

Newsletter

Monday 22 June 2020

NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Phased opening update...

Today we have welcomed more of our Year 6 and Year 1 children to school, in addition to our Key Worker children that started on the 15 June. Last week, you may be aware, that the Government suggested that schools will return to normal in September, which is fantastic news and what we have been waiting to hear! We have really missed the children and can't wait to welcome them all back as soon as possible.

There is also a lot of speculation in the press about the 2 metre social distancing rule possibly being relaxed very soon. This would also be welcomed news, but parents need to be aware that this does not automatically mean that all children will be able to return to school before the summer. Unfortunately, even if we had 15 children in each classroom, there wouldn't be enough room for everyone and we wouldn't have enough teachers to cater for all children. We are also currently unable to mix staffing between groups, which also sadly rules out part time timetables.

The next year group that would be invited back, if we are able to accommodate it, is Reception. However, at the moment this is highly unlikely due to the number of parents that wanted to send their child back in from Reception, the lack of space and staff and the high number of key worker children we currently have. We will, of course, keep everyone informed should our circumstances change.

Home learning

Parents need to be aware that Miss Collins is currently shielding, following Government advice regarding pregnant women, and is working from home, overseeing the home learning platform. In order for teachers to see what learning Miss Collins has commented on she will be signed in as the class teacher. As other class teachers are in school and Miss Collins is overseeing every year group, please be mindful that messages may not be able to be answered straight away. We have also added some more resources to our home learning pencil on the school website. Please take a look.

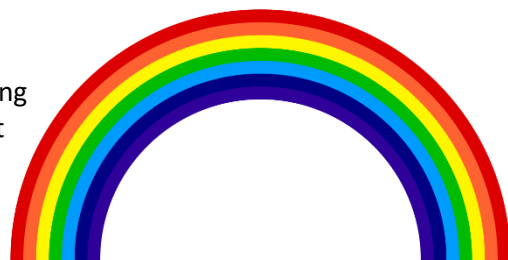
We would also like you to send in any photos of things the children have been doing to brighten up our newsletter each week and share what everyone at home is doing. Please send any photos to admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk with the subject as newsletter item.

Looking into the rainbow

In the last few newsletters we have mentioned the 'Looking to the rainbow' song that we would like the children to learn. Details can be found here and it isn't too late for your child to learn the song.
<https://worshipforeveryone.com/looking-to-the-rainbow>

What we would now like you to do is send in any videos of your child singing the song please. This can be sections of the song so that the videos aren't too large to email. We will then, hopefully try and put the song together to share with everyone. Please send your videos to admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk.

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Children starting in Reception September 2020

A letter was sent out last Friday for children in Nursery who are starting in Reception in September with important information in it. Please return the enclosed forms to the school office before 30.6.20.

New Nursery intake Sept 2020

A letter will be sent out this week with information for parents of our new nursery intake in September.

Faith at home resources – resources added each week

Faith at Home is a national campaign that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people. There are lots of resources and activities to do with your children at home. Click here to access them: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home/i-am-parent>

Increase in cost of School Meals

The cost of a school meal has increased to £2.28 from 1 April 2020.

Free school meals

Parents that are entitled to free school meals (not universal free school meals) have been informed that they are entitled to a weekly family care package of food. We have also been notified that this is to continue over the summer holidays. More details to follow about how this will work. Parents that are entitled to this must let the school know by emailing admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk by 3.15pm each Wednesday should they require a care package the following Tuesday. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to free school meals please see the information below.

Please visit <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals#apply> for further information

Art work – please send in any art work done at home, we would love to see it and add it to our newsletter...
Some art work produced by our Year 4/5 and Year 3 Key worker group last week.





School Uniform Day

We had a wear school uniform at home day whilst learning at home and also for the children attending school. We raised £136.00. We chose to support North West Ambulance Charity. Thank you to everyone who donated.



As we all slowly tip-toe back to small snippets of our new normal life, may we know the peace and love of our Lord which surrounds us all.

Let us be kind, let us be patient and let us trust in each other.

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