

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 23 September

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Achievement Assembly

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents into school presently but just want parents to know that we are still continuing with assemblies, including our Achievement Assembly virtually across the classrooms each week.

Harvest

We would like to continue to support our local food bank this Harvest and have been thinking of ways to avoid items coming into school during this time. Therefore, we are holding a non-school dress day on the last day of this half term, Friday 23 October for a donation of £2 which will be placed on our 'Schoolmoney' system very soon. All money raised will be donated to Mossley Food Bank. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a church service for Harvest this year, but Father David and Father Ian will be conducting a service virtually in school for us.



Names in Clothing

Please can you ensure you put your child's name in all clothing, school/lunch bags, shoes etc. We have had a lot of lost items recently but if names were in clothing it would be a great help to us.

Children waiting for a test or self-isolating

Thank you to everyone for being sensible and testing their child when they showing symptoms of Covid. Unfortunately, with it being cough and cold season this will happen a lot. In the event that you are waiting for test results or a member of the household has tested positive and your child is off school because of this, please could you let the office know and also message the class teacher on class dojo, so that remote learning opportunities can be sent over for your child during this time.

LA survey

The Local Authority is seeking information from parents and carers about access to digital learning to support the planning of a Tameside Digital Education strategy and to inform how funding might be allocated to support remote learning. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey in this link <https://forms.gle/ustfbLVdom4nASZZA> by Wednesday 30th September. The information collected would be useful to our school in helping us to establish what is needed in terms of access to devices. All responses will remain anonymous and will only be stored for the duration of the consultation until December 2020.

Individual photographs

The photographer will be coming in to school Wednesday 7 October. Unfortunately, on this occasion they will not be able to do any sibling photos.

Year 2 Wet play toys

Year 2 are looking to increase the activities we have on offer at wet playtimes and some of the children are requesting toy cars to play with, with Christmas fast approaching we know you may be having a clear out so if you have any toy cars which you are thinking of getting rid of, Year 2 would love to take them off your hands! Please send any donations in with your child and we will quarantine them appropriately. Thank you.



PREVIOUS 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 has been sent home previously.

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*

We **S**how respect. We are **H**onest. We **I**nclude others. We **N**ever give up. We seek **E**xcellence in all we do.

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.*

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/>

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.

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 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)

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.