

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

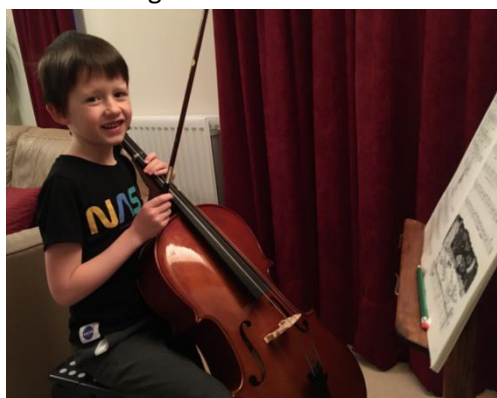
Wednesday 18 November

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### NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

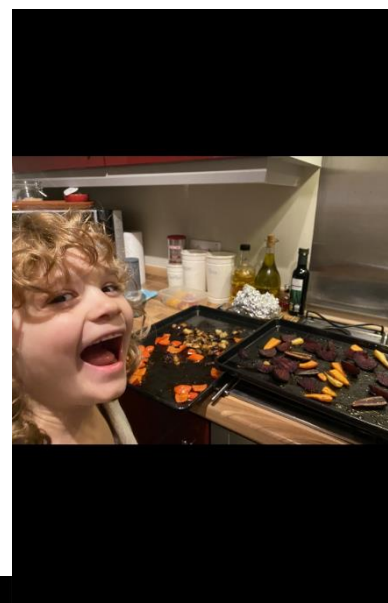
#### PTA Conker challenge

Once again it's been lovely to see what challenges the children have been 'conkering' recently. Here are some more photos showing what the children have been doing!



My Conker your challenge was to make a 3D Hama beads camera, I had to make all the separate pieces and then glue them all together ☆ it was so much fun! And my brother loves playing with it too!!

1 view



Year 2 - in a few seconds  
We're really pleased that Rory is reading for pleasure!

1 comment

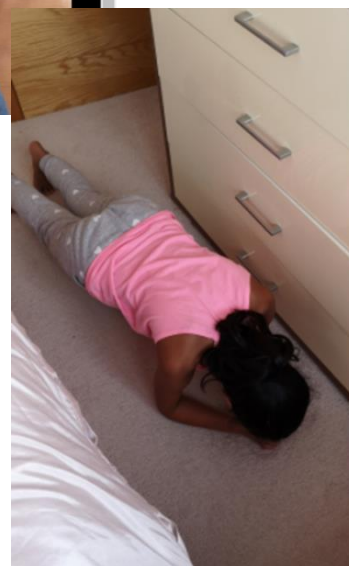


**Miss Rodgers**

Teacher

in a few seconds

Fantastic!



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### **Christmas Card Designs**

Thank you to everyone who took part in designing your own Christmas cards this year, they were brilliant designs! Overall the Christmas cards raised £88 which will be used to support fun Christmas activities in school for all the children.

### **Goodbye and good luck!**

After 18 incredible years, on Friday 20 November, our lovely mid-day assistant, Ann, will be leaving us. We would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to her for all of the kindness she has shown the children over the years. We will miss her positivity, warmth and smile at Milton! Thank you!

### **Updated 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.

**Christmas Cards** – So that we still have a little magic and can spread kindness in the lead up to Christmas, the children can still send Christmas cards, if they would like to. Each class will have a Christmas post box so that the children can post their cards. Cards will need to be brought in between the dates of 30 November and 9 December so that they can be quarantined before being given out the last week of half term.

### **Oldham Coliseum Visitor/Virtual Pantomime**

Good news - In the last week of the half term we have arranged for a visitor from the Coliseum to bring some sparkle in a safe way into school over the festive period (unless restrictions or illness prevents this). We have also booked a virtual pantomime for the children to watch at some point during the week too.

### **PTA Christmas fundraising and spreading cheer!**

The PTA are selling lovely star Christmas decorations that the children can decorate at home for £1.50. These would make lovely gifts. They are also selling a lantern template, again for the children to decorate at home, that we then hope will be put in people's windows to spread a light of hope this Christmas. It would be lovely for the children to spot Milton's Lanterns of Hope in lots of windows over the festive period. A Lantern template is 50p. Unfortunately, as these items will be ordered in an ad hoc way we are unable to add this to our online money system, therefore money will have to be sent in an envelope clearly stating what items you would like and your child's name/ year group please. Please send this in from Monday 23 November.



## PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ITEMS

### Children In Need

Reminder - Year 6 are able to have 'funky hair/crazy socks' on Monday 23 November and you can donate £1 on Schoolmoney on this day if you wish to.

### Lockdown

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](mailto: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

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.

### 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.

### 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.

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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](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>

### **Dates for your Diary**

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.



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

