

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 20 July 2022

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GOODBYE YEAR 6

Well done to all of our Class 6 children who have worked with enthusiasm and dedication during their time at Milton whilst trying to contend with a pandemic! Not only have they achieved some amazing SATs results, more importantly they leave behind a lasting impression at Milton as caring, funny, enthusiastic and independent individuals that will no doubt continue to SHINE. It has been a privilege to have been part of their learning journey and we wish them all the best for the future. Continue to be brave, make the right choices, think big and aim high!

END OF YEAR MESSAGE

A big thank you goes out, as always, to everyone who has helped the school in some way this year. From transporting children to/ from events, providing donations for the fair and volunteering to go on trips – it really is appreciated. It has been an unusual year where everyone has had to adjust to living with covid. Thank you for following the many, ever changing rules during this pandemic. Let's hope we do not have to return to any of the restrictions as we move into the 22-23 academic year.

I would also like to thank all of the staff at Milton St John's for all of their hard work and enthusiasm, resilience and passion over another tricky academic year. As always, I am thankful to have such a fantastic team who have always tried to do what is best for the children.

An extra special thank you needs to be said to the Co-op in Mossley; they have been amazing in providing ingredients and fruit etc for various year groups to help with our food technology over the year - which has all been absolutely free!

PTA SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported us at the PTA summer fair. The event managed to raise £1,300 for the school. Thank you must be said to Mrs Fernley, the PTA and the staff for all of their hard work in making it so successful.

There are some unclaimed raffle tickets. Please check your numbers. If you have a winning ticket come and claim it at the office before Tuesday.

Pink 313 and pink 391. Yellow 240 and yellow 498.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Your child will be bringing their end of year report home tomorrow. Should you have any concerns or queries please contact your child's class teacher. We always welcome feedback about reports, so if you wish to make any comments feel free to email or write a note and hand it into the office.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

As the end of the school year draws to a close, we would like to wish Miss Johnson, Mrs Hand and Mrs Reid the best of luck as they are sadly leaving on Tuesday. We wish them well with the next part of their journeys and want to thank them for all their hard work and dedication. Team Milton will miss them!

MISS HURST WEDDING

Miss Hurst has a very exciting summer break ahead of her as she will finally (after covid delays) be getting married! We hope she has an amazing time and we will welcome her back in September as Mrs Johnson!

ABSENCES AROUND A SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Please can we remind parents that we do not authorise any absences around a school holiday without medical evidence. If you are going on holiday, please complete an absence request form (available at the School office. We do ask that four weeks' notice is given). As you will be aware, children are very honest (which we encourage as part of our SHINE ethos) and will tell us on their return. Please consider the implications and be honest about time off in term time.

LIMITED PARKING AFTER THE HOLIDAYS IN STAFF CAR PARK

After the Summer holidays there will be limited spaces in the staff car park due to our building work having been started. There will be 2 large portacabins in the car park. There will still be space for blue badge holders only but parents, as always, will not be able to park in the car park.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

**Take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge
in all Tameside Libraries from Saturday 9 July.**

It's fun! It's free! It's local!

Children read 6 library books and get stickers and
rewards along the way.

Finish before 24/09/22 to be entered into the Prize
Draw:

**Winner gets £25 Active Choice Card to use at Active
Tameside venues and a reading goody bag
2 x Runners Up get reading goody bags**

Children at a Tameside Primary School in September
will have their finisher's certificate sent to
school for presentation!

www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/src

Limited materials available, join up soon to avoid disappointment!



REMINDER - END OF SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPT 22

As you will be aware, with the building work planned, we will only have one entrance for the children to be dropped off at and collected from in the main school for a period of time in September. To try and alleviate the pressure on the gate near the SHINE wall (next to the kitchen), Year 6 will be released via the door near the car park until the main entrance has been completed. Year 2-5 will be released from the gate near our SHINE wall at the times below.

