

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 3 March 2022

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### COVID UPDATES FOLLOWING NEW GUIDANCE

Please see below, the information we have received from Tameside.

*'Last week the government published its 'Living with COVID-19', which outlines some of the key changes in the approach to tackling the pandemic in the coming weeks and months.*

*Living with COVID-19' outlines a range of significant changes, some of which took taken effect last week. These key changes include the end of legal requirements to isolate for people with a positive test and unvaccinated contacts; the end of routine contact tracing including the end of advice for close contacts to do daily testing; the end of advice for people to do regular twice weekly asymptomatic lateral flow tests, including school staff and pupils in secondary schools (apart from special schools and alternative provision); the end of financial and practical support offers for those required to isolate.*

*Despite these changes, the current public health advice remains that people with COVID-19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test. And anyone who tests positive either via LFT or PCR test, should isolate for 10 days (but can do LFTs on day 5 and 6, and safely return to normal activities on day 6 if both are negative). While this is no longer legally enforceable, it is still advised for all staff and pupils in schools and settings. In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of, or who test positive for COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. This advice is in line with other infectious diseases and illnesses.'*

**With all of this in mind, we have taken the decision that we would follow the advice for any child to continue to isolate if they tested positive and would not allow them to attend school until they tested negative for two consecutive days (after day 5 of isolation). We hope that parents understand and support us with this decision.**

### YEAR 4 HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS

As restrictions have been lifted and social distancing is not in place now, **the Year 4 children will be released from the gate near the kitchen (near the field) at 3.25pm, rather than the bottom door next to the car park from Friday 4 March.** Releasing the children from the bottom door was never an ideal place for the children to be dismissed from, but now that parents can gather more freely in smaller spaces, we feel that this is a better scenario and is also safer than parents and children waiting on Mill Lane. Ideally, we would also like to move their home time back 5 minutes to their original finishing time, but we will review this and see how these new arrangements work and let you know in due course.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

The children have come to school in some amazing costumes today. Here are some photos that we are able to share with you. Lots of children wanted their photographs to be taken today, but unfortunately some of the group photos cannot be shared in the newsletter, as we do not have permission to do this for some children.



## ARCHBISHOP YOUNG LEADERS PRESS COVERAGE

Our current Year 5 classes completed their Archbishop Young Leaders Award last year and you can read all about it by clicking on the link below. We are particularly proud that the children still managed to complete the award during tricky times when there were various restrictions in place. This year our current Year 4 children are working towards achieving their award with Mrs Gerrard who leads the initiative in school.

<https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/news/young-leaders-connect-with-the-past>

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### [School Story: Young Leaders Connect with the past to Support those in need](#)

Schools running the Young Leaders Awards (YLA) have had to be very creative with action projects over the past 18 months. The KS2 Young Leaders at Milton St John's CE Primary in Manchester used their ingenuity to help out at home, school and in their local community whilst conforming to Covid-19 restrictions.

## YEAR 5/6 SHREK VISIT

Mrs Phillips and Miss Bethell very kindly took some of our Year 5/6 children to see Shrek at The George Lawton Hall last night and they had a fabulous time. After many set backs, Mossley Operatic and Dramatic Society (MAODS) have finally been able to perform and have done a fantastic job of producing such a wonderful show! Well done everyone!!



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 school calendar is now available to view on our website.

## SCHOOL MEALS –PRICE INCREASE

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.32. From Tuesday 26 April 2022 the cost will be £2.34.

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## MCSP CAREERS MORNING



The Deputy Head teachers at each of the Mossley and Carrbrook Partnership Primary Schools organised a Career morning for the children in each of the Year 6 classes across the partnership yesterday.

The children were able to listen to Mr Peter Norgate who is a paramedic and Mr Simon Wilde who is a scientific medical researcher. The children were fascinated and asked lots of questions. We would like to thank them both for giving up their time and talking to the children over zoom (which isn't an easy task).

## NURSERY PLACES SEPTEMBER 2022

We still have places available in Nursery for September 2022. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the school office on 01457 832572 for an application form.

## JOB VACANCIES AT OUR SCHOOL

We have two vacancies in school available. Someone may even be interested in applying for both vacancies, as the timings for the shifts do not clash. Please see below.

### **MID DAY ASSISTANT**

**Permanent contract - Term Time only**  
**6.25 hours a week – 5 days a week (Mon- Fri)**  
**Salary: Grade A Scale Point 1**

### **CLEANER**

**10 hours per week - Term Time Only**  
**Preferred Hours - Monday to Friday 4.00pm – 6.00pm**  
**(Morning hours 6.45am – 8.45am could also be considered)**  
**Permanent**  
**To start as soon as possible**  
**Salary: Grade A**

**Milton St John's CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments to this post are subject to an enhanced DBS check.**

If you are interested in either of the posts above, please contact the office and we will send you further details.

