

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 2 November 2022

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PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Please could we remind parents to be considerate of the residents around school when picking up and dropping off children. We have had reports that some parents are continuing to park across driveways on Milton View. We understand that parking around school is tricky, but parking next to drop curbs is against the law.

CHILDREN IN NEED – RUN PUDSEY!

This year for Children in Need, the children will be taking part in a 'Run Pudsey' event on the 18th November. Each class will 'run for Pudsey' during different times of the day to raise money for Children in Need.

If parents would like to sponsor their child, please register through this secure site:

<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/milton-st-johns-cofe-primary-school> and use the code **F3BD** when asked.

Once registered, your child will automatically be given a fundraising page and a unique 'text to donate code' which is just for them to raise money for BBC Children in Need. **We are very aware that times are difficult at the moment and understand if families may not be in a position financially to do this. Please do not worry, all children will be taking part on the day in the 'Run Pudsey' event whether or not money has been raised.** However, the Run Pudsey campaign does enable all children who raise a minimum of £10 sponsorship to receive this year's 'Run Pudsey' medal. These will be given out discretely to the children if they receive one.

CLASS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The children in Nursery up to Year 5 will be holding a Christmas Carol sing along on the following dates. We anticipate that the sing a long will last approximately 30 – 40 minutes. Nursery and Reception may be slightly less.

The classes will perform on the following times and dates...

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	7 th December	9.15am
Reception	6 th December	9.15am
Year 1	7 th December	2.30pm
Year 2	6 th December	2.30pm
Year 3	5 th December	2.30pm
Year 4	5 th December	9.15am
Year 5	12 th December	9.15am



YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS PLAY

The two Year 6 classes will be performing a Christmas play on the following dates:

Tuesday 6th December 3.45pm

Thursday 8th December 5.00pm

To avoid unnecessary printing of tickets, places can be paid for via Schoolmoney and a list of people that will be attending will be held and checked off on the day. You will be able to purchase a place for this on Schoolmoney from next week.

We ask for a £2 donation per ticket with a maximum of 4 tickets being available per family, per play.

MCSP MATHS CHALLENGE

We'd just like to say an amazing well done to our Year 6 children and staff who won the Mossley and Carrbrook Maths Challenge competition against other primary schools today. Well done everyone and thank you to Mossley Hollins for hosting the event and the MCSP Hub for organising it.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME

Our collective worship theme for this half term is Compassion. Please find some ideas about how the whole family can have fun and explore this Christian Value at the end of this newsletter.

MOSSLEY FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who contributed on our non-uniform day before half term. We raised an amazing £346.00 which will be sent to Mossley Foodbank.

CLOSING DATES FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Tameside residents should use the Tameside Citizen Portal to apply for a Reception place. If you do not live within Tameside but wish to apply for a place at a Tameside school, you should apply via your own Local Authority. (For example, if you are an Oldham resident you will need to apply via Oldham MBC admissions, for any Tameside School)

The closing date for submitting a Reception 2023 school application is 15 January 2023. (Applications submitted after this date will be processed as a 'late' application)

Please visit <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions> for more information.

JOIN THE PTA!

We are a small group of parents and staff who support the school through organising fun activities for the children and occasional fundraising events. We are in need of new members and all ideas are welcome! Our next meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 8 November in the Rising Sun pub – please join us if you can.

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies are still on sale in school. Suggested donations start from 50p - £1.00 for various Poppy themed items.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 3 November 2022

Year 2 trip to Ashton Mosque

Thursday 1 December 2022

KS2 trip to Pantomime

Fri 16 June to Mon 19 June 2023

Year 6 Kingswood residential trip



Our theme this half term is Compassion.

‘Clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and
patience’

Colossians 3.12

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COMPASSION. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Compassion

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37



QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog | ---- |
| The Samaritan ____ the innkeeper to look after the man | ---- |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was ____ | ---- |
| We sometimes talk about the ____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | ---- |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) | ---- |
| The Samaritan in the story was | ---- |

COMMUNITY NEWS

Festive Market

Saturday 5th November 11-2.30pm at Mossley Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Mossley
Refreshments and craft stalls will be available – free admission too!



Drop in Chess

at Ashton Library



**Learn to play or practise your chess skills.
Free sessions open to all.**

Saturdays 1.30 - 2.30 pm

Run in conjunction with Ashton Community Chess Club
www.ashtonccc.co.uk

