

Newsletter

Monday 16 March 2020

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The Pride of Milton winners at last week's assembly were Harrison B, Oliver S and Lily-Serena J.
The winners from our Achievement assembly today were:



| Excellent Work Award | Milton Manners | Learner of the Week | Fantastic Friend |
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| Joshua P Max S Daniel S Lacey H Tasha C | Evie W Aescleaharna D Jack B | Aoife M Presley L Abel M Erin F Sydney B Liam W Kitty C | Poppy S Lilliana E Henry W |

| SHINE Award | Playtime Hero | Team Player Award | Rights Respecting Award | Art Award |
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| Noah H | | Jacob H Rory B | | Max C |



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Coronavirus Update

As parents will appreciate it is a difficult and uncharted time in the country with the threat of the Coronavirus. We, as a school, have to follow the advice of the Department for Education and Public Health England who are advised by the experts. We are managing risk and have to be careful about the potential unintended consequences of decisions that public services such as schools could make.

Unless we are specifically advised otherwise by Public Health England, we will continue with our normal educational provision in our school. Not to do so would put pupils' education at risk, and would put great stress on parents/carers, especially those who cannot work from home – e.g. people in health services, the emergency services, logistics, utilities, and every service that keeps us going.

School is also very aware that if we close for any reason, we potentially put children at risk in a different way when so many parents and carers have to go to work.

Therefore, we follow the advice of Public Health England and emphasise the importance of everyone taking sensible precautions:

- Washing hands thoroughly and frequently during the day – we have revised how we are conducting this after a number of parents have said that children are getting sore hands;
- Covering your mouth if you have a cough and using and then throwing away tissues, if you have a cough or sneeze; and
- Teaching pupils, in an age-appropriate way, about risk, being responsible and doing our best for the common good.

Parental Decisions

- If your child is ill and needs to stay off school, please inform us as normal. If you suspect this may be coronavirus, follow the advice of Public Health England (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>)
- If your child has been in contact with someone who is thought to have coronavirus, there is no reason to keep them at home unless they are themselves showing symptoms. There is an online checking tool that parents can access if they are unsure - <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

Presently staff are already preparing work/activities for the children should the Government decide to shut schools. However, children have access to Purple Mash and TT Rock Stars (Yr 2-6) which they can access at home already and we have also attached a non-screen activity sheet and spelling sheets for the various year groups to this newsletter to help. Teachers are unable to organise individual learning packs for those children that aren't in school whilst we are still open, but the above activities should help.

Working Together and Communications

In situations like this, where there are a lot of unknowns, it is particularly important that home and school work together, in the interests of our children, first and foremost, and also in the knowledge that there is a wider public interest for our children, and we must take advice from the experts. We will inform parents and carers through various means if there are any changes. **However, we are also aware that there are a number of parents that haven't signed up to Class Dojo so we must insist that this is done as a matter of urgency as this will be the main way that teachers will be liaising with parents during this time.**

The most important thing is that we help each other by reinforcing sensible hygiene precautions at home and at school and talking to our children in a way that is age appropriate about risk, acting responsibly and thinking about the potential consequences of our actions for ourselves and others. It also means recognising that there are experts and people who manage issues which affect the general public and it is important to pull together and act upon their advice.

Thank you for your patience during this tricky time. We will, as always keep you updated as/when required.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will be Wednesday 25 March. The theme is God's gifts – caring and sharing. We emailed a letter out to everyone on Friday last week. Please return the slip or email in to school if you wish to join us by Wednesday 18 March.

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.

Our Christian Value this term is Forgiveness. With this newsletter we have provided a useful sheet of ideas for families to explore the value of Forgiveness together and have fun.

Class Collective Worship/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. **We are trying to encourage the children to take a lead in collective worship at school therefore, one class assembly each year will be collective worship where the children lead us and teach us about Christian Values. This will be a slight change to what parents/carers are used to seeing, but we hope that you will join us in supporting the children.**

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| Class 3a | Friday 27 March (Collective Worship) |
| Class 3b | Friday 3 April (Collective Worship) |
| Class 2 | Friday 1 May (Collective Worship) |
| Class 1 | Thursday 21 May - Please note this assembly is on a Thursday (Collective Worship) |
| Reception | Friday 19 June |



Easter Events – (if everything carries on as normal in school!)

Easter Service Tuesday 31 March

Our Easter Service will be on Tuesday 31 March at St John's Church at 9:30am, all are welcome to attend.

EYFS Easter Church visit – 2 April

Parents and carers of the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) are invited to join the children for a visit to St John's Church on 2 April. Please see EYFS newsletter for more details and let Mrs Fernley or Mrs Smith know if you are able to walk up with the children.

Decorated Eggs – Key Stage 2 Activity (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Unfortunately, parents it's that time of year again when your child may come and beg you to help them decorate an egg! Every year we have some fantastic displays and hope that this year will be the same. If your child would like to do this please ensure hard boiled eggs are used and that entries are received no later than the morning of Wednesday 1 April. We have had many amazing entries in the past and I'm sure we won't be disappointed this year!



There will be prizes awarded to a winner from each class and this will be decided by the Arts Council; they will particularly be looking for the children's efforts rather than their parents!

The children are able to bring in their creations, from Tuesday 27 March so they can be displayed for all to enjoy. Parents can view the eggs during parents evening on Thursday 2 April.

Easter Bonnet Competition- Year 1 and 2

Back by popular demand! The children in Classes 1 and 2 are all invited to make an Easter Bonnet and enter our Easter Bonnet Competition this year. Could parents please ensure entries are in on the morning of Monday 30 March, so that winners can be decided during the day by the Arts Council.

There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade at 2:45pm on Monday 30 March that parents/carers are more than welcome to attend, we will also announce the winners.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are also hoping to hold our annual whole-school Easter Egg Hunt during the last week of Term. Each class will have the chance to hunt for eggs. The highest number collected by a class wins!

Mellors' March Factsheet

Please click on the Catering crayon down the left hand side of the website home page to see this month's factsheet. This month it's all about hydration and how to ensure you drink enough of the right things during the day. It includes a challenge the children can do with their families.

Sport Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. We raised £136.00. The children enjoyed taking part in the Daily Mile as you can see from the pictures.



NSPCC

Last week all children attended two assemblies aimed at KS1 and KS2. Class 5 and 6 also took part in workshops about speaking out and staying safe.



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UPDATED PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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 was sent out last week 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.

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.

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 each week.

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.



Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 31 March | Easter Church Service |
| Thursday 2 April | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 2 April | EYFS Easter Church visit |
| Friday 26 June – 29 June | 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.

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Originally Produced on Broadway by KASLAN PRODUCTIONS, INC.

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Stockport

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Plaza Theatre Box Office: **0161 477 7779** (Booking Fee)

www.romileyoperatic.co.uk

act The Association of Community Theatre This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk National Operatic & Dramatic Association



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

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