

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 21 October

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Positive Covid case in school

As you will be aware, we have had to send two classes home this week due to a family testing positive for Covid. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope that the children in the two classes remain safe and well. Sadly, we are not the first school to have to do this and certainly won't be the last. It is inevitable that it will occur again at Milton St John's unfortunately.

To remind parents, should your child test positive, it is imperative that we are informed straight away, either by phone (during school hours) or via the positivecovid@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk email address (out of school hours). Please do not presume that we will have been informed by track and trace. Please include the following information in the email or conversation:

Name of child

Class

Date symptoms started

Date child was last in school

Date that a test was taken

Also include if your child attended Skools Out and the date they attended

We have to have the above information to be able to liaise with Public Health England and ascertain what we have to do in each circumstance. We have to follow their advice at all times and the information above is critical in working out isolation dates if classes have to isolate. We have been informed that we have to track back 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms and determine who may have been in contact during those hours. The 14 day isolation period is taken from the last date a child may have been in contact with a positive case.

URGENT - Proposed residential development of 21 houses – Brookfields Mossley

As some of you may be aware, a planning application was received by the Council last year to develop 21 houses that will only be accessible off Archer Street (last street on the right before the bridge at the bottom of Mill Lane). Previously we asked parents to 'comment' on this application as we were concerned about the impact building 21 houses will have on the school and local community. The council have now received a further planning application for the same area and we need to draw your attention to this, and ask that you please act on this planning application. The application documents here:

<https://publicaccess.tameside.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PSMSGCPUMYI00>

We believe that 'comments' have to be submitted by 29th October. To help you, here are some of the things we are concerned about...

- Direct risk of danger and accidents to children attending the school
- Excessive overdevelopment in Mossley already
- Will involve impossible, forced and dangerous access due to the nature of the site
- Industrial traffic and congestion on an already hazardous, narrow and dangerous road
- Serious environmental risk and damage including flooding
- Long term increase of traffic on a very steep road with very restricted access both ends
- Direct risk of danger to local residents
- Damaging and destroying the heritage of the town
- Protected wildlife on the site

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THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE – YOU MAY HAVE MORE – SAY WHAT YOU FEEL AND OBJECT TO

If you are writing a letter you need to post it to:

The Planning Department

Tameside MBC

PO Box 304

Ashton-u-Lyne, Tameside OL6 0GA

If you are sending an email you need to send it to:

PlanningAppResponses@tameside.gov.uk

We need your help!

Sadly, we are aware that some families may be struggling financially due to various circumstances beyond their control. Unfortunately the worsening situation in relation to Covid19 could mean that even more families may struggle going forwards. Because of this, we have decided that we would like to set up our own 'School Food Bank' to help families if/when needed. This is where we need your help please! If you are able to donate any non-perishable items that we could store, preferably with long use by dates, please send them into school for our food bank. We are hopeful that this will be a long term project, so please feel free to keep sending items in to us as/when you can. Please be aware that this will not and does not distract from all of the hard work that Mossley Food Bank does, we just hope that it will enable further flexibility and help those families that would prefer to access help via school.

If you are a family that is struggling, please do get in touch with us as we will try our best to help in any way that we can. We are able to point people in the right direction towards getting help with debt management, benefits, mental health or just provide a food package if needed. Even if we aren't sure about certain services, we will try our utmost to find out for you. There are various ways you can get in touch, parents can either phone, email, use class dojo or speak to a member of staff and we will ensure that everything we do to help will be done with discretion at all times.

Harvest Service

Father Ian and Father David will be leading our Harvest Service online tomorrow with the children. Please remember that the children can come in non-school dress on Friday for a donation of £2 which we will still be donating to Mossley Food Bank.



Parents Evening update

We are hopeful that a letter will be sent out by the end of the week to explain how our new virtual parents evening system will work.

For Parents that do not have internet access at home to enable the system to work, please contact your child's class teacher who will be able to offer you a time to phone you and conduct the parents evening in this manner.

Covid update

You will now be aware that our area will be moving to tier 3 restrictions on Friday (00:01). We are currently in a 'high covid alert' area. Please see the poster below for information about what this entails.

As previously mentioned, we have been hearing about children having indoor parties, playdates and sleepovers. Please could parents consider others, including the school community, when making decisions of such nature.



LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

VERY HIGH**Social Contact**

1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.

Weddings and Funerals

Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.

Overnight Stays

Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.

Working from home guidance

Work from home where possible.

Shopping and Retail

Open.

Leisure and gyms

Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.

Hospitality

Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.

Entertainment and tourist attractions

Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.

Education

Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.

Healthcare Services

Open.

Residential Care

Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.

Travel and Transport

May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.

Sporting Activity

Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).

Worship

Open, subject to social contact rules.

Childcare

Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.

Youth Clubs and Activities

Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

**Wash hands**

keep washing your hands regularly

**Cover face**

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

**Make space**

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus

Good News - Half Term activities that can still happen!!

Good news – even though restrictions have been raised in our area, families are still able to access some wonderful activities that have been organised by Tameside Cultural Services please see below for details...

A spooky culture camp and half term activities. As we race towards the school half term holidays our service wanted to share with you the activities we have planned. You can get involved with each of these from home, as well as an amazing audio trail that you can do anytime at Stamford Park if you are looking to get out and about in your local greenspaces. The 'Spellbound' trail is a short 1km circular family trail along surfaced paths in the park and tracks in the woodland. All are suitable for small children and buggies, with just a few very shallow steps. You will be asked to follow the spell master's instructions as he directs you on a family friendly trail around the park, gathering everything you need for your perfect Halloween potion.

