

Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 22 November 2023

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CHILDREN IN NEED – BAKE SALE

We were so amazed by the amount of cake donations received for the Children in Need bake sale on Friday. Thank you so much. We managed to raise a fantastic donation of £277.94 which, will no doubt, help so many children in need. Thank you!

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



A huge well done to our Year 6 children who represented our school at a recent Hockey tournament. They didn't win, but kept going, showing resilience and determination and represented the school well. Thank you to Mrs Murray and Miss Rodgers for supporting the children on the evening and helping to make sure they were at the right court at the right time etc.



GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK

Sadly, at the end of the week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Girtchen who has got a new job closer to home and Miss Wood who is leaving the dinnertime team to go on maternity leave! We are currently advertising Mrs Girtchen's position and our casual mid day assistant will be taking over from Miss Wood. We wish them both all the best for their exciting new futures ahead.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR AND CRAFT DAYS

Following on from previous years, the children will be taking part in a Christmas Fair and Craft day during the week beginning 11 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 taking part in Christmas craft activities.

To raise much needed funds for the school, we would like the children to bring £5 into school by Friday 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. Activities will include games/chocolate tombola etc. If this causes some financial concerns, please speak to the office/Mrs Galvin or Miss G.

Money raised at the Fair will 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 Monday 4 December. In return the children are able to come to school with crazy hair on this day.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES/ SING ALONGS

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. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. The classes will perform on the following times and dates...

Class	Date	Time
EYFS	6 December	9.10am (as close to this time as possible to allow them to come up to main school)
Year 1	6 December	2.40pm
Year 2	4 December	2.40pm
Year 3	5 December	2.40pm
Year 4	7 December	2.40pm
Year 5	4 December	9.05am



YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS SHOW

Year 6 will be performing a Christmas show on the following dates:

Wednesday 6 December 3.45pm

Thursday 7 December 5.00pm

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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 now until Monday 4 December at the latest.

Tickets are £2 each with a maximum of 5 tickets being available per family, per show.

EXCITING PTA NEWS



Milton St John's PTA
presents...

Elfridges

The elves' secret shop
will be in school on
13th December
With an opportunity
for your children to
buy you small gifts

Here's how it works...

- All gifts are £3 and suitable for parents and siblings.
- Once your child decides on the number of gifts, you can by pre-order them and then pay on SchoolMoney.
- Each class will be brought to Elfridges on the 13th December to choose, wrap and label their gifts.
- Gifts will be sent home with the children before the end of term ready for the big day!

Parentkind
Member Association

This Christmas the PTA elves are hoping to bring a little magic to the season by offering a fun opportunity for the children to buy small surprise gifts for their loved ones. We will be holding an Elfridges pop up shop in school on the 13 December.

All gifts are £3 each and suitable for adults and siblings. Once your child decides on the number of gifts they would like to buy, you will need to pre-order them by 28 November and then pay for them on SchoolMoney. Each class will then be brought to Elfridges on the 13 Dec during the school day, to choose, wrap and label their gifts. Gifts will be sent home with the children before the end of term ready for the big day!

If you would like your child to take part in this, please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/grTcut0ge0> by Tuesday 28 November 10am. Once we have the orders, SchoolMoney will be updated for payment and must be paid for by 10 December please. Due to the organisation needed to coordinate the event, we cannot accept late orders or payments.

This event is not organised to make a profit. The sole purpose of the event is to try and bring some enjoyment for the children in being able to give a gift at Christmas.



FILM DAY

The PTA are very keen to do things for the children and will be having a film day on the last day of term. The children are able to come into school in non-school uniform/ Christmas jumpers and the PTA will be providing the snacks and treats for the children. Some classes will still have PE on this day, so please ensure the children wear appropriate footwear so they can still take part in PE.

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We will be sponsoring and decorating a Christmas Tree at Mossley Community Centre and St John's Christmas Tree festival which runs from Friday 8 – Sunday 10 December.

We are very fortunate in that we are able to sell raffle tickets to win the tree once the festival is over! If you would like to purchase any tickets, the PTA will be selling them the week before on the gates in the lead up to the festival. Further details to follow.

