and set targets that they have all achieved. Some of the activities they completed involved raising money for charity, learning new skills and performing in front of others. Well done Imogen and Alex!

Message from the Chair of Governors - Melissa Baker

2018/2019 year seems to have flown past in the blink of an eye, yet again, and as we want to get off on our summer holidays, we sometimes forget exactly how busy this year has been.

Sporting wise the children have been involved in a multitude of competitions, both within the Mossley Carrbrook Schools Partnership, and also within Tameside. Tag rugby, dodgeball, basketball, rounders and hockey. Not forgetting the recent cup winning achievements at the Mossley Olympics.

Within school there's been sports week and sports day and the Race for Life whilst year 6s have completed their bikeability levels 1 and 2. A good number of Year 6s have also completed the Bronze level in the JASS awards – a great start which will hopefully lead on to Silver, Gold and Duke of Edinburgh in due course.

Within the MCSP we have also competed in the Maths Battles (and there's a first place trophy to prove it), Debating Competitions and the Eco Competition – again with a Milton pupil being the overall winner.

Musically, there has been the MCSP musical evening in the autumn term, the recent brass MCSP concert at MHHS as well as the musical evening at Milton showcasing the music taught in conjunction with Tameside Music Service. Not forgetting the Mossley's Got Talent concert. The children who attended the Young Voices concert at the Manchester Arena had an amazing experience too.

We've had Fair Trade and Macmillan coffee mornings too. World Book Day, Red Nose Day and World Poetry Day. The Christmas Shows were a feast for the senses – with spectacular performances and wonderful ensemble singing, and an array of different topics displayed in the class assemblies.

There have been trips out to the Sea Life Centre, Chatsworth Estate, Portland Basin, Ashton Mosque, Southport Eco Centre, Cannon Hall Farm, MOSI, Tatton Park and Stockport Air Raid Shelters as well as Year 6's Kingswood weekend.

The PTA have put masses of effort and time into organising the Autumn Disco, the Fashion Show and the very successful (if slightly soggy!) Summer Fair.

We were involved in the Manchester Snowman trail and have recently achieved the Silver level in the Unicef Rights Respecting Awards.

Whilst some of these successes are down to the children's hard work, talent and dedication, a mention must also be given to the parents who have taxied children back and forth to sports events and maths lessons, or accompanied classes on visits. For creating marvellous costumes and helping with learning lines. For bringing the children back for shows, discos and fairs and late pick-ups.

And finally...the Governors would like to thank all the staff this year – from the classrooms, playground and the office – who have put in so much time, effort and care, as always, into all these extra events. Without them, the children's breadth of knowledge, physical, mental, musical and emotional growth and sense of achievement would be the poorer.

As we bade farewell to our Year 6's – as they find their path at secondary school, make new friends and face new challenges – we would like to wish everyone a relaxing summer.

School Uniform reminder

The school uniform is as follows and is based on the colour royal blue and red:

Red polo top	PE:	White t-shirt (plain or with School logo)
Royal blue cardigan or jumper		Black/blue shorts
Royal blue reversible fleece		Black/blue jog bottoms and top
Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore or trousers	EYFS/KS1:	plimsolls or velcroed trainers
White socks or grey tights for girls	KS2:	plimsolls or trainers
Grey socks for boys		
Black shoes (not trainers)		

For Summer the children can wear red gingham dresses or charcoal grey shorts

Building Works Adjacent to School

Parents will be aware that building works are ongoing adjacent to the school premises. The piece of land concerned is situated on the right hand side as you go up Milton Street (higher up than our school playground gates). The contractors concerned have been in touch with the school and are trying to work with the school to cause as least disruption as possible to the school day. Obviously a building site is not an area for children to play on and this is private land and it would be helpful, especially with the school holidays drawing near if you would advise your children not to play on the building plot. As mentioned in a previous newsletter the land has now been fenced off.

Lost Property

Please come in on Thursday this week after school where we will put out all the lost property for you to claim. It will be in the hall on the stage or playground (weather permitting).

Reports

Your child should have brought home their school report on Friday. Should you have any concerns or queries please speak to the Class Teacher. We always welcome feedback about reports so if you wish to make any comments feel free to email or write a note and hand it into the office.

Class 6 Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 24 July at 6.00pm we will be holding our Class 6 Presentation Evening; families from Class 6 are very welcome to attend. We plan to celebrate the children's time at Milton at this event and anticipate this will last approximately 1 hour. Other events happening this week include the Year 6 leavers' assembly on Thursday 25 July at 9.00am and the Parents versus Leavers event at 2.00pm on the same day.

End of Year Service – Friday 26 July

After the positive comments received by Parents/Carers regarding the End of Year Service being outdoors on the pitch in previous years, we have decided to try this again (weather permitting). We anticipate it will start at 9.15am and it will finish at approximately 10.30am.

Race For Life

Thank you to everyone for their kind donations to this worthy cause. The children raised a huge £1,223.80.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Summer Fair

We still have some unclaimed prizes. If you have any of the following raffle tickets please bring them to the School Office to claim your prize:

Pink HR8Y5P79 328

Pink HR8Y5P70 350

Yellow AD973306 148

Pink HR8Y5P70 351

Yellow AD973306 181

Pink HR8Y5P70 373

Yellow AD973306 285

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Reading Books Recall

In order for us to audit our reading books before the summer we would appreciate it if all children could return their books to their teachers by Wednesday 24 July.



It may be of interest to some of you this week the Library Service is leading an assembly about the Summer Library Reading challenge which anyone can get involved with. See <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Libraries/Summer-Reading-Challenge> for more details.

To support this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Space Chase, have lots of free family activities taking place in Tameside Libraries during the summer holidays. This is a great way to have fun during the holidays as well as supporting the reading challenge. Please see the website for further details:

www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/srcactivities

School Meal Price Increase

The current price for a school meal at Milton St John's is £2.18. From 3 September 2019 the price will increase to £2.22; therefore school meals will be £11.10 per week for a full week.

At Milton we have not increased our price since 2017, whereas school meals provided by the Local Authority in other Tameside schools have increased annually and their new price is going to be £2.30 from September 2019.

If you would like your child to change from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa please inform the school office as soon as possible before we break up for summer.

We have sent a form home to both current Class 2's explaining the above information. Please can you return this form to school as soon as possible. Any form that is not returned we will presume you would like your child to remain on the current meal arrangement, so therefore if your child is currently on school meals and continues with this you will be charged at the new price of £2.22 per day.

Dates for your Diary

24 July	Class 5 Tatton Park trip (this week)
24 July	Class 6 Presentation evening 6pm
25 July	Class 6 Parents v Leavers 2pm
25 July	Class 6 Leavers assembly 9am
26 July	End of Year Service 9.15am (weather permitting – held on the pitch)
2 Sept	Inset Day
3 Sept	First day back

Community News

Heritage Trail

There will be a 'Shirley The Sheepdog Trail' guided walk led by Mossley Heritage on Wednesday 7 August. Starting at Mossley Market Place at 2pm. For more information please see Mossley Heritage Facebook

C.L.A.S.S Coffee Morning

Join us for our C.L.A.S.S. Coffee Morning at Oasis Academy Broadoak Thursday 12 Sept 2019 9.30am – 11am.

Further details are available from the School Office.



We have been encouraging our children to think carefully about their words and activities. This quote has inspired us:

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples".

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