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Year Group in September 22	Drop off/pick up location	Afternoon pick up time
Nursery	Nursery door via pitch	3.05pm (afternoon finishers) 11.45 am (morning finishers)
Reception	Reception door via pitch	3.10pm
Year 1	Year 1 door	3.10pm
Year 2	Enter/exit site via rear exit (near SHINE wall near the kitchen)	3.15pm
Year 3	Enter/exit site via rear exit (near SHINE wall near the kitchen)	3.20pm
Year 4	Enter/exit site via rear exit (near SHINE wall near the kitchen)	3.20pm
Year 5 – Mrs Gerrard	Enter/exit site via rear exit (near SHINE wall near the kitchen)	3.10pm
Year 6a – Mr Copsey	Enter site via rear gate (near SHINE wall near the kitchen - exit via rear door near the car park.	3.25pm (rear door near the car park)
Year 6b – Miss Collins	Enter site via rear gate (near SHINE wall near the kitchen - exit via rear door near the car park.	3.25pm (rear door near the car park)

VANDALISM

We have been experiencing some vandalism on and around the field and pitch recently which is costing the school money to fix. This money should be spent on the children in school, not on fixing fences. To give you an idea of cost, it costs at least £100 to replace one fence panel. We have erected signs around the perimeter fencing and have had to use anti-vandal paint to try and reduce this.

We have always left the pitch open for members of the public to use and continue to plan to do this, but due to the field previously being used to exercise dogs and dog waste being a problem a number of years ago, we have had to fence the field in for Health and Safety reasons

We are hopeful that the damage caused isn't by any of the children from Milton St John's, but please can you remind the children that they should not be playing on the field when school is closed and ask them not to dig under the fences to get in. From a health and safety point of view, the gaps that are being dug out may mean that our younger children cannot use the field during school time as they will be able to get out.

If you do see anyone on the field, please let us know or contact the local community PCSOs.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

The school uniform is as follows and is based on the colour royal blue and red. Please note that we will be continuing to expect the children to wear the school PE kit on PE days (to be confirmed). Please ensure that your child's PE kit follows our uniform rules – correct colours and no branded items. **Can we also ask that you do not buy big rucksacks for your children to bring in. Due to a lack of space in the corridors and the spacing of the coat pegs, large rucksacks do not fit on the children's pegs and often end up on the floor as trip hazards. Book bags, drawstring bags and separate lunch boxes work best (lunch boxes have designated areas to be stored).** From September if your child brings in a rucksack, they may be asked not to bring it in again, so please spare your expense of not buying one over the summer.

Red polo top	PE:	White t-shirt (plain or with School logo)
Royal blue cardigan or jumper		Black/blue shorts
Royal blue reversible fleece		Black/blue jog bottoms and top
Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore or trousers	EYFS/KS1:	plimsolls or velcroed trainers
White socks or grey tights for girls	KS2:	plimsolls or trainers
Grey socks for boys		
Black shoes (not trainers)		

Please note that the uniform does not have to have the school logo on it. Should you wish to purchase school logo clothing this can be done by clicking this link web@monkhouse.com

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September 2022 the cost of a school meal will be increasing by 2p, making the new charge £2.36 per day. This is due to the cost of food and energy price increases. For your information most Tameside schools are currently charging £2.40 per day and that is before any price increases are considered for the new academic year. Unless we are advised otherwise (by Mellors, our caterers) our school meal prices will not be reviewed again until April 2023.

END OF YEAR SERVICE

On Tuesday 26 July at 9.30am, we will be holding our end of year service on the pitch (weather permitting). All parents are welcome to attend. Chairs will be limited though on the day, so feel free to bring a camping chair to sit on.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 21 July 2022

Reception and Yr 1 Trip to Treetops

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Come and join us for a

 **Teddy Parachute Jump** 

to be held on
Saturday, 23rd July 2022
at St George's Church
at 2pm

Do you have a Teddy brave enough to make the Jump!!

Bring your Teddy with parachute on the day and register him/her in for the Jump. It will cost you £2 per Teddy. Teddy will be escorted to the top of the Church Tower and gently assisted to jump off the top.

There is also an opportunity for any crafters or small businesses to book a stall at this event. If you are interested in having a stall, these are £15 per pitch and you will need to bring your own table.

To book a place contact
Debbie via
advertcoordinator@mossleyparishchurch.org.uk



Refreshments will also be available

Parenting Helpline

**Do you need support,
advice and guidance?**

**The Parenting Team are here
to support parents, carers
and professionals.**

Please contact:

**[parentingreferrals@tameside.
gov.uk](mailto:parentingreferrals@tameside.gov.uk)**

**Please note that e-mails will
only be viewed during 8.30am
and 5pm – Monday to Friday.**

**Your email will be forwarded
to one of our parenting co-
ordinators who will aim to
respond within 48 hours.**