

Newsletter

Monday 13 July 2020

NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

September 2020

This week you will receive a letter via email about how things will work in September. The email will contain a lot of information for parents to digest, but please be assured that the information within the letter is extremely important to ensure we all try and keep as safe as possible on our return in September.

Inset

Please be aware that school will start back in September on Thursday 3 September, rather than Wednesday 2 September, as previously advertised. This is because a number of maintenance jobs are being carried out over the summer and we need to prepare the school for the safe return of all children.

Summer child care provision

Home learning and school closes on Thursday 23 July. Although the school was open for key workers during the Easter/Whit holidays, school will be closed for the summer in order to carry out various maintenance jobs. However, should anyone need childcare over the summer, we have been informed that Skools out are operating a service for parents at the community centre. Please contact Sue on 07960458246 for further details.

School Crossing Service

As school governors, we want to update you about the school crossing service. We understand from last year's consultation that it is a valued service to some parents and children, although many others do not benefit. We appreciated seeing Melvin everyday too. In response we kept the service in place.

Over recent years, fewer schools have continued to pay for this Tameside-wide service. This has resulted in a yearly increase of the proportion that Milton pays and at present this effectively means we are subsidising this Tameside service which is not financially sustainable.

In the face of growing budgetary pressures, and with great sadness, we have decided not to renew the service in order that the yearly saving of £6,500 will support key teaching and resources for your child's education.

We would like to thank parents for their understanding regarding this difficult decision and more importantly would like to thank Melvin for supporting our community over the years and wish him all the best for the future.

Change of circumstances - support

In light of Covid 19, we are very aware that sadly some Milton families may have been affected in various ways. For example, through bereavement, job losses, illness or family breakdowns etc. We just want to reach out to those families and let you know that we are here to support you in any way we can. Please do get in touch, either by phone or email at admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk should you need any help or just want to let us know so that we can support you and your child/ren when we return back to school in September.

Home Learning

We believe the children need a well-earned rest in the summer holidays and teachers will not be planning any activities for the children. However, BBC Bitesize (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>) and The Oak National Academy (<https://www.thenational.academy/>) resources will still be available should parents wish to use them. Children learning their times tables is also something that will always help your child in the future, should you want to do anything with your child during the summer period.

School meals

Mellors will be providing a choice of hot and cold meals to all children from September. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, will be getting a choice on the day as previously organised. Parents of children that will be in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 next year will soon be receiving an email about Universal Free School meals with the following information...

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From the beginning of the September term the Mellors catering team will be providing hot and cold meals for all children if they wish to have a meal provided at school.

The menu choices will rotate every 2 weeks and will run from September until Christmas.

For all Universal Infant Free School Meal children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), meals will be pre-ordered, so please complete the attached questionnaire which will provide the catering team with your child's choice of meal for each day.

All parents need to complete one questionnaire per child (please also complete the questionnaire if your intention is for your child to have a packed lunch brought in from home). The questionnaire needs to be completed by Friday 16th July to allow Mellors to order the correct food and for it to be delivered in time for September.

Please ensure you tick your child's preference of meal for each day and where there is a choice of dessert, your child will be able to choose this on the day.

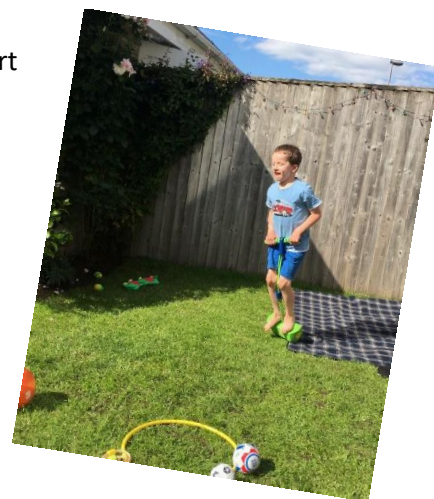
Your child will have their meal choice individually prepared by the Mellors team and delivered to their classroom/designated area where they will be eating their lunch.

