

# Newsletter

Monday 9 March 2020

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## NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

### Coronavirus update

You're likely to be aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Milton St John's, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

#### Prevent the spread of infection

We have sensitively spoken to the children about following the general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus and provide the following information to help parents:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- 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 and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

**Could we insist that if parents choose to send hand sanitisers into school, the children need to be able to use them by themselves. However, please be assured that we are encouraging the children to wash their hands regularly, which is more effective than using hand sanitisers.**

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. All pupils should continue to attend school as normal.

### Water Bottles in School

Please can parents ensure that children have a water bottle in school to use for drinking water every day. Due to the concerns with the spread of coronavirus, children will not be allowed to share cups or bottles.

### Parents Evening Thursday 2 April

Parents evening will be held on Thursday 2 April. A letter will be sent out today for parents to select a suitable time to meet with their child's class teacher. Please return this form to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 18 March. Unfortunately, there are no child care facilities during this evening, so alternative care will be needed for children during this time.

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### **PTA Fashion Show**

We would just like to say a big thank you to the PTA who work tirelessly to raise funds for our school and recently worked hard to organise the PTA Fashion on Friday which managed to raise £220 for school funds. Thank you to all the people who came and supported the event.

### **Nursery**

If you are interested in a nursery place for your child for September 2020 there are still some places available. For further information and/or an application form, please contact the School Office on 01457832572 or email [admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk).

We are also considering taking a January 2021 intake to nursery, if there are spaces and a demand for those children that turn 3 in the Autumn term 2020. If you would like to express an interest in, this please also contact the office using the details above.

For information, wrap around care is possible, if you would like your child to attend our nursery. Both Castletop (01457833322) and Skools Out (see information below) provide this service at Milton St John's.

### **Reminder School Library open every Wednesday after school**

The Library is a great resource for the children and Miss Johnson will opening up the library for the children every Wednesday night after school until 4.10pm from the 11 March.

### **Fun Time In Food Technology!**

By Thea – Year 5

The children of Year 5 and 6 at Milton had a BLAST in food technology! With the assistance of staff at Mossley Hollins High School, year 5 and 6 made a dip for vegetables, along with some savory scones. They learnt safety with knives and how to correctly use equipment.

The classes worked in pairs to master their scones, and learnt how to stay safe around ovens. Everybody in the lessons put a lot of effort in and everyone came out with an amazing finished product!

The Year 10 assistants were lovely and the groups found it easy to talk to them and ask them for help when needed. The teacher was very pleasant and interacted with the classes in a warm and engaging manner. She was more than happy to provide help for those who needed it.

Overall, years 5 and 6 had a lovely time getting to know the Mossley Hollins food technology classroom, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of cooking in a relaxed and fun environment. The teacher and the helper were lovely and everyone had a great time!

### **Careers Fair**

By Tilly - Year 6

We visited Mossley Hollins High School for a fun, exciting event. First, we came into the main hall and sat ready to start this exciting experience. The staff gave us all stickers with our group name on, and we were mainly in groups of 5 or 6 with primary school students and high school students together. We introduced ourselves to each other and chose a station to start at. There were many different people sat at desks with different jobs such as solicitors, teachers, fire-fighters, people from the NHS and many more. We had really interesting conversations with all the different people and some of them even gave us free pens! After meeting everyone, we went and had a drink and a healthy piece of delicious, tasty fruit. Another task we did was to do some fun jigsaws that had secret messages on about never giving up. I really enjoyed this day and overall it was a lot of fun and a change from normal everyday lessons.

## UPDATED PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

### 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!

### 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 this 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.

### 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.



### Extension to Fairtrade Art Competition

We are 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 Wednesday 11 March. Winning entries will be selected by members of the Arts Council and the Ethos Team.



### 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.

### 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.

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| 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 12 March

Friday 13 March

Tuesday 31 March

Friday 26 June – 29 June

Sports Relief Day - This week

Class 1 and 2 trip to Rochdale – This week

Easter Church Service

Kingswood residential trip

## Community News

### SKOOLSOUT - Wrap Around Childcare

Skoolsout provides childcare outside of school hours. It delivers essential care provision before and after school and during school holidays.

Skoolsout is for children aged 3-11 years and provides a wide range of activities to meet the needs and abilities of all children in a safe, well equipped and stimulating environment in which children can play.

Morning sessions in term time are 7.30am-9.00am at Milton St John's CE Primary School and afternoon sessions are 3.15pm-6.15pm where your child will be collected from school and taken to Mossley Community Centre, Roughtown Road, Mossley. In school holidays Skoolsout runs from 7.30am-6.00pm at the Community Centre.

Please contact Sue Armstrong at Skoolsout on 07960458246 if you require further information.



During the Lent period we think about self-control and willpower. How can we demonstrate this in our daily lives?

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