

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 30 September

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Polite reminder

Please could we remind parents not to stop on the zig zag lines outside the main school gate. Parents must not use this area for dropping children off as parking/stopping on these lines is prohibited.

Class Assemblies/Christmas Production/ Christmas Fair

Sadly, we are unable to conduct our usual class assemblies, Christmas Production and Christmas Fair this year due to Covid. Obviously we are very disappointed about this but have to follow Government guidelines.

Parents Evening

Parents evening this year will have to be done in a different way due to all the restrictions we have but we hope to have more details for parents in next week's newsletter about how this will be conducted this year.

School photographs and PE day

The photographer will be coming in to school on Wednesday 7 October to do individual photographs. Unfortunately, on this occasion they will not be able to do any sibling photos. If your child has PE on this day please feel free to send your child in to school wearing school uniform if you don't want your child wearing their PE kit on their photo. Therefore, if you send your child in with uniform on they will have to do PE in their uniform. Please don't send their PE kit in as they won't be able to get changed.

Year 2 School meals

We are now in a position to enable the Year 2 children to choose their own school meals in the hall, like they used to before Covid. This will start after half term. The choices parents have selected for the children up to half term will still continue up to that point. Meals for Reception and Year 1 will continue as they have done from September, where parents have already pre ordered their child's meal.

Opportunity to create personalised Christmas cards and gifts!

The PTA is once more joining up with Xmas4Schools to offer the chance for children to create their own Christmas card designs. We've had some wonderful creations over the last few years! Designs can be turned into cards, labels, calendars and mugs, and every order helps to support our PTA fundraising. Your child will bring home an order form this week, for them to draw, paint, stick and generally get creative. Xmas4Schools are doing things a bit different this year so please read the letter for the instructions on how to order and pay. Please DO NOT send any cash in to school.

Your child's artwork should be done on the reverse of the order form and returned to the school office by Monday 2 November 2020. The PTA will send the order forms off and you will receive an email and text message with your order and a link to the online ordering portal. You can then place your order and make payment.

Please see below the instructions for the artwork:

DO

Bright coloured Christmas Designs that fill the A4 paper produce the best results

Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils

Use collage

DON'T

Please **do not** use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) – it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!

If you are doing collage, please **do not make the sheet thicker than 2 pieces of paper**

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(Make sure all pieces are securely stuck on!)

Use **glitter glue**

Make sure any text is bold, legible and **kept within 1cm** of the edges of the A4 paper

Avoid metallic finishes over large areas

Pale coloured pencils on a white background do not reproduce well

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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.

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.

Message from Tameside

PLEASE HELP KEEP ME IN SCHOOL

- Do not socialise with anyone you don't live with or that isn't in your support bubble anywhere indoors or in your garden. If you are outdoors in public, do not gather in groups of more than six IT WORKS!
- Wash your hands regularly IT WORKS!
- Wear a face covering IT WORKS!
- Keep your social distance IT WORKS!
- Self-isolate if you have symptoms or are identified as a close contact IT WORKS!

Tameside Metropolitan Borough

www.tameside.gov.uk/itworks

NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group

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Dates for your Diary

Wed 7 October

Individual Photographs

Fri 23 October

Non school dress day for £2 to Mossley Foodbank

Secondary School Applications

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

Reception September 2021

Applications for Reception class September 2021 open 1.11.20 until 15.1.21.



As we approach Harvest, we give thanks for the many blessings of food and resources we have access to. Let us not forget to help others who are less fortunate.

"Do good and share with others"

Hebrews 13:16