If your child will be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September please click the following link to access the questionnaire:

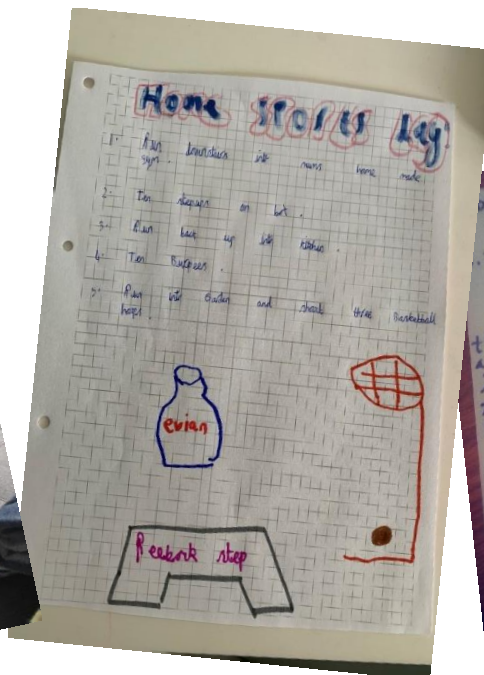
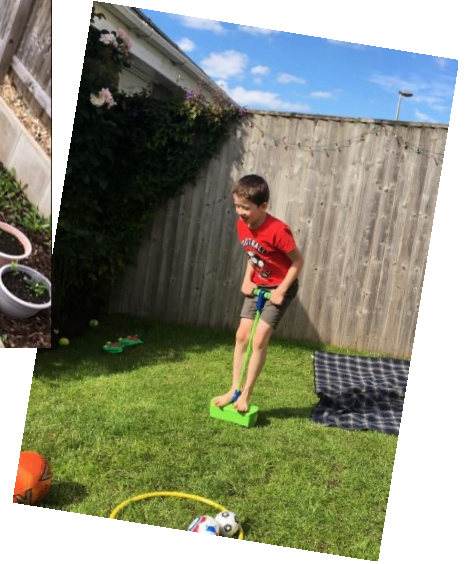
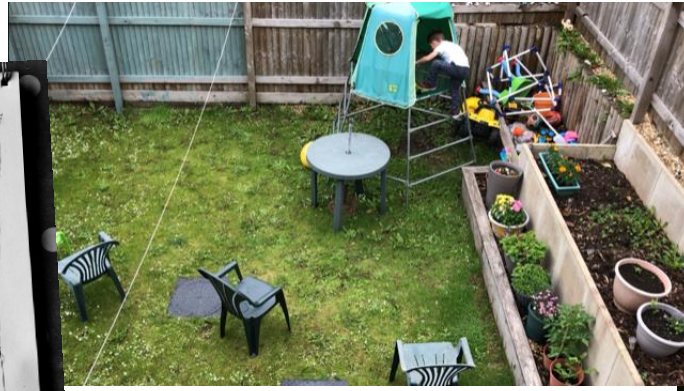
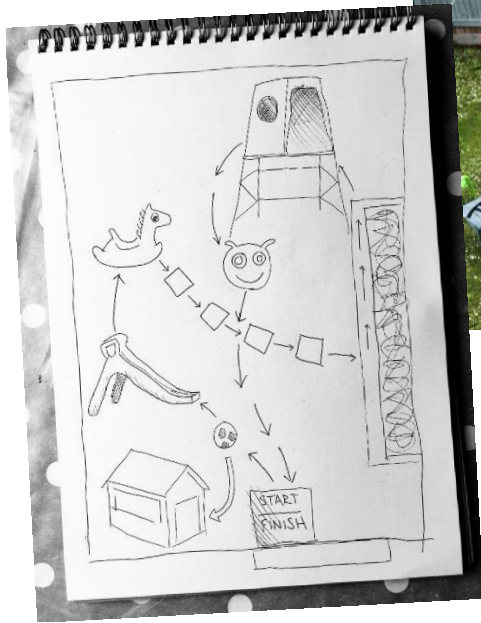
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Stay at Home Superheroes – Sports Day

It's been lovely to see our stay at home superheroes (and family members) taking part in a different type of sports day!!



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Reminder – 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

Reception/Nursery parents – please refer to correspondence from the team via email last week about how it will be organised for your children.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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.

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	PE:	White t-shirt (plain or with School logo)
Royal blue cardigan or jumper		Black/blue shorts
Royal blue reversible fleece		Black/blue jog bottoms and top
Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore or trousers	EYFS/KS1:	plimsolls or velcroed trainers
White socks or grey tights for girls	KS2:	plimsolls or trainers
Grey socks for boys		
Black shoes (not trainers)		

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