**Mossley Community Centre and
St John's Church, Roughtown, Mossley**

Friday 8th 4pm -7pm DECEMBER

Saturday 9th 3pm -8pm

& Sunday 10th 11am -3pm

(following the Sunday service),

**A winter wonderland of festively decorated twinkling
trees decorated by**

**community groups and sponsored
by local businesses**



Admission FREE, DONATIONS ALWAYS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Seasonal refreshments and music throughout this event

Partnership between St John's Church and Mossley Community centre

Registered Charity NO: 1140980 Reg Co: 7457867

KS2 PANTO TRIP

Once again instead of a Christmas Party for the junior children we have arranged to take them to see the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham, on Thursday 14 December 2023 for the morning performance. If you haven't paid and given consent for your child already, please do so on Schoolmoney by Tuesday 28 November at the latest.

2024 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

The online portal is now open for applications for Reception September 2024. The closing date for submitting a Reception 2024 school application is 15 January 2024. (Applications submitted after this date will be processed as a 'late' application)

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

PARENT WEBINARS

As the PTA have a membership with Parentkind, parents are able to book webinars for free! Some of the upcoming webinars are below. All you need to do is click on the link below and it will ask for the school's address (postcode OL50BN) and it will then redirect you to the booking registration form.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

Conflict styles and difficult conversations – 22.11.23 (7-8pm)

Developing your child's thinking ability – 29.11.23 7.30 – 8.30pm)

Time management for parents juggling work and family life – 6.12.23 (7.30 – 8.15pm)

DIARY DATES

Tues 12 Dec 2023

Christmas Dinner day

Wed 13 Dec 2023

PTA Elfridges

Thurs 14 Dec 2023

KS2 Panto trip

Fri 15 Dec 2023

PTA Film day

Mon 15 Jan 2024

Deadline for Primary School applications

Fri 14 June – Mon 17 June 2024

Year 6 Kingswood Residential trip

Fri 19 July 2024

Year 6 Leavers' Party

COMMUNITY NEWS



MOSSLEY
TOWN COUNCIL

Performance by
Dave Kendrick
Good Vibrations,
local singing group
&
St John's brass band

Special visit
by SANTA to
bestow Gifts
upon the Children

Performance by
Mossley Amateur Operatic &
Dramatic Society
Singing duo (Backstage Pass)
&
The Xmas light switch on
with Father Xmas

Food By
D'Catering
&
Neighbourhood
Hospitality Events
& Catering

Christmas Switch on...
Saturday 25th November 2023
Market ground car park, Stamford Street, Mossley
4.30pm - 6.30pm

The poster features a red background with green pine branches and yellow and white Christmas lights at the top. Four large Christmas ornaments (two gold, two silver) contain text about the event. Two large gold stars flank the central text. The bottom section shows three photographs: a crowd of people, Santa Claus and Father Xmas with a dog, and a night view of the event area with a carousel and a 'smokefree events' logo.



**MANCHESTER
CATHEDRAL**



**WEDNESDAY 6TH
DECEMBER 2023**

Doors open at 7pm | Concert starts at 7.20pm

ADULTS

£10*/£14

CONCESSIONS

£6*/£10

Concessions = those with visual impairments, disabilities, students, children and OAP

GUIDES/CARERS

FREE!

FAMILIES

£25*/£30

Family tickets = 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children

*Early bird pricing will end **6th November**

❄️ **FEATURING** ❄️

Dave Steele - The Blind Poet
Denise Leigh & Stefan Andrusyschyn
Svitoch Ukrainian Choir
Leo Hicks
Henshaws Children & Young People Choir

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henshaws.org.uk

📞 0300 222 5555

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Henshaws society for blind people,
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PLAYERS WANTED



MOSSLEY JUNIORS BRAND NEW U11 TEAM

ALREADY PLAYING IN THE
PREMIERSHIP OR
CHAMPIONSHIP? OR
ASPIRE TO PLAY IN THOSE
DIVISIONS?

WHY NOT COME AND BE PART OF SOMETHING
EXCITING AND FUN

**BREAKING
NEWS**

**Call Wayne
07785535915**

TRANSFER CENTRE