

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 11 November

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Remembrance Service

Today we joined in with a virtual Remembrance Service at St Georges Church with Micklehurst and St Georges Primary Schools. We have also been busy making beautiful poppies that Mrs Cavanagh has gathered and created our lovely display in the hall with.



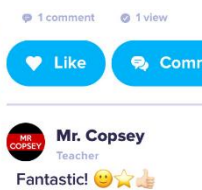
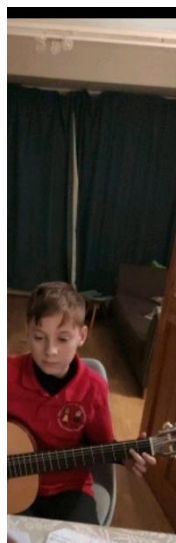
Reminder Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held tomorrow evening. Please do make sure you log into the website <https://miltonstjohnsce.schoolcloud.co.uk> earlier than your appointment time to ensure that you have the full time allocated to your appointment. The system does not allow appointments to run over or start late. If you have not booked an appointment, there are still some appointment slots left in some classes so please contact us before 12.00 on Thursday 12 November if you would like to book a slot.

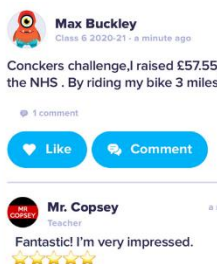
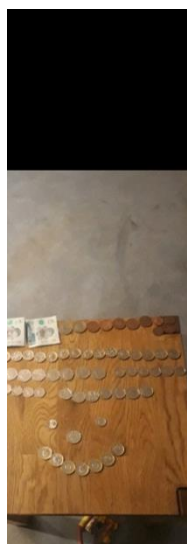
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PTA Conker challenge

It's been lovely to see what challenges the children have been 'conkering' recently. If your child would still like to take part please could we have any photos in by Monday 16 November so that we can give out the prizes next week.



We have had children challenging themselves to many things including practising their guitar for a sustained period, taking part in a bike ride to raise money for the NHS and learning to read and write some tricky words in Reception! Well done children.



Easy Fund Raising

Since we are unable to have our Christmas Fair etc this year, we have registered with Easyfundraising.org website to enable parents/carers to help us raise funds at no extra cost to themselves. This is easy to do! When you shop online, with over 4100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, Argos etc, you can raise FREE donations to Milton St John's CE.

It only takes a few minutes to sign up and is then easy to use by finding the retailer you want to shop with on the Easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

Sign up for free at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/miltonstjohnsprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n3

Or earn the school an extra £5 for using this unique link below (this runs out on 16 November):

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/miltonstjohnsprimary/?invite=3PSOMB&referral-campaign=c2s>.

Reminder – this Friday is Children in Need

Children in Need takes place this Friday (13 November). To mark the occasion and raise funds for the charity, the children can have 'Funky hair' or Crazy socks' or even both on this day. All that we ask is a £1 donation which will be paid to Children in Need. You can donate this now on Schoolmoney.

Year 6 – so that the children in Year 6 don't miss out, Year 6 are able to have 'funky hair/crazy socks' on Monday 23 November.

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Christmas activities

As previously mentioned we are planning a number of activities in the run up to Christmas and are hoping to do some kind of play/concert with the children that we can film for parents to see. However, our plans could be disrupted easily with classes having to isolate, just as we have experienced with year 6 this week. Anything we do organise will not be as 'epic' as previous years but we hope to bring you something festive from the children. We will also be filming this ourselves so please do not expect a blockbuster with amazing visual effects.

Festive Fridays – every Friday in December the children will take part in festive arts/crafts etc and will be able to wear a festive accessory on these days to make them a little more special.

Christmas Dinner – this will be on Wednesday 16 December. We will send out a letter in the next couple of weeks to ask if any children on packed lunches would like to order a Christmas Dinner.

PTA Christmas

The PTA have some lovely Christmas ideas that we will be letting you know about in the next few weeks!



PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Lockdown

As we enter a second period of lock-down across the country, our school is continually considering the needs of all members of the school community. We would just like to point out that we do not want school to shut and so welcome the news that schools are still continuing to stay open. However, it is increasingly important that parents follow the latest guidance in making sure our children and staff are as safe as possible during this time. Children who may have been exposed to the virus have the potential to, in turn, transmit the virus to school staff. We can only hope that, if we play our part in ensuring the safety of everyone, that we will be able to come out of lockdown at the time the government suggests.

Please note the following reminders:

Please remember that only one adult is allowed to collect and drop off children.

If a member of the household has symptoms and has to have a test, the whole household must isolate until the results come back.

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; after 3.30pm or during the weekends). 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

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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.

Colder weather

The weather is clearly getting colder. This will certainly become even more challenging as the weather deteriorates. Current guidelines state that the windows in frequently used rooms must be open to allow adequate ventilation throughout the room. Therefore, please ensure your child has warm, protective clothing for outside and please consider dressing the children in thermal undergarments. Additional to this, the children are also allowed to wear gilets/body warmer type clothing in class should they need to (please do not worry about the colour matching the uniform colours in this case).

School Food Bank

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the whole school community with the amount of food that has been donated for our new School Food Bank. Thank you so much! Please do continue to send any non-perishable items in at any point to help us continually restock the bank.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 12 November 2020	Parents Evening
Fri 13 November 2020	Children In Need Day
Fri 25-Mon 28 June 2021	Year 6 Kingswood residential trip

Reception September 2021

Applications for Reception class for September 2021 is open from 1 November 2020 until 15 January 2021.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Significant consultations from Tameside

Clean Air Plan Consultation

Views are sought on Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plans to reduce harmful air pollution on our local roads. Government has instructed Greater Manchester to introduce a charging Clean Air Zone right across all ten local authority areas, including Tameside. Some vehicles that don't meet emissions standards will have to pay a daily charge to drive in and around the zone. That includes buses, coaches, heavy goods vehicles, taxis, private hire, vans, and minibuses. Private cars and motorbikes are not affected. To help local people, businesses and organisations prepare, Greater Manchester is asking for more than £150 million of government funding to support upgrades to cleaner, compliant vehicles. Those who upgrade before the Clean Air Zone is introduced in 2022 would not have to pay a daily charge. Find out more now and fill out the questionnaire at cleanairm.com before 23:59 on 3 December.

Minimum Licensing Standards consultation

Minimum Licensing Standards are being proposed for taxi and private hire services in Tameside, as part of Greater Manchester's plans to make sure every journey is safer and more reliable.

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The proposals could help put local operators ahead of out-of-town services as they will help give customers the confidence they are using a high-quality, safer and more reliable service, with high environmental and accessibility standards.

A public consultation runs until midnight on 3 December with passengers' views sought. Find out more and have your say at: <https://bit.ly/32FbuRa>.



This month we remember those who have sacrificed so much for us. We pray for calm and peace to prevail over war and conflict.

