

# Newsletter

Monday 6 July 2020

## NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

### September 2020

Amidst the turmoil of uncertainty, that is COVID-19, we are planning ahead for the next academic year. As you can probably imagine, this currently means consideration of Plan A, B and C! The absolute situation of 'not knowing' has been incredibly frustrating and like you, we are craving some sort of normality.

The good news is that it has been announced that all children are to return to school in September! There will be some things that will be different e.g staggered drop off and pick up times and the use of different entrances for different year groups, however, we will endeavour to make school as normal as possible for the children on their return. More details about what times the children need dropping off and collecting will follow next week.

In the meantime, classes in September will be organised as follows:

Year group	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Fernley
Reception	Mrs Smith
Year 1	Miss Rollinson (new teacher)
Year 2	Miss Rodgers
Year 3	Miss Johnson/Mrs Leaney - Mrs Tann will take over after her maternity leave
Year 4a (Miss Hurst's class)	Miss Hurst
Year 4b (Mrs Gerrard's class)	Mrs Gerrard
Year 5	Mr Parker – Miss Collins will take over after her maternity leave
Year 6	Mr Copsey

As we are unable to undertake the usual 'move-up' days, we have arranged that teachers will record a video introduction for their new classes and put these on Class Dojo. Afternoon tasks set in the last week will be set by your child's new teacher and related to transition activities. Some of these tasks will be utilised in September, when the children are back in their own classrooms.

### Goodbye and good luck

Sadly, Mr Clarke and Miss Young are leaving us at the end of the term. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to school and wish them the best of luck in the future.

### Reports

The teachers have been busy writing the end of year reports. Parents will need to be aware that they will look slightly different from previous years but will hopefully be helpful. For those children that are 'stay at home heroes', we thought it would be nice for the children if we arranged for a short time slot for them and one parent to come and pick up their report and see their teacher in the playground next week. Please can we request that only one parent escorts their child during this time and please make sure social distancing is adhered to. Alternatively, if you prefer to have your child's report emailed instead, please message class teachers on Class Dojo and this will be arranged. Our 'Stay at School Superheroes' will bring their report home next week also.

To make it run as smooth as possible, we will be running a one-way system. Therefore, could parents please enter the playground via the main gate and leave via the gate near the field please. Teachers will also not be available after the times below.

Time slots are as follows -

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3a (Miss Hurst's class) – Tuesday 14 July between the times of 1.40pm – 2.15pm

Year 3b, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – Wednesday 15 July between the times of 1.40pm – 2.15pm

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### DFE updated guidance for Parents

The DFE have released updated guidance for parents and carers: **Coronavirus (COVID-19): keeping children safe online**

Advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

It's lovely to have more pictures to brighten up our newsletter...



### School Uniform reminder

The children will be wearing school uniform, as normal in September. The school uniform is as follows and is based on the colour royal blue and red:

Red polo top  
Royal blue cardigan or jumper  
Royal blue reversible fleece  
Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore or trousers  
White socks or grey tights for girls  
Grey socks for boys  
Black shoes (not trainers)

PE:

White t-shirt (plain or with School logo)  
Black/blue shorts  
Black/blue jog bottoms and top  
plimsolls or velcroed trainers  
plimsolls or trainers

EYFS/KS1:

KS2:

### UPDATED NEWSLETTER ITEMS

#### Reminder for parents currently dropping children off at school

In order for us to keep everyone as safe as possible, it's really important that start and finish times are adhered to please and that the correct gate/entrance is used at all times. We also expect Year 4 – 6 children to come into school on their own. It is also imperative that parents don't hang around the school grounds and chat due to the tight scheduled times for drop off/pick up. We obviously understand that some parents may have to drop off/wait for siblings due to different timings though. Please see the table below as a reminder.

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Bubble	Location	Start time	Finishing time
Nursery/Reception key worker bubble	Reception classroom	9.10am (Reception entrance)	2.50pm (Reception entrance)
Reception bubble (mornings only)	Nursery classroom	8.50am (Nursery entrance)	11.50am (Nursery door)
Year 1 Key worker bubble	Year 1 classroom	9.00am (Year 1 entrance)	2.50pm (Year 1 entrance)
Year 1 bubble (Mon- Thurs)	Year 2 classroom	9.10am (access via rear gate)	2.50pm (access via rear gate)
Year 2 Key Worker bubble	Year 3a classroom	8.45am (access via rear gate, main building)	3pm (access via rear gate, main building)
Year 3 Key Worker bubble	Year 3b classroom	9.00am (access via rear gate)	3.10pm (access via rear gate)
Year 4/5 Key Worker bubble	Year 4 classroom	8.30am (access via main gate on Mill Lane)	2.50pm (access via main gate on Mill Lane)
Year 5 bubble (Mon – Thurs)	Year 5 classroom	8.40am (access via main gate on Mill Lane)	3.05pm (access via main gate on Mill Lane)
Year 6 Key Worker bubble	Year 6 classroom	8.45am (access via main gate on Mill Lane)	3pm (access via main gate on Mill Lane)
Year 6 bubble (Mon – Thurs)	Room of requirement	8.55am (access via main gate on Mill Lane)	3.10pm (access via main gate on Mill Lane)

### Stay at Home Superheroes – Sports Day

For our Sports Day this year we are asking for our 'stay at home superheroes' to get involved in designing their very own obstacle course. It can be indoor or outdoor and we would like you to draw a diagram of your obstacle course on a plain piece of paper. Once you have drawn and labelled it, can you make it in your garden or at home?

When your obstacle course is ready, can you challenge the people in your house to complete it? Make it into a race and see who can do it the quickest. You should record your results on the table.

We would like to include some pictures of this event on to the school newsletter so please email any photographs of this event to [admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk) by Friday 10 July.

### School meal preference from September for Year 2 children moving into Year 3

We have sent an email last week to current Year 2 children who will be moving into Year 3 in September. It is asking their school meal preference in September as they will no longer be entitled to the Universal Free School Meal once they are in Year 3. Please return the form sent out to you by Thursday 9 July.

### 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. Please see below for the best way to do this. For it to work, the clip needs to only have your child singing the song and not have the backing track playing in the background please. The clips can be sections of the song so that the videos aren't too

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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](mailto:admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk) by 17 July.

 <p><b>GET THEM TO RECORD IN PORTRAIT AND NOT LANDSCAPE!!</b></p> <p>Record the singer on a smartphone. The camera and mic quality is plenty good enough nowadays for this job. It also makes sharing the finished video easy. Tell them to get someone to hold the phone for them</p>	 <p>It's probably a good idea to get the singers to perform in headphones, that way you only record their voices and not the backing track as well.</p>	 <p><b>Make sure they SMILE!!</b></p>
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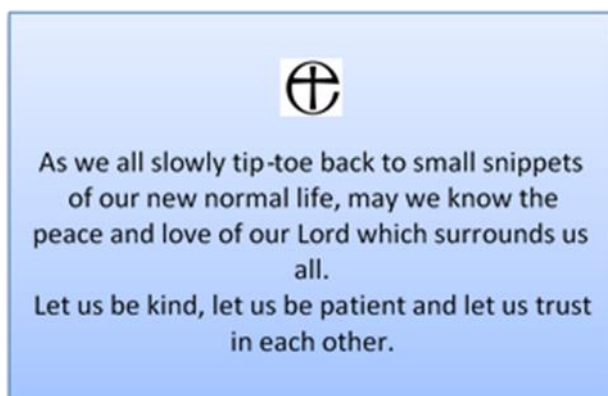
### **Increase in cost of School Meals**

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](mailto: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



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