After the success of Culture Camp from Home this Summer, for the October half term the cultural services team will be providing more activities for families to do with a spooky theme. Featuring wand making, potion bottle creating, witch mobile crafting and Frankenstein inspired drawing activities there is something for all the family to get involved in. Not only will you find our Halloween activities you will also see all the activities we have created for families this year.



Poet 'Dommy B' needs YOUR help to save the day in this special ZOOM performance!

SPARK-THE GOBLIN WIZARD

At 11am on **Monday 26 October** the BBC's 'Rhyme Rocket' poet 'Dommy B' will be zooming into Tameside with an interactive poetry zoom performance.

Email events@tameside.gov.uk to register for this event.

Further to this we will also be hosting a super spooky zoom performance with performance poet 'Dommy B' of 'Spark – The Goblin Wizard'. It is FREE to register and on Monday 26 October at 11am.

To download the audio trail, the craft activities or register for Dommy B's please visit:
<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/culturecrafts>

Tameside Cultural services would also like to highlight that if you are wanting to get out and about, they are thrilled that Portland Basin Museum is now open! There will be a Halloween themed trail available when visiting. You need to book your FREE entry in advance via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/portland-basin-museum-30868385663>

The arts and engagement team are also supporting Ashton based magical travel emporium 'Phantasmagoria' with their half term spaceship trail around Ashton town centre with 12 spaceships to find. A little more information: Calling all eagle eyed super spotters! Phantasmagoria need your help to track down a fleet of spaceships that have crash landed in Ashton Town Centre! Can you find the spaceships, collect the symbols and then deliver them to Phantasmagoria Magical Travel Emporium on Stamford Street to help decode the message? The trail will launch on Friday October 23rd and will run until Wednesday November 18th and trail completers will be rewarded with a visit to the Magical Travel Emporium where they can claim their prize! Pick up a trail leaflet at Phantasmagoria, Ashton Library or at most crash sites to take part in this free, fun, Covid Safe family activity. Leaflets can also be delivered to local schools to be distributed to pupils - call Rachel 07984 585375 or email marvellousmossley@gmail.com to find out more.



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PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Poppies on sale in school

We continue to sell Poppies and other related items in school. Suggested donations range from 50p-£1.50. We will be doing this in a safe way and children can drop the correct money into the collection box.

Learn a woodwind instrument!

If your child is in Y3, 4, 5 or 6 and want to learn to play a woodwind instrument with Miss Hind, please use the link below to sign up.

Instruments available: recorder, clarinet, flute and saxophone. Please note it is advised that only Y6 students sign up for saxophone lessons due to the weight of the instrument.

The lessons will involve learning new notes, pieces, musical games and more!

<https://uktameside.speedadmin.dk/registration#>

Mental Maths Skills

We have noticed that the children need more practise of recalling maths facts and times tables since they have come back to school and would really appreciate any help that parents can do to help the children in this area. It doesn't have to be onerous or even take up too much time. Just getting the children to answer a couple of time tables, simple addition/subtraction or doubling number questions on the way into school would help!

Oxford Owl has some useful ideas that parents may want to look at: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/how-to-help-your-child-with-mental-arithmetic/> There are also some ideas below which some parents may find helpful to try and engage the children:

- It is important children know their times tables off by heart by the end of Year 4 and learn number bonds to 10 e.g. $4 + 6 = 10$ and number bonds to 20 e.g. $14 + 6 = 20$ by heart.
- Play 'ping pong' to practise components with your child. You say a number and they reply with how much more is needed to make 10, 20, 100 or 1000. Encourage your child to answer quickly without counting or using fingers. E.g. make 100 you shout 40, they shout 60
- Throw two dice. Ask your child to find the total of the numbers (+), the difference between them (-) or the product (x).
- Use a set of playing cards (without the picture cards). Turn over two cards and ask your child to add or multiply the numbers. If they answer correctly, they keep the cards. How many cards can they collect in two minutes?
- Play Bingo. Each player chooses five answers (e.g. numbers to 10 to practise simple addition, multiples of 5 to practise the five times table etc). Ask a question and if a player has the answer, they can cross it off. The winner is the first player to cross off all their answers.
- Give your child an answer. Ask them to write as many number sentences as they can with this answer. You could just ask for addition sentences or challenge them with any type of calculation.
- Give your child a number fact – e.g. $5 + 8 = 13$. Ask them what else they can find out from this fact e.g. $50 + 80 = 130$, $8 + 5 = 13$, $13 - 8 = 5$, $130 - 50 = 80$ etc.
- Look out for car number plates. What is the number on the plate? What is this to the nearest 10 or 100 or 1000? How many more would you need to reach the next multiple of 10, 100 or 1000?
- Make up rhymes together to help your child remember tricky times tables.

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.

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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

(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

Dates for your Diary

Fri 23 October

Non-school dress day for £2 to Mossley Foodbank

Mon 2 November 2020

Year 6 trip to Air Raid Shelters

Fri 25-Mon 28 June 2021

Year 6 Kingswood residential trip

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

Community News

Join Tameside Netball Club



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**

Avoid metallic finishes over large areas

Pale coloured pencils on a white background do not reproduce well

Are you interested in joining Maods?

A poster for 'Next Gen Maods Woodend Studios'. The background is a purple-tinted photograph of a group of young people, likely students, looking towards the right. Overlaid on the image are several geometric patterns, including large 'X' shapes and diamond shapes. The text 'NEXT GEN' is prominently displayed in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Between 'NEXT' and 'GEN' are two circular icons: one with a smiley face and another with an umbrella. Below 'NEXT GEN' are the logos for 'MAODS' and 'WOODEND STUDIOS'. At the bottom, contact information is provided, including a phone number, email address, Instagram and Facebook handles, a website, and a physical address.

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