



Milton Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

7th September 2018

Headteacher's Comment

Welcome back everyone! It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school, and I have enjoyed listening to everyone's stories about the holidays. Lots of the children have also spent time thinking about what they want to achieve this year, and are spending the first fortnight practising their learning assets (the 'how to' part of learning!): collaboration, communication, self-management, thinking and researching- all of which will help them with their learning this term.

A special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception families- we hope your children have enjoyed their first days at 'big school!' They have been absolute superstars so far and we hope they continue to settle in well.

I am sure you will join me in also welcoming our newest members of staff who I know are going to have a fantastic impact on learning at Milton:

- Mrs Roche (FP Class 9 and FP Leader)
- Miss McClymont (KS2 Class 6)
- Miss Jones (KS2 Class 7)
- Miss Cahill (KS2 Class 9)
- Mrs Ryan (KS2 Class 11 and KS2 Leader)

Unfortunately, there have been some departure too, and LSAs Mrs Simmons and Miss Oak and Mid-Day Supervisor Mrs Saunders have all left to explore pastures new. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them immensely for all their hard work and contributions over the years.

There are some new dates overleaf, so please make sure you update the list on your notice board, fridge, diary or wherever you keep it! This section will be updated in each fortnightly newsletter.

An important date to note is 'Meet the Teacher' where classrooms will be opened for you to go in and join your child's class and they will talk you through the focus for learning this term, as well as some useful information.

And finally... please be aware that children are permitted to wear their PE kits to school for the day on the day each week when they have Games. Your child's class teacher will inform you of this at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

Mrs Burke

PFA

Please come along and support the fantastic group of parents who currently make up our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) Committee. The children absolutely loved the Film Nights and Summer Fete that the PFA organised last year, and I am sure they have more exciting events planned for this year too! First meeting is Thursday 13th September at 4.15pm in school.

Attendance

We need your help! **Please, please, please** make every effort to ensure your child attends school regularly. Our attendance for the first week back was only 92%, which is below our target of 93.3%. The Local Authority are supporting the school to ensure that poor attendance will be challenged and addressed far more stringently this year.

Important Dates

(New dates are in bold)

- **Thursday 13th September 2018 @ 4.15pm: PFA Meeting** *(old uniform collection deadline)*
- **Friday 14th September 2018: Deadline for Nursery applications**
- **Wednesday 19th September 2018 @ 2.45pm in classrooms: 'Meet the Teacher'** *(all classes with exception of Y5 Mrs Thomas)*
- **Wednesday 26th September 2018 @ 2.45pm: 'Meet the Teacher' for Y5 Mrs Thomas only**
- **Friday 28th September 2018 @ 9am: Parent Voice Group (all welcome!)**
- Monday 24th September 2018: INSET day- school closed
- **Tuesday 16th October 2018: Pupil Photographs**
- **Thursday 8th November 2018: Open evening for parents**
- **Tuesday 13th November 2018: Flu Immunisation**
- **Monday 26th November 2018: Pantomime Visit to school- Sleeping Beauty**
- **Friday 30th November 2018: Deadline for Y7 applications**
- **Wednesday 12th December 2018: Y2 Christmas Performance**
- **Wednesday 19th December 2018: Christmas Parties**
- Friday 21st December 2018: INSET day- school closed
- Monday 7th January 2019: INSET day- school closed
- **Monday 14th January 2019: Deadline for Reception applications**
- Monday 22nd July 2019: INSET day- school closed