## REMINDER - SPONSORED READ 14.2.22 – 27.2.22

Thank you so much for supporting the school and taking part in our sponsored read. We've heard from the children

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that they have been reading or listening to stories with lots of different family members, including pets!! Please send any sponsor forms and money into school by Friday 4 March. We will then be able to allocate prizes.

## FAIR TRADE COMPETITION

This year, we have decided to do something a bit different for our Fair Trade competition and are asking the children to produce a short video clip (no more than 30 seconds) to persuade others to buy Fair Trade products. This is a great activity and will help develop the children's confidence and presenting skills!

To ensure parents are aware of what the children have produced, parents need to check their child's clip and send it to Mrs Galvin on Class Dojo. If parents are having difficulty with this, clips can be sent via email to [admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk)

The competition closes on Friday 11 March.



## REMINDER - SPORTS AMBASSADOR CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Our Sports Ambassador Challenge of the month is to see how many star jumps you can do in 1 minute! The whole family can get involved in this or you could challenge yourself to beat your score each day!

Tell our Sports Ambassadors how you did!

## PE DAY CHANGES – FROM 28.2.22

Class	PE days
Reception	Wednesday
Class 1	Thursday and Friday
Class 2	Thursday and Friday
Class 3	Thursday and Friday
Class 4	Monday and Wednesday
Class 5a	Friday – Forest School days to be advised by Mrs Gerrard
Class 5b	Monday and Friday (swimming)
Class 6	Tuesday (double slot)

## DIARY DATES

Friday 8 April

Monday 25 April

Tuesday 26 April

Monday 9 May – Thurs 12 May 2022

School breaks up for the Easter holidays

Inset Day – children not in school

Children return to school

SATs week (Year 6)

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Thursday 26 May  
Monday 13 June  
Friday 24 June - Monday 27 June 2022

Children break up for half term break  
Children return to school  
Kingswood Residential trip (Year 6)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Hat's Off to Denton is a free hat sculpture trail inspired by the town's hatting heritage. The 15 hat trail, 5 of which are giant, will be exhibited across Denton Town Centre between Saturday 19 February and Sunday 13 March. Each hat will be unique as they will be hand painted by a local artist, with the designs inspired by the town or a community group within the town.

Becoming a new parent can feel...

Beautiful Magical Stressful Confusing Strange  
Wonderful Surreal Lovely Joyful Overwhelming  
Exhausting Lonely Worrying Exciting Scary

**HOME START HOST**

At Home-Start, we know that being a parent can make us feel all of the above...

Our amazing volunteers are here for families when they need them most. If you have parenting experience, and can spare 2-3 hours a week to offer compassionate, non-judgemental support...

We can provide you with full training and support. Topics covered include... supporting early relationships, well-being, parental mental health and baby brain development.

Call 0161 344 0669 to find out more...

**HOME START HOST**

Have you heard?

'I've really enjoyed this training, and it's given much food for thought, seeing life from a baby's perspective to understand behaviour, and the importance of observing babies.

The Mum in the family I support is expecting a baby in the new year and had some mental health difficulties following the birth of her first, I hope to use the things I have learnt through this course to support her through this. Thank you to you both'

- Home-Start volunteer

Home-Start HOST are looking for volunteers across all areas to support families who are expecting a baby, or who have a baby under 2.

If you have parenting experience, a non-judgemental attitude and want to support parents in giving their baby the best start...

This could be the role for you!

Contact us on **0161 344 0669** to find out more about our upcoming volunteer training!

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# Parent Peer Support Group

Our Parent Peer Support Group is based at The Anthony Seddon Centre, 12 George Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6AQ and runs on the

**2nd Thursday  
of the month  
10:00 - 11:30am**

**4th Tuesday  
of the month  
5:30pm - 7:00pm**

Tameside Parenting, Anthony Seddon and Action Together have joined together to facilitate a support group for parents of children under 18 experiencing feelings of anxiety, low self-esteem, low confidence, mental health difficulties or living with a mental health condition. It is an informal place where parents can share their experiences and discuss how they feel with like-minded people, alongside the support of our teams.

## Parents and Carers attending the group said :

How nice it was to be with like-minded people, not feel judged

Buzzing - because I passed on some information that helped a person understand the behaviour of her son, nice to feel I made a difference with something I knew

Don't have to explain yourself, everyone understands each other

For further information, please contact:  
**[parentingreferrals@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:parentingreferrals@tameside.gov.uk)**





During the Lent period we think about self-control and willpower. How can we demonstrate this in our daily lives?