

Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 8 March 2023

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PTA COMEDY NIGHT SUCCESS AND INFO

The Comedy Night was a huge success on Saturday night! The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported the Comedy Night - by buying tickets and / or raffle tickets. It was a brilliant and entertaining evening and we raised a grand total of £1,030 towards a new Forest School shed.

We would also like to thank the local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes:

Mossley AFC

George's Deli

The Old Cobblers

The Allotment Cafe

Hatch Bakery

Tumbles

NEXT MEETING - Join our team! The next PTA meeting is 8pm on Thursday 16th March in the Rising Sun pub.

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 TRIP – CANNON HALL FARM

On Thursday 23 March we plan to take Reception and Year 1 to Cannon Hall Farm, Barnsley.

We need more parent volunteers for Reception children, to make this trip possible. If you would like to volunteer please contact the school office as soon as possible. Volunteers are asked to make a contribution of £5.

Payment reminder – please pay on Schoolmoney for your child's place by Wednesday 15 March 2023.

STRIKE ACTION

As you will be aware, all teachers are striking on the 15 and 16 March. Teachers will not be setting work for the children for these two days. The NEU states '*Strike action, by definition, means a withdrawal of labour. This withdrawal of labour relates to all aspects of the work you would have done on the strike day*'. However, there are some useful websites that parents/children can use, should they wish to on these days. Please see below.

Purple mash – <https://www.purplemash.com/login/#/> (children in Yr 1 - 6 have log ins for this site)

TT Rockstars – <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth> (children in Yr 3 – 6 have log ins for this site)

Oak academy – <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

BBC bitesize – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

WORLD BOOK DAY

The children had a great time on World Book Day. Lots of activities were planned and included paired reading with

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older classes, book hunts and book 'tasting' where the children read different genres and reviewed them.



PARENTS EVENING

A letter will be sent out today with details of how you can book on to Parents' Evening. Initially it was meant to be after half term, but as Mrs Gerrard is leaving at Easter, Parents' Evening for all children will be on either Tuesday 28 March (online appointments) or Thursday 30 March (in person appointments).

The system is open to book from Friday 10 March at 6pm.

NURSERY PLACES

We still have some Nursery places available for September. If your child was born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20, your child is eligible to start in September. I know a number of parents that work sometimes worry about childcare before and after school when their child starts Nursery, however, we are very fortunate to have Castletop and Skools Out

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on our doorstep who are more than happy to drop off or collect your child if the start and finishing times don't quite work for you.

If you would like to contact Skools Out or Castletop about what they can offer, please see their details below.

Skools Out: 07960458246

Castle Top: 01457833322

PARKING/DROP OFF/PICK UPS

A text was sent out yesterday to remind parents to be mindful when parking around the school area. We are getting reports from residents that parents are parking on dropped curbs and in front of drives so residents can't get out. Please do not do this.

A number of parents are also continuing to stop on the zig zag lines on Mill Lane to drop off their child. It is illegal to park on 'School Keep Clear' markings, or zig zag markings and is clearly dangerous. If this continues we will have no other option than to report car registrations to the police.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES – PARENTS WELCOME

Parents are welcome to attend their child's class assemblies which are detailed below. Please come to the main entrance (off Mill Lane) once dropping your child off. Doors will open approximately 9.05am to allow us to put the chairs out after Skools Out finish in the hall.

Class	Assembly date
Class 5	22.3.23
Class 3	24.4.23
Class 1	17.5.23
Class 4	21.6.23
Reception	28.6.23
Class 2	5.7.23
6b Leavers' service	20.7.23
6a Leavers' service	21.7.23

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Easter Service

We are aiming to maintain our links with St John's Church and having our Church Service on Wednesday 29 March at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend this service. Children from Y2 – 6 will be in attendance and the service will be led by our Worship Leaders.

Decorated Eggs – Years 3 - 6

It's that time of year again when your child may come and beg you to help them decorate an egg! If your child is in Years 3 – 6 and would like to take part, please ensure hard boiled eggs are used and that entries are brought into school by the morning of Tuesday 28 March. We have had many amazing entries in the past and I'm sure we won't be disappointed this year!



There will be prizes awarded to a winner from each class and this will be decided by the Arts Council; they will be particularly looking for the children's efforts rather than their parents!

The children are able to bring in their creations, from Thursday 23 March so they can be displayed for all to enjoy (please no earlier than this).

Easter Bonnet Competition- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Back by popular demand! The children in the EYFS and Years 1 and 2 are all invited to make an Easter Bonnet and enter our Easter Bonnet Competition. Could parents please ensure entries are brought in on the morning of Monday 27 March (clearly labelled).

EYFS Easter Activity Day – Tuesday 28 March

Parents and carers of the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) are invited to attend an Easter Activity morning on Tuesday 28 March. It will be an opportunity for parents/carers to spend some time with your child in the setting taking part in activities together.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME

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

DIARY DATES

Thurs 23 March 2023

Tues 9 May to Fri 12 May 2023

Fri 16 June to Mon 19 June 2023

Rec and Year 1 trip to Cannon Hall Farm

Year 6 SATs week

Year 6 Kingswood residential trip



Forgiveness is...

Forgetting the hurts
Offering a new beginning
Restoring a friendship
Given and received
Identifying responsibility
Valuing the truth
Ending an argument
Not holding a grudge
Encouraging honesty
Saying sorry
Starting again

FORGIVENESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK TOGETHER about Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible. Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you



READ TOGETHER...

