

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

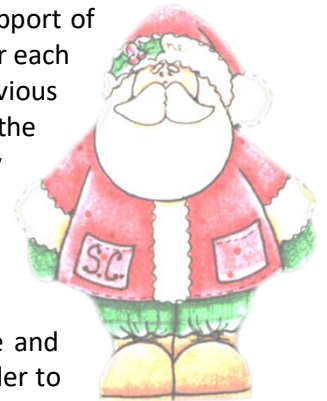
Friday 17 December 2021

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas Greetings

I'd just like to take this opportunity to say how overwhelmed we have been with the support of Parents/Carers during this term and we were so pleased to actually invite you all back in for each of the class singalongs and Yr 6 play. Even though it was in a very different format from previous years, the children really enjoyed it and hopefully you did too. It's been lovely to see the children getting more and more excited by the day about Christmas and this was especially so, when I had the privilege of seeing Santa visit the children at their Christmas parties yesterday! The children have also taken part in a Christingle service and an outdoor church service yesterday!



I'd like to thank 'Team Milton' staff who have taken on extra cleaning duties, playtime and dinner duties and lots of other behind the scene stuff that no one really gets to see in order to try and keep school as safe as possible. The children also deserve a big pat on the back too as they have come back to school and got stuck in with everything and shown how flexible and resilient they can be.

Father David, as always deserves a great big thank you! Not only is he one of our Governors, but he is always there to support the children, staff and wider community in any way he can! Thank you.

We really are blessed with the school community we have at Milton and it's an honour to be working in such a wonderful environment.

Lastly, Team Milton would like to wish you all the best this Christmas, we hope it is a happy and healthy one for you all.

CHRISTINGLE

We held our Christingle service in school this week (socially distanced, of course). Here are some photos of the event.



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JANUARY

We have no idea what January will bring in relation to Covid and schools. We have everything crossed that school will be back, as normal, on 5 January. We have had no official indication that anything will change and pray that the Government don't repeat what it did last year, by telling us the night before that schools would be shut.

With all this uncertainty, it may be prudent to ensure that you are able to access Class Dojo for your child/children's classes as a precaution should anything change.

MONEY RAISED BY THE FAIR/RAFFLE

We managed to raise an amazing £1,288.00 from the Christmas Fairs and Raffle. Thank you!

MONEY RAISED FOR EMMAUS AND CANCER RESEARCH

By wearing their Christmas attire, the children raised £298.00 which will be split equally between Emmaus and Cancer research. Well done everyone.

COVID REMINDER

Obviously the children break up for Christmas today, but please remember to use the positivecovid@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk email address should your child test positive for Covid.

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PTA – XMAS4SCHOOLS

Well done to all the children! We have helped to raise £79



SNOWY WEATHER

The law requires that children on the roll of a school must attend. However, if conditions in the morning are very severe in the home area, and transport is affected, the parent or guardian must take the decision about whether to send their child to school. In law, this has to be recorded as an 'unauthorised absence'. Once the pupils are in school, an early dismissal/release is the responsibility of the school.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 15 January 2022

Friday 27 May 2022

Friday 24 June - Monday 27 June 2022

Deadline for Reception 2022

School closed for Queen's Jubilee

Kingswood Residential trip (Year 6)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish of Mossley

Christmas 2021

**At the heart
of Christmas**



Carol services

7.30pm, Thursday 16th December @ St George's

6.30pm, Sunday 19th December @ St John's with St John's (Mossley) Band

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

***Crib Eucharist, 4pm @ St George's**

***Bethlehem Midnight Mass, 9pm @ St George's**

***All plans subject
to change - stay in
touch for latest info***

***We look forward
to welcoming
YOU!***

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

***United Christmas Communion, 11am @ St John's**

Boxing Day, Sunday 26th December

Parish Communion, 9.30am @ St John's (short said service)

**facebook
LIVE Streaming**

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@mossleyparish

www.mossleyparishchurch.org.uk

****these services will be livestreamed on Facebook***

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

FOSTERING MYTHS



I AM TOO OLD/YOUNG TO FOSTER

If you are over 21 you can enquire about fostering, and there is no upper age limit. As long as you are fit and healthy enough to care for a child, that is the most important thing. We have carers in their 20s and 30s, and also in their 60s and 70s who bring some great experience to their foster care roles, so don't count yourself out.

I AM GAY SO I CAN'T FOSTER

It does not matter whether you are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT+) single, in a relationship, civil partnership, married, divorced or widowed, There are no barriers to fostering based on sexuality, gender or relationship status.

I WORK SO I CAN'T FOSTER

While we encourage the main carer to take on fostering full-time, there may be chance for you to work part-time or in a flexible role, it would depend on your individual situation. If you are fostering with a partner, again we would encourage the main carer to give up work to foster, but carers each have individual circumstances that we would be happy to discuss with you, if you feel you have the time to care for a child or young person.



I AM SINGLE SO I CAN'T FOSTER

It makes no difference whether you are single, in a relationship or married, you can still foster. Many children benefit from the 1-1 support that a single foster carer can offer, so please don't be put off if you are single and want to enquire.

I HAVE PETS SO I CAN'T FOSTER

You can still foster if you have pets. Many children benefit from having an animal to look after. Pets can be a real source of comfort for children and can also teach responsibility. Don't see this as a barrier to fostering, we actively welcome applicants who have pets.

I DON'T HAVE MY OWN CHILDREN SO I CAN'T FOSTER

When anyone becomes a parent for the first time, there is a big adjustment period, with every child having individual needs that require different types of care. This is the case for both birth parents and foster parents, and both take time to adjust to their new role. It may be that you have valuable experience caring for friends' and family's children, or through work e.g. if you have been a nursery nurse or a midwife.

