

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 19 April 2023

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INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As explained in previous correspondence and in an email sent out last night, the National Education Union (NEU), in accordance with the provisions of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1992, are calling upon their members to strike. The further proposed industrial action will take place on Thursday 27 April and 2 May 2023.

As previously mentioned, every class teacher at Milton St John's is a member of the NEU. A decision to exercise their right to strike is a personal matter and staff do not have to inform school of their intention to strike until the actual day of the strike. As you can imagine, this makes it very difficult to plan for.

However, I am in the fortunate position that the teachers at Milton St John's have shared their intentions with me as early as possible because they understand the disruption that striking can cause to parents.

Should the Government not be able to work with the Union to avoid strike action, the school will not have sufficient staff members onsite to safely operate in some year groups. Therefore, I am writing to inform you about the arrangements for both days (as they differ slightly) below.

On Thursday 27 April, Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classes will be closed. Year 6, Year 5 and Year 1 will remain open on this day.

On Tuesday 2 May, Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be closed. Year 6 and Year 1 will remain open.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS 3 MAY



To mark and celebrate the historic Coronation of King Charles on 6 May, we are delighted to be holding our own celebrations in school on **Wednesday 3 May**. On this day, the children are able to dress up in party outfits or red/white and blue and will take part in a Coronation Ball and various other fun activities.

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

Please could parents/carers take care when travelling to/from school. We are having reports of inconsiderate parking and unsafe driving manoeuvres around children in and around school. We also hope that parents can continue to be good role models for their children when speaking to other adults when children are present (when frustrated about parking etc).

We **S**how respect. We are **H**onest. We **I**nclude others. We **N**ever give up. We seek **E**xcellence in all we do.

As a reminder, children can be dropped off between 8.45 – 9am. This should help alleviate the pressure around school in a morning with traffic and parking.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

With effect from 17 April 2023 the price of a school meal will be £2.46 (£12.30 a week). We have made comparisons with other schools and Tameside Council are currently charging £2.68. We are hopeful that there will be no further increases this financial year and that this price will remain in place for the next 12 months.

FAMILY HUBS OPEN IN TAMESIDE

Tameside's Family Hubs are now open offering an unprecedented level of support to children and parents.

A launch event took place at the Tameside West Family Hub, Greenside Lane, Droylsden, on 20 March that featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Family Hubs are also open in each of Tameside's four neighbourhood areas with facilities also available at other community venues.

A series of open days will showcase the services and facilities at each hub, featuring free family activities and a wide array of stalls offering information and support.

Tameside's Family Hubs are:

- **West Family Hub (Denton, Droylsden and Audenshaw)**, Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M43 7RA. Call: 0161 342 5197.
Facilities also available at Tameside Wellness Centre Denton and Denton Town Hall.
- **East Family Hub (Stalybridge, Dukinfield and Mossley)**, School Crescent, Ridge Hill, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA. Call: 0161 342 5533. **Open day: Wednesday 5 April, 1-3pm.**
Facilities also available at Stalybridge Civic Hall and Mossley Children's Centre.
- **North Family Hub (Ashton)**, Trafalgar Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0LL. Call: 0161 342 2255. **Open day: Thursday 6 April, 1-3pm.**
Facilities also available at Tameside One and Active Oxford Park.
- **South Family Hub (Hyde, Hattersley and Longdendale)**, Hyde Old Road, Flowery Fields, Hyde, SK14 4SQ. Call: 0161 342 5353. **Open day: Wednesday 12 April, 1-3pm.**
Facilities also available at Hattersley Hub and Hattersley Children's Centre and Hyde Town Hall.

Family Hubs also include virtual offers and are for families with children of all ages, from 0 to 19 or up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), with a great Start for Life offer at their core, available at www.gotogrowtameside.co.uk.

The new hubs act as a 'one stop shop' offering early support to families and young people to help them overcome difficulties and build strong relationships. They bring existing family-help services together to improve access and connections.

Ensuring that families get the support they need from birth through to adulthood helps with children's educational attainment, wellbeing and life chances, while also improving wider outcomes such as poor mental health and unemployment.

KOOTH/QWELL – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT INFORMATION

Kooth is the UK's largest digital mental healthcare provider, accessible to over 11m children and young people (11-25) through our Kooth platform and 4m adults through our Qwell platform, without thresholds or waiting lists. Our service blends immediate access to experienced online counsellors and wellbeing practitioners, alongside self-help tools and a pre-moderated active community with an extensive library of peer and professional created content. You're not alone - Kooth are still available to access during the Easter holiday period.

If you, or someone aged between 11- 25, you know needs extra mental wellbeing support during the holiday season, Kooth are here.

Go to kooth.com to chat to a practitioner today.

Parents/carers, if you are struggling to cope with mental health or wellbeing during the Easter break, Qwell is available to talk to.

Go to qwell.io to find free and safe support today.

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 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

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 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

DIARY DATES

Mon 8 May 2023

Tues 9 May to Fri 12 May 2023

Fri 16 June to Mon 19 June 2023

Additional Bank Holiday

Year 6 SATs week

Year 6 Kingswood residential trip



Friendships is...

Finding things to do together

Relying on each other

Impossible on your own

Enjoying being together

Never selfish

Depending on someone else

Sharing hopes and dreams

Happiness and laughter

Including others

Precious

COMMUNITY NEWS

Willow Wood Shop

We are situated on Arundel Street in top Mossley and are open Mon - Sat 9 am - 4 pm. We sell quality ladies, men's and children's clothing, toys and bric-a-brac, as well as a range of new goods and greetings cards.

Any donations would be appreciated.

Build your skills. Boost your happiness. Connect with your local community.

Scouts isn't just good for young people. It's good for you too.

We help young people - and adult volunteers -
step up, speak up and find their place in the world.
We build skills for life.

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about our volunteering opportunities. Contact for more
information

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GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND TEENS

Discover the
Solihull Approach series

Understanding...

English

more languages available
powered by Google Translate



Enjoy a
fresh new
look on
mobiles

optional voice-over
where available

...pregnancy, labour,
birth and your baby

...your baby

...your child

...your child
with additional needs

...your teenager's brain

...your feelings
(for teenagers only!)

...your relationships

and much more!



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Adapted from the cult film starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

**BOOK
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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.