

Milton St. John's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 17 April 2024

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WHIT FRIDAY

As previously mentioned, Whit Friday is on 24 May this year. Years 1 - 6 will enjoy taking part in this great community event and will be walking in the Whit Walk.

In previous years a number of children have walked with other community groups and were brought in to get their mark for registration before being taken to meet their group. This caused some confusion when parents had organised for other parents to take their child after registration and we had no knowledge of their permission. To avoid this confusion and make things a little easier for parents, if your child is walking with another community group, please email us and let us know at admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk. Please detail who your child is walking with and who will be bringing your child back to school after the walks. **If your child is walking with a group and you have emailed us to let us know, please do not bring your child into school for registration on that morning.** We will mark your child in so their attendance is not affected. However, if your child does not return to school after the walk they will be marked as absent. If we don't hear from you to say your child is walking with another organisation and your child is absent this morning, attendance will be followed up in the usual way. If your child is on school meals their meal will be ordered on this day as normal.

We look forward to taking part in this traditional event, but please note that school will close on this day at 1.30pm and all children will need picking up.

COUNCIL SURVEY ON WRAP AROUND CARE

The Council want to hear parent's views on wraparound childcare for primary school pupils - i.e. both before school and after school childcare - as they need to make sure that there are enough wraparound places to meet the demand in the Tameside locality.

They would be extremely grateful if you could complete this short survey before Friday, 3rd May, 2024.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Tameside-WraparoundParentsSurvey>

NURSERY/RECEPTION PLACES – SEPTEMBER 24

We still have some Nursery and Reception places available for September. If your child was born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21, your child is eligible to start in nursery in September. We also have some Reception places available from September too, so please get in touch.

We know a number of parents that work sometimes worry about childcare before and after school when their child starts Nursery/Reception, 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.

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

Skools Out: 07960458246

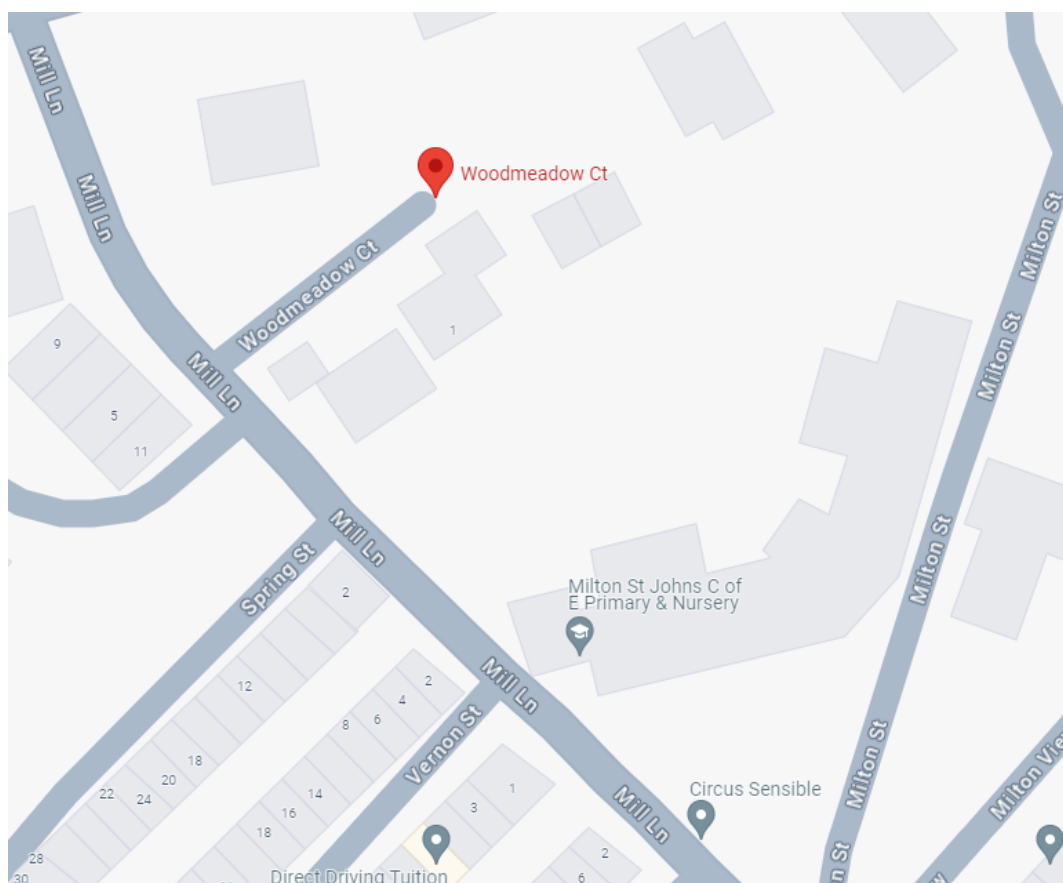
Castle Top: 01457833322

UNAUTHORISED USE OF WOODMEADOW COURT

Maintaining good relationships within our community is very important to us and we are asking that parents support us with this. Sadly, we have been approached to ask for our support to remind parents that Woodmeadow Court (road just above school off Mill Lane) is a private road and should not be used by parents/carers for parking etc. Woodmeadow Court is not a public right of way, it is privately owned and is not an adopted road.