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

Bible story based on Luke 19:2-10

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Without **forgiveness** there is no future.... If you can **forgive**, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

Desmond Tutu



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Maze

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

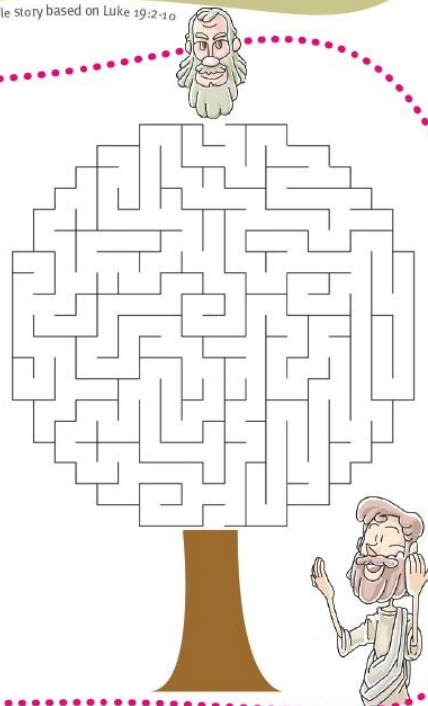
You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it. It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



QUIZ

Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.

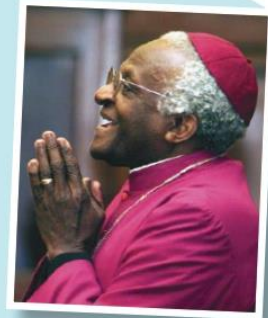




HALL OF FAME

Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.



There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



FASCINATING FACTS

Crosses across the world

The cross is a very special symbol for Christians it reminds them of Jesus' death on the cross which brought **forgiveness** for the world.

Different shapes and designs of crosses reflect different traditions and communities across the world.

Maria Gomez was a Christian Primary School teacher in El Salvador. She angered the authorities in her country because she campaigned for the rights of poor people. Eventually she was murdered. Later a local artist was commissioned to paint a wooden cross with scenes showing her life and her work among the poor women in the rural villages of El Salvador.



The Celtic cross originates from Ireland. St Patrick described the circle on the cross as symbolising the endless love shown by Jesus. The cross is decorated with natural shapes and animals to remind us of God's creation.

The Black and White cross comes from South Africa and was designed during the time of apartheid. The Bible teaches that people are equal in God's eyes, no matter what their background or the colour of their skin.



The Jewish New Year Tradition

New Year for Jews normally falls during September. On the first afternoon of the new year, the festival of Rosh Hashanah is celebrated. Families visit a nearby stream, river or even the sea for the ritual of Tashlich (in Hebrew, the language in which the Jews' holy book the Torah was written, Tashlich means throw away).

After a celebration meal Jewish families gather left over breadcrumbs. These crumbs represent the words or deeds that each family member feels sorry about. When the crumbs have been thrown into the water, fish eat them or they are washed away. This symbolises the way that God **forgives** the bad things that people have done and washes them away so that there can be a fresh start for the New Year. During the ceremony the following words from the Torah are read aloud, "You (God) will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our transgressions into the depths of the sea." Micah 7: 19

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The poster features a light blue sky with a sun, clouds, and birds. Below the sky is a green field with trees and a white tent. A string of colorful bunting hangs across the top and around the tent. A path of yellow confetti leads from the bottom towards the tent.



MAADS
MOSSLEY AMATEUR OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Adapted from the cult film starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep

**THE
BRIDGES
OF
MADISON COUNTY**

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24th - 29th April 2023
George Lawton Hall, Mossley

**North of
England
Premiere**

Based on the novel by Robert James Waller. Book by Marsha Brown.
Music by Jason Robert Brown (Parade and The Last Five Years)

Presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorised performance materials supplied by MTI.

The poster has a dark blue background with a silhouette of trees at the bottom. The text is in white and yellow. There are two red stamp-like graphics: one on the left that says 'BOOK NOW' and 'maads.org', and one on the right that says 'North of England Premiere'.

ROMILEY OPERATIC SOCIETY

Original Songs by
David Heneker

Book by
Julian Fellowes

by arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh

presents

KIPPS

Based on the H.G. Wells novel
"KIPPS: The Story of a
Simple Soul" and the
original music by
Beverley Cross
& David Heneker

Orchestrations by
William David Bohn

THE NEW HALF A SIXPENCE MUSICAL

Co-Created by
Cameron Mackintosh

New Songs & Additional Music & Lyrics by
George Stiles & Anthony Drewe

TUES 21ST TO SAT 25TH MARCH 2023

Evening Performances: **THE PLAZA THEATRE**
7.15pm - STOCKPORT -

Saturday Matinee:
2.15pm

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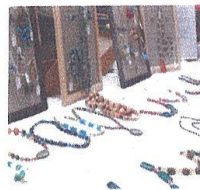
SPRING MARKET

Saturday 18th March 2023

11.00am to 2:30pm Free Admission

Mossley Methodist Church

Next day is Mothers Day & Easter only 3 weeks away



Tea, coffee and bacon butties available to purchase

Craft, Food, Gardening & Charity Stalls plus Raffle