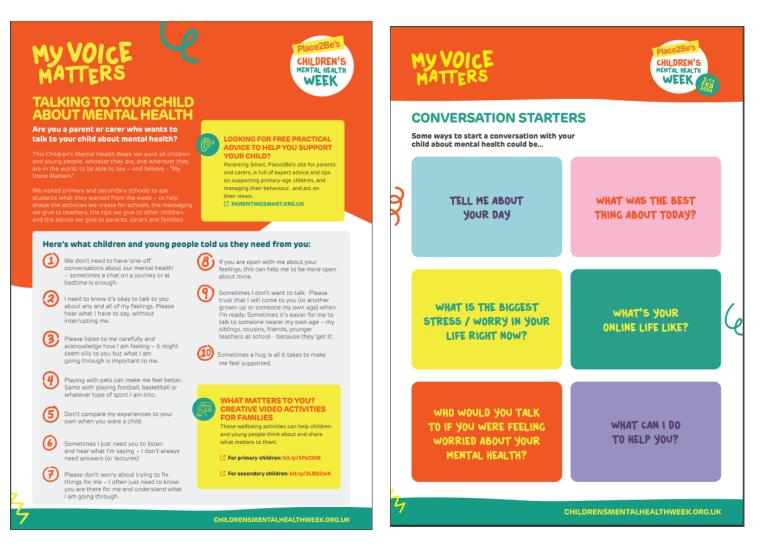
# Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 7 February 2024

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## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week is Children's Mental Health week and the children will be taking part in activities during the week around the theme of 'My Voice Matters'. Place2Be is a children and young people's mental health charity with almost 30 years experience working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools and they have provided some useful tips for parents/ carers. We will be sending the poster below separately to the newsletter so that you can access the various hyperlinks.



#### **SAFER INTERNET DAY**

Yesterday, for Safer Internet day, the children were learning about keeping safe online at age appropriate levels. With technology constantly evolving, it's important to try and keep your children as safe as possible online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. Saferinternet.org offer advice

and resources to Parents/carers to help support their child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively. Visit <u>https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers</u> for more information.

#### PE DAYS AFTER HALF TERM

There are a few minor changes to PE days next half term. Please see below.

Year Group	PE days
Reception	Thursday and Friday
Year 1	Monday and Friday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Thursday and Swimming on Friday
Year 6	Wednesday and Thursday

#### CHILDREN'S SAFETY DROP OFF/PICK UP

Please can we all take care at drop off and pick up times. We are noticing that people are still pausing on the zig zag lines to drop children off (this is illegal) and have also noticed that some drivers are not parking considerately and with safety in mind for other people/children coming into or going home from school. May we remind you that the staff car park can only be used for blue badge holders.

# ABSENCES AROUND A SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Please can we remind parents that we are unable to authorise any absences around a school holiday without medical evidence. If you are going on holiday, please complete an absence request form (available at the school office). We do ask that four weeks' notice is given. As you will be aware, children are very honest (which we encourage as part of our SHINE ethos) and will tell us on their return. Please consider the implications and be honest about time off in term time.

## **MOSSLEY FOOD BANK**

Mossley Food Bank have recently been asking for donations. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food items for Mossley Food Bank please drop them off at the school office as soon as possible. We will ensure they receive the items which we know they will appreciate.

#### **PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MEASLES**

We have been asked to circulate the following information...

Measles can be a very serious illness and with cases on the rise, please make sure you and your child are up to date with your MMR vaccination to get the best protection. This advice isn't just for kids, everyone should check they've been vaccinated, especially if aged under 35. Most people can check their vaccination records through the NHS app.

One in five children with measles will attend hospital, while nine in ten unvaccinated children will catch measles if a classmate has it. The rise in measles cases nationally increases the risk of outbreaks as the infection spreads easily between people who have not been vaccinated. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from the infection – it is safe and very effective, with 99% of people who've had two doses of MMR being protected.

Please contact your GP practice if you need to book a vaccination for yourself or your child.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024/2025

The school calendar for 2024/2025 is now on the website to view.

#### WORLD BOOK DAY - 7 MARCH

World Book Day this year is on 7 March. As it has been quite a while since we have last done this, we have decided that the children can come into school dressed as a character in a book on this day. We would like to emphasize that we will be encouraging the children to try and be creative with the clothes and resources they already have at home, rather than go out and buy a ready-made costume. We are very aware that things cost a lot of money and we do not want to add any further pressure to parents.

#### CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Parents are welcome to attend the following assembly dates for the class assemblies. We anticipate they will last approximately 20 - 30 minutes. Year 6 will be performing in another show later on in the year rather than a class assembly. We will inform you of dates nearer the time. All assemblies will start at 9.05am.

Year 3	20.3.24
Year 2	26.6.24
Year 1	8.5.24
Reception	3.7.24

#### **DIARY DATES**

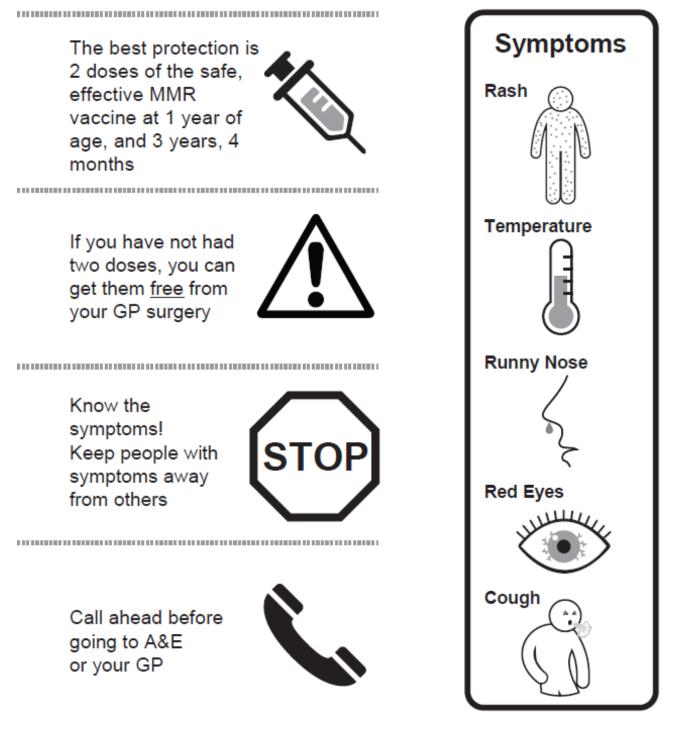
Wed 7 Feb 2024 Thurs 8 Feb 2024 Thurs 7 March 2024 Thurs 28 March 2024 PTA Valentine's Disco Rec/Yr 1/Yr 2 PTA Valentine's Disco Yr 3/Yr 4/Yr 5/Yr 6 World Book Day Yr 5 trip to Lowry Theatre and Imperial War Museum

Mon 13 May-Thurs 16 May 2024Yr 6 SATs weekFri 14 June – Mon 17 June 2024Yr 6 Kingswood Residential tripFri 19 July 2024Yr 6 Leavers' Party





# Measles: How to Stay Safe



UK Health Security Agency gateway number: 2023004. Download only resource www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-outbreak