

Newsletter

Monday 2 March 2020

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PTA FASHION SHOW – THIS WEEK!!

AT THE ROYAL GEORGE
6TH MARCH FROM 7.00PM

PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

SHOP2DROP PROVIDES AN ENTERTAINING AND FUN NIGHT OUT. YOU CAN TRY ON ANY ITEMS BEFORE YOU BUY.
THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR A DRINK, CAKE AND A NATTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS TOO.

COME ALONG AND GRAB A BARGAIN!

TICKETS COST £6 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND PTA MUMS.

IMPORTANT - PTA Fashion Show Tickets

As you may be aware, the next Fashion Show is Friday 6 March 2020 at the Royal George, Greenfield 7pm. **Please do make sure you get a ticket before they all run out.** Tickets are now on sale from the school office @ £6 each. Please only hand the correct money in to the office in an envelope with your child's name on it and how many tickets it is for. No change can be given. If anyone would like to donate cake or chocolate on the night towards the refreshments it will be greatly appreciated.

NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Information for parents regarding Coronavirus

As you may have heard on the news, a few more countries in Europe have reported cases of Coronavirus, including Italy. However, the current risk of infection in the UK is still moderate. There is currently no suggestion that schools should shut or that pupils should remain at home. Any unnecessary time off school could impact negatively upon a child's education. We are of course monitoring the situation and we are in regular contact with Public Health England, who have issued the following information:

As of today (25 February) advice for returning travellers is as follows;

1) If you have returned from the following areas **since February 19th**, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy* as designated by the Government of Italy:
In the Lombardy Region:
 - Bertonico; Casalpusterlengo; Castelterlengo; Castiglione D'Adda; Codogno; Fombio; Maleo; San Fiorano; Somaglia; and Terranova dei Passerini

In the Veneto Region: Vo

- Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

2) If you have returned from the following areas since **February 19th**:

- Northern Italy
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

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Or If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas **in the last 14 days**:

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

Travellers from any other affected country or parts of countries not included in the list above do not need to undertake any special measures, but if they develop symptoms, they should self-isolate and call NHS 111.

The full list of affected areas is under constant review and can be seen on the Government website below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

There are general principles you can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you feel unwell, stay at home, do not attend school or work.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home and work environment.
- If you are worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

Please be aware that the symptoms of the coronavirus are:

- A cough
- A high temperature
- Shortness of breath

However, these symptoms do not necessarily mean that someone has the virus, as they are very similar to other illnesses which are much more common, such as colds and flu.

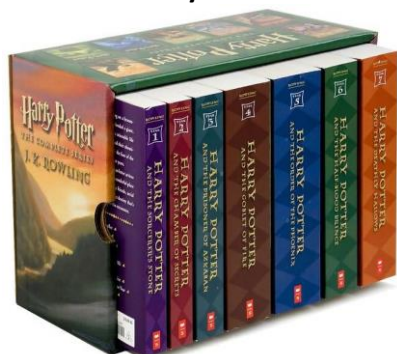
This message is simply a precautionary measure to provide guidance from the Public Health Team relating to any health concerns parents/carers and pupils may have. There are no confirmed cases at Milton St John's but children have been reminded about good basic hygiene as this is the best prevention for any virus. All pupils should continue to attend school as normal. If you have any concerns about the coronavirus or want more information, please visit the websites below:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Please be assured that we will continue to liaise with Public Health and to update this guidance if-and-when required.

World Book Day This week



This year for World Book day, Thursday 5 March, the children are invited to bring their favourite book to share with others. The children are NOT dressing up in full costumes but they may bring along a prop from the same book too. Throughout the day, the children will enjoy sharing, discussing and taking part in different activities to promote the love of books.

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School Library

Miss Johnson and the staff have been working hard to revamp our school library and we will be 'opening' the library on World Book Day (5 March). The Library is a great resource for the children and Miss Johnson will then be opening up the library for the children every Wednesday night after school until 4.10pm from the 11 March. During World Book Day the children will be visiting the library and learning about what an important resource it is and how we need to look after the books so that everyone can benefit from using it.

Birds of Prey Visit

The children had a fantastic time on Tuesday last week when the Bird man visited the school as you can see in the photographs. The children were fascinated by all of the birds. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Tann who organised the event as part of our focus on Science this half term. If you have ordered any photographs they should arrive this week and we will then give them out.



Further Science activities this half term

Thank you to Mrs Tann and the Knowledge and Understanding team there are many other exciting Science activities happening this half term. They include a trip for year 1 and 2 to see Dippy the Dinosaur on the 13 March, a virtual reality experience for Key Stage 2 on 16 March and Chester Zoo ranger workshops in school on 1 April!

Science Week – Week beginning 9.3.2020

This year, we are taking part in the British Science Week poster challenge. The theme is 'Our Diverse Planet' which could include researching information or completing experiments relating to a topic in this theme.

The children can create a poster by themselves, with a friend or in a group. They must be 2D (flat) and be either A4 or A3 sized.

Our school will send away our 5 favourite posters from the ones we get and send them to The British Science Association for judging.

Try to avoid using straws or glitter - these plastics can damage our planet and harm the diverse creatures and ecosystem that live there. We have extended the competition entry to be in for Wednesday 4 March 2020. Thank you to those children have already entered

Sports Relief Week Commencing 9/3/20

As part of Sports Relief the children will be taking part in the Daily Mile during one of their PE lessons next week.

On Thursday 12 March the children can come in to school wearing Sports kit for a donation of £1, payable on Schoolmoney which you can access on Thursday 12 March if you wish to donate.



National Breakfast Week

Every Thursday in March Mellors' Catering will be providing a breakfast meal at lunchtime for all those children already on a school meal.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Collins who is expecting a baby in the summer. It will be an exciting few months ahead for big brother George and Mum and Dad!

Welcome to Mr Parker

We welcome Mr Parker to Milton St John's. He will be covering Mrs Tann's maternity period and teaching class 5. Mrs Tann's last day will be 13 March.

UPDATED PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Collective Worship

As part of our commitment to involve our wider community in school life, we are delighted to be able to invite all parents/carers to our Collective Worship sessions (involving years 1-6) on Thursday mornings from 9-9:25am (approx.) Father David and Father Ian will usually be leading the worship for us. We hope to see as many of you as possible over the next few weeks.



Fairtrade Fortnight 24 February - 8 March 2020

As a school, we will be looking closely at the differences that buying Fairtrade products can make to individuals, families and communities. We will be holding an Art competition for the children to design any piece of Art that brings awareness of Fairtrade to others. Entries can be handed in to Mrs T and should be in no later than Monday 9 March. Winning entries will be selected by members of the Arts Council and the Ethos Team.

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 4	Friday 6 March
Class 3a	Friday 27 March
Class 3b	Friday 3 April
Class 2	Friday 1 May
Class 1	Thursday 21 May - Please note this assembly is on a Thursday
Reception	Friday 19 June

Diary Dates

Thursday 5 March	World Book Day This week
Thursday 12 March	Sports Relief Day
Friday 13 March	Class 1 and 2 trip to Rochdale
Tuesday 31 March	Easter Church Service
Friday 26 June – 29 June	Kingswood residential trip