

Newsletter

Monday 9 December

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Christmas shows

Following some of the dress rehearsals this morning, the approximate length of each show is as follows...

EYFS show – 35 minutes

Key stage 1 show – 45 minutes

Key stage 2 show – 1 hour fifteen minutes approximately

For the Key Stage 2 performance on Thursday night please could all children arrive back at school at 5.45pm so that we are able to start promptly at 6pm.

Book ideas for Christmas

Miss Collins has been busy compiling lists of books for different year groups that will engage and enthuse readers that may be useful if anyone will be buying their child a book for Christmas or in the future. These are just present ideas and are meant to help parents should they wish to use them. The lists will be sent home this week.

Choir events over Christmas

The choir will be performing on Friday 13 December at St Georges Church at 11.30am as part of the Christmas Tree Festival which runs from the 13 to the 15 December. All are welcome. They are also performing at Sandon House on the same day in the afternoon.

After School Clubs

As you will be aware all after school clubs have finished now until after Christmas (except for the Sports led clubs on Tuesdays and Fridays).

Cashless School System – ‘Schoolmoney’

As advised last week in the Newsletter, following approval at Finance Governors meeting the school will be introducing a cashless school system, for payments due to school.

This will enable parents to pay for things such as school trips, dinner money and nursery fees without having to send cash into school. The cashless system chosen is called ‘Schoolmoney’ and is a system supported by the same company we already use for our school text facility.

As promised further details of the cashless system will be communicated to you this week as a letter will be sent home to all parents with details on how to register with ‘Schoolmoney’ ready for you to use the system in the New Year.



Reminder Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13 December

Friday 13 December is ‘Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day’. The children can come to School wearing their Christmas jumpers/attire or non-school uniform on this day for a donation of a £1, all monies will go to ‘Save the Children’.

Mellors December Factsheet

Please click on the Catering crayon down the left hand side of the website home page to see this month's factsheet. We will continue to update the Catering section of our website each month as we receive them.

Reception 2020

Online applications for those children that are to start in Reception in September 2020 are now open and close on 15 January 2020. Can parents please note that if your child attends our nursery your child does not automatically have a place in Reception. Online applications, by the deadline, must be completed please.

Christmas Fair

The amount raised at the Christmas Fair was £1,252.00, which is a great amount towards school funds. Thank you to everybody who supported our Fair.

EYFS In need of pedal bikes

If you have a small pedal bike you no longer need in good working condition, EYFS are in need of them if you would like to donate it to school.

UPDATED PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Christmas Performances

Christmas Performances – Entry to the shows will be by ticket only

DATE	TIME	SHOW
Tuesday 10 December	9.30am	KS1 Show
Tuesday 10 December	1.30pm	KS2 Show
Wednesday 11 December	9.30am	EYFS Show
Wednesday 11 December	2.00pm	KS1 Show
Wednesday 11 December	3.30pm	KS2 Show
Thursday 12 December	9.30am	EYFS Show
Thursday 12 December	2.00pm	KS1 Show
Thursday 12 December	6.00pm	KS2 Show

Other Christmas Events at Milton St John's

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 16 December	1.30pm	KS2 United Carol Service at St George's – Parents welcome
Tuesday 17 December	6.00pm	Christmas Musical Evening at Mossley Hollins (Mrs. Gerrard's class only)
Wednesday 18 December	Lunch time	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 December	9.15am	Yr. 1- 6 Christingle Assembly – Parents welcome
Wednesday 18 December	am	EYFS Party
Thursday 19 December	9.15am	Church Service at St John's (Yr. 1-6) – Parents welcome
Thursday 19 th December	pm	KS1 Party

For information - EYFS: Nursery/Reception

KS1: Class 1 & 2

KS2: Class 3a/b, 4, 5 & 6

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

We have some unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas Fair. The winning tickets are all PINK, numbers:245,367,453,469. Please bring your ticket to the office to claim your prize.

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.

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Parties

EYFS party is Wednesday 18 December in the morning. Children can come in to school in their party clothes and bring their uniform in a bag to change in to if they wish or they can stay in their party clothes if they want to.

KS1 party is Thursday 19 December in the afternoon. Children can bring their party clothes in a bag to change in to.

PTA Fashion Show Friday 6 March 2020

Please save the date for the next Fashion Show at The Royal George, Greenfield! Back by popular demand! Tickets will go on sale in the New Year.

Diary Dates

Friday 20 December	School breaks up for Christmas
Tuesday 7 January 2020	School reopens
Friday 26 June – 29 June	Kingswood residential trip

Snow Closure

We will always try and keep the school open! However, under certain circumstances and for various reasons this is not always the case;

1. We do check with local weather stations and liaise with the Local Authority to try and gauge whether there is a likelihood of heavy snowfall. Unfortunately, forecasts are not always accurate and there is heavier snowfall than predicted.
2. The school has a number of staff who live outside the Mossley area. If there are not enough qualified staff available to come into school to open up and manage it safely then it cannot open due to Health & Safety reasons.
3. If the roads are dangerous then the school may not receive food deliveries and may be unable to provide a hot meal or food for the children at lunch time.
4. If the school boilers fail to operate we would need to call out an engineer to repair the fault. The School would have to close if we are not able to heat the school. If the heating fails during the day we would make a decision about school closure and contacting parents.



If there is heavy snowfall and also taking into account the above points, this is what will happen.

1. If necessary a decision to close will be made by 8.15am (or earlier if possible). However if the weather deteriorates throughout the day, we may also need to close school. A text will be sent to all Parents advising them that school is closed or closing.
2. The website will be updated throughout the day, providing that it can be accessed.
3. We will pass school closure information to TMBC and they will update their website.
4. If school remains open, Classes may need to be split and shared amongst others if we do not have enough members of staff to cover all classes.
5. If snow is set to continue over a number of days and we are aware of disruption to traffic, we may look at opening at 10am so that school can remain open.

Sending text messages is the most effective way that we can communicate with our parents.

Could you please ensure that the school has an up-to-date contact number, if you have recently renewed your mobile phone this is particularly important!



A New Year.....time to pause and reflect on what to do with the time that is given to you. Always be your best and remember we rise by lifting others.