

Milton St. John's CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15 December 2023

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the singalongs, Church service and the Year 6 play recently. Thank you for making the children and staff feel so supported. It's been wonderful to see the children getting more and more excited by the day about Christmas. This has been especially apparent during the class fairs and when we had the privilege of seeing Santa visit the younger children at their Christmas parties!

I'd personally like to thank the 'Team Milton' and the wonderful PTA for making everything go to plan recently with the various events and activities that make Christmas so special for the children. There is so much organisation 'behind the scenes' that ensures the various events are so successful and they could not be possible without the hard work of the staff and PTA. Thank you.

Finally, as we release the children today for the Christmas holidays, we would like to wish you all the best this Christmas and hope that it is a happy and healthy one for you all.



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REMINDER:HELP US WITH FREE DONATIONS WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

Just reminding you that Milton St John's CE Primary School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Amazon, Tesco, Argos and Groupon are some of the brands that you are able to shop at and get them to donate to us.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/miltonstjohnsprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-gs-e1



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To find out more about how it works click on the link below.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/?efr_source=website&efr_medium=easyfundraising&efr_campaign=header-navigation

So far, with 44 supporters, £434.38 has been raised since we started! Thank you to those that have taken the time to sign up.

PE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Please note any changes to PE days which will come into effect from January.

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

SPORTS AMBASSADORS CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

Our Sports Ambassadors are challenging everyone to see how many miles you can walk in January!

January is a perfect time to get out and be active and enjoy our beautiful surroundings with your family!

To log your miles with school send a photo on class dojo and let us know how many miles you've walked!

The challenge starts on 1st of January and ends on the 31st!



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.

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DIARY DATES

Tues 2 Jan 2024	Inset Day
Wed 3 Jan 2024	Children return to school
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

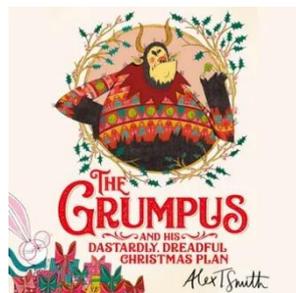
December news from Tameside Libraries

Remember this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Ready, Set, Read? The team are back for a **Winter Mini Challenge** perfect for keeping children reading during the Christmas holidays! The challenge is all online so it's easy for children to sign up and read any books they have at home as well as borrowed from the library, and library ebooks and audiobooks from Borrowbox count for the challenge too!



All the information is on our website <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/news7> , on social media Facebook: [Tameside Libraries](#) and Twitter: [@tamesidelibrary](#).

We've also got some **family activities** in the run up to Christmas to support the Winter Mini Challenge theme. **Free ebook loans** are available to all members of Tameside Libraries by logging in to Borrowbox using a library card and PIN. This month you have unlimited access to some festive titles, including **The Grampus and his Dastardly, Dreadful Christmas Plan** by **Alex T. Smith** in eBook and eAudiobook formats and **Virtually Christmas** by **David Baddiel** in eAudiobook.



Do you know about The Grampus? And his Dastardly, Dreadful Christmas Plan? And about the Awful Thing that happened at the North Pole on Christmas Eve?

Perhaps I should tell you about it ...

This heartwarming story follows the adventures of an unlikely hero as he journeys to the North Pole, unwittingly and somewhat reluctantly making lots of new friends along the way.

Children and families can join Tameside Libraries to get a library card at any of our 8 branches, full details are available on our website: www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/childrens

Christmas Arrangements All libraries will be closed from their usual hours on Saturday 23 December until they open again on Tuesday 2 January 2024 with the current opening hour arrangements from each venue.



**PHANTASMAGORIA'S
OUT OF THIS WORLD
WINTER WONDERLAND**
THE CORNER KIOSK, (NEXT TO THE INDOOR
MARKET), ASHTON MARKET SQUARE

**FREE ARTY ACTIVITIES
AND GLORIOUS GIFTS**

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

POTION BOTTLE LANTERNS

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

SPACE MOBILES

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

LUMINOUS ELVES

11AM TO 3PM



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