

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Wednesday 16 September

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### **NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

#### **Birthday treats**

Unfortunately, due to the current situation with Covid 19, we have made the decision that birthday treats that children bring into school to share with other children cannot be given out at school for the time being. We are trying, wherever possible, to alleviate the number of things coming and going from school as much as possible and hope that parents understand this. Presently reading books are being quarantined for 3 days before being sent home.

#### **Drop off/Pick Up**

Thank you for trying your best to socially distance and being considerate of others at pick up and drop off times. We also appreciate that only one parent is bringing their child to and from school to help alleviate the number of parents being around the school grounds at those busy times of day. We have had a suggestion from a parent asking us to request that parents wear face coverings during these times. Unfortunately, we cannot enforce this, but parents may want to consider wearing them when dropping and picking their child up.

#### **Sickness/Covid reminder**

An email with a table regarding guidance about Covid symptoms sent home on Monday.

**Children will be sent home from school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms and parents will be advised to organise a test for their child. We have been advised that test appointments are renewed regularly throughout the day, so please keep trying if you are unable to get one within close proximity of your home. If you are able to travel to Manchester or other areas, sometime changing the postcode to reflect this can help find availability.**

We will, of course, keep parents informed as and when we need to if there is a case at our school. We have to inform Public Health England if a child or member of staff has been tested positive for Covid. We then have to follow their advice about what the school has to do in each circumstance.

*The main symptoms of coronavirus are:*

- *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

*Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.*

*What to do if you have symptoms*

*If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:*

- *Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.*
- *Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.*
- *Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.*

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Advice about arranging a test can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

### Message from a parent

I am a new author, writing children's books that raise awareness of mental wellbeing in children, and offers coping mechanisms through different characters. As a parent of the school, I'd like to put out an offer to all parents of the school to have their child's name included at the back of my new book, which is out in December. There will be a special acknowledgement to Milton St Johns and the children of the school. If you would like your child's name (first and surname) included in the acknowledgement list then please contact me through [dreambelievead@hotmail.com](mailto:dreambelievead@hotmail.com) or 07825004721. I would like to celebrate and acknowledge as many children as possibly. There is no limit to how many children can be included and if you have any family members or friends who have children that would like to be acknowledged then please contact me. The deadline is the end of October to receive names. The book will be available to purchase in December, where you will be able to see your child's name at the back on the book in the acknowledgement list.

Thanks for your support and I hope I can celebrate your child.

Leanne Brown (Frankish)

### Electronics/Mobile phones in school

Please can we remind all children if they bring any electronic devices in to school, such as ipads/tablets or phones, they must be switched off and handed to their class teacher until the end of the day. The children must adhere to this rule for the safe keeping of the devices.

### Nasal Flu Vaccine

Reminder- the nasal flu vaccine date is now 23 September 2020. Forms must be returned to the office by the end of today. No late forms will be accepted.

### Data Collection

We have sent an email out recently explaining we are not sending paper copies home at the moment for Data Collection. If any of your child's details have changed please inform the office as soon as possible or we will assume the details we have are correct.

### PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

#### Start of school/Home time

Nursery – parents can pick up their child between the times of 3pm – 3.10pm

Reception and Year 1 – parents can pick up their child between the times of 3.10pm and 3.20pm to help stagger the amount of people in the Year 1 fenced area and to assist with parents picking siblings up.

Year 2 - 3.10pm

Year 3 – 3.15pm

Year 4a – 3.20pm

Year 4b – 3.15pm

Year 5 – 3.20pm

Year 6 – 3.25pm

It is important that **only one parent** picks up their child/ren to help alleviate the number of people around the area and that parents arrive for the correct time slots rather than be too early. We are still receiving complaints that adults picking up their child are not socially distancing from each other. Please look after yourselves and others by ensuring you socially distance at all times please.

We will continue to review the procedures and will change it if this still doesn't work, so please bear with us but understand that we won't be able to accommodate everyone's individual circumstances.

### Homework

Children will receive homework and spellings weekly. As the Department for Education insist that schools have remote learning strategies in place if children having to self-isolate etc, homework and spellings will be set on class dojo so that parents are kept familiar with our systems. To minimise the number of things coming in and out of school, rather

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than send homework back to school, take a picture and upload it onto your child's profile on Class Dojo. Please make sure you have signed up to this so that you can access everything. Homework organisation for classes will be as follows:

Class	Homework	Spellings
1	Reading everyday	Given out Friday - test following Friday
2	Reading everyday	Given out Friday - test following Friday
3	+	Given out Friday - test following Friday
4a (Miss Hurst)	Year 2- 5 classes set their homework on a Friday and must be completed and photo added on Class Dojo by Wednesday the following week.	Given out Friday - test following Friday
4b (Mrs Gerrard)		Given out Friday - test following Friday
5	Year 6 hand homework out on a Thursday and must be completed and photo added on Class Dojo by Monday the following week.  Unfortunately, homework handed in after that will not be commented on	Given out Friday - test following Friday
6		Given out Friday - test following Friday

### Reading books

We seem to have a lot of reading books missing from when they were sent home last year; please send any back to school as soon as possible. New reading books are being sent home this week. We have a system in place so that returned reading books are quarantined before being sent home again. The reading that parents do at home with their children is so important and has such a positive impact, that we must continue to send books home to read despite the current situation. Please do bear in mind though that the number of books in school has significantly diminished as many haven't been returned and many others are in quarantine. This means that children may only have one book per week.

### Text books/Library books

Please could parents also search at home for any text and library books and send them back into school as soon as possible.

### Join the PTA

We are a small and friendly group of Milton staff and parents who work together to raise funds and provide fun opportunities for the children. As we start this new year we need to think creatively about what we can practically achieve in the current circumstances! Our next meeting will be held via Zoom very soon - if you're interested in getting involved please text Naomi on 07876 687758 for the meeting details. All welcome!

### Dates for your Diary

#### Secondary School Applications

The on-line system is now open for next year's secondary school applications. **The closing date is 31 October 2020.**

#### Virtual Open Evening Mossley Hollins

Please see MHHS website to register if you would like to attend their virtual open evening 22 September 2020.

#### Virtual Open Evening Crompton House

Please see Crompton House's website for details of their virtual open evening 28.9.20.

#### Reception September 2021

Applications for Reception class September 2021 open 1.11.20 until 15.1.21.

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Our theme this month is new beginnings.  
May we work hard to do our best and start  
each day with a grateful heart.