Please can we urge parents to respect the residents and support the school in maintaining good relationships with the community and not use this road. If you have other adults bringing or collecting your child from school, please could you pass this information on so that everyone knows. We understand that parking in and around school can be difficult, however, we hope that parents will support us with this matter.

If you are unsure which road this is please see map below.



SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

Please be aware that from Monday 22 April 2024 the price of a school meal will be £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week).

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THANK YOU MOSSLEY TRAIN STATION

We would just like to say thank you to Mossley Train Station who kindly called us around 10.50am to tell us that a steam train was passing through Mossley between the times of 11.30am and 11.40am today.

Luckily the train track can be seen from our Year 5 and 6 classrooms so some of the children were able to get a quick glimpse of the train as it steamed through Mossley!



PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

We have sent a text asking if parents would kindly spend a few minutes completing a parents' questionnaire as it will help us to improve the learning environment and enjoyment for your child. Please do so by clicking on the link below by the end of today.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CrtzuzTHfEWNMuVWCXyII5f4m10CHFpOiCwGmbT3cslUNUxEOTA4MDNHM043R09RTIBZSDZPNzVHMC4u>

PE DAYS THIS HALF TERM

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

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 2	26.6.24
Year 1	8.5.24
Reception	3.7.24

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Penalty Notices for Non-School Attendance

Information Letter

Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 12 week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the Notice being served. Failure to pay a Penalty Notice may result in prosecution (a separate Penalty Notice may be issued to each parent for each child).

In law, an offence is committed if a parent fails to secure a child's regular attendance at school. Tameside Education Welfare Service, in conjunction with schools and, where appropriate, Greater Manchester Police, will use these powers as an early deterrent to prevent patterns of unauthorised absence developing.

Parents may also receive a Penalty Notice without a warning letter for the offence of failing to secure regular school attendance under the following circumstances:

- Their child is stopped on a truancy sweep
- Where the absence is recorded as an unauthorised leave of absence for a minimum of 10 sessions (5 school days) in a 12 week period

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 also makes it an offence if a parent fails to ensure that their child is not in a public place during the first 5 days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion. Penalty Notices may be issued for such an offence.

The issuing of a Penalty Notice is an alternative to issuing proceedings at court. As a proportionate response, the Local Authority is likely to give parents the opportunity to discharge their liability to criminal proceedings by way of a Penalty Notice on the first occasion.

Once a parent has discharged liability by paying a Penalty Notice on at least one occasion and where there are further unauthorised absences, they may not be given the option of paying a further Penalty Notice, but may instead be summoned to appear before Tameside Magistrate's Court to answer an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996: failure to ensure regular attendance. Conviction of an offence under section 444(1) may result in a fine of

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£1000. Under section 44(1A), convictions may result in a fine of £2,500, a community order, electronic tagging or a custodial sentence and a criminal conviction recorded.

Parents and carers of pupils registered at this school are reminded that they hold legal responsibility for ensuring that their child attends school regularly and punctually.

Milton St John's School shares the Local Authority's and Government's determination to raise levels of pupil attendance and achievement in order to ensure the best possible start in life for our children.

Support and guidance on attendance is always available from our school and if you have any specific queries in relation to this letter, please contact the school office.

DIARY DATES

Mon 13 May-Thurs 16 May 2024	Yr 6 SATs week
Thurs 13 June 2024	EYFS trip to Cannon Hall Farm
Fri 14 June – Mon 17 June 2024	Yr 6 Kingswood Residential trip
Wed 10 July 2024	Yr 2 and Yr 3 trip to Blackpool
Fri 19 July 2024	Yr 6 Leavers' Party

OTHER NEWS

Once Upon A Princess
Presents
**FIND YOUR
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A Frozen Adventure

Saturday 20th April 2.30pm
Mossley community centre

£10 per child, £5 per adult,
£25 family ticket
(2 adults 2 children)

To book visit

www.onceuponaprincessnorthwest.co.uk



Manchester Football Development



At Great Ashton Academy (3G Pitch)
Broadoak Rd, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8RF
Starting on Friday 24th May 2024



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Friday at Great Ashton Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held on the fantastic 3G pitch so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



George
TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316534



We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked



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Book & Lyrics by BRUCE JOEL RUBIN

Music & Lyrics by DAVE STEWART & GLEN BALLARD

23rd – 27th April 2024 – George Lawton Hall, Mossley

*Evening performances begin at 7:30pm, Saturday Matinee
at 2:30pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior.*

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For any questions, please email
us at enquiries@maods.org



