

# Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 16 November 2022

Remember to subscribe to the newsletter on our website to receive an electronic copy.

## REMINDER– RUN PUDSEY THIS FRIDAY!

This year for Children in Need, the children will be taking part in a 'Run Pudsey' event on the 18 November. Each class will 'run for Pudsey' during different times of the day to raise money for Children in Need. The children are also allowed to wear non-uniform/ Children in Need attire on this day too (please just make sure it is suitable for running in – trainers etc).

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.



## ANTI - BULLYING WEEK

The children from Y1 – 6 have taken part in an Anti-Bullying assembly for Anti bullying week. The theme this year is 'Reach Out' and in assembly we talked about who the children felt they could reach out to and what they could do if they or someone they know was being bullied. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has a very useful website and states...

*Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.*

*Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.*

*And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.*

*It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.*

The Anti-Bullying alliance also has a Parent Resource pack that is free to download here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

## CHRISTMAS FAIR AND CRAFT DAYS

Following on from the success last year with our Christmas Fair and Craft Days, the children will be taking part in a Christmas Fair and Craft day during the week beginning 12 December. We understand that some parents may prefer the traditional evening Christmas Fairs that we have done in the past and may be disappointed with this decision, but doing this in school time allows all children to participate and hopefully keeps costs down for parents.

The day will be a special, fun and exciting time where the children will have their own Christmas Fair experience as well as take part in Christmas craft activities.

To raise much needed funds for the school, we would like the children to bring £5 into school by Thursday 1 December (this won't be on online, children need to bring £5 into school to their teacher please). This money will then be exchanged for tokens to use at their Christmas Fair day. Activities will include games/chocolate tombola etc. If this causes some financial concerns, please speak to the office.

Money raised at the Fair will be used towards funding a new Forest School cabin that we have been planning for some time. We have already received a kind donation from Skools Out of £1000 for this project, but need to raise more in order for it to be successful. Some of the money raised will also subsidise the KS2 pantomime and pay for EYFS and KS1 parties.

So that each class can have their own chocolate tombola, we would like the children to bring a chocolate donation in on Thursday 1 December. In return the children are able to come to school with crazy hair on this day.

The Christmas Craft and Fair days will be on following days...

Monday 12 December – Year 5/Year 6

Tuesday 13 December – Nursery/Reception/Year 3/Year 4

Wednesday 14 December – Year 1/2



## NEW ENTRANCE IS NOW OPEN!

Our new entrance is now open! Please use this entrance (via Mill Lane) to access the office from now on. Once the morning bell is rung at 9am school gates will be locked.



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## PTA FILM NIGHT

The PTA recently met and have some amazing ideas for the year ahead. They are currently busy organising a film night for the children to attend before Christmas, which is fantastic! More details about the dates/times will soon follow.

## MESSY CHURCH IS BACK!

Although we still do not have a vicar at St John's Church, we have decided to reintroduce Messy Church with the help of our Worship Leaders! Our first Messy Church will be on Monday 16 January.

This event is an opportunity for children and their parent or family member to enjoy spending some time together, whilst exploring church in a fun/family friendly way.

More details about how to book on will follow in the coming weeks.



## REMINDER - 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 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
Reception	6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
Year 1	7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Year 2	6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Year 3	5 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Year 4	5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
Year 5	12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am



## REMINDER - 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. This is now available on Schoolmoney.

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

## 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.

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 1 December 2022	KS2 trip to Pantomime
Thursday 15 December 2022	Christmas Dinner day
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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

A poster for the Mossley Lights Switch On event. The background is dark with colorful, glowing light trails. On the right, a man in a red jacket and a young girl in a blue hat and purple coat are looking up. The Mossley Town Council logo is in the top right corner. The text is in white and yellow, with some words in a stylized font. There are three hexagonal inset photos: one of people with lanterns, one of a family, and one of people at a workshop.

# Mossley Lights Switch On

**Micklehurst Green**  
**Friday 25th November - 6-7pm**  
Father Christmas, music and carols

**Top Mossley Market Ground**  
**Saturday 26th November - 4-6pm**  
Father Christmas, plus music, song and more

**Bring your lanterns!**

**Come and make your lantern at our**  
**FREE drop-in workshops**  
**WORKSHOPS**

No need to book but please don't all turn up at once!

**FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 3-7PM**  
Mossley Community Centre, OL5 0SG

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER - 20TH 11AM - 3PM**  
The Vale Arts Centre (Studio 2), OL5 9JL

We will provide all the materials and guidance to make and decorate a pyramid lantern or, for more experienced makers, design and make your own fantastic creation!

**ALLOW MINIMUM ONE HOUR TO MAKE A SIMPLE LANTERN**



**St John the Baptist Church, Carrhill Road, Mossley**

# ***CAROL SERVICE***

***with St John's Brass Band***

**on**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**at 6.30pm**

**Come and join us!**

