



MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Number 11 03 December 2020

PARENT/CARER'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's roundup – and remember you can also keep up to date at www.milton.cambs.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID Update

We are really looking forward to having Years 4 and 6 back in school tomorrow! We are missing you all. We will be sending out a brief survey to Year 6 parents to get some feedback on the remote learning provision.

We have moved out of lockdown into the revised Tier system and we are currently in Tier 2. The tiers are reviewed fortnightly in light of the latest data that has been published. The drive behind the selection of the tier is based upon five key indicators:

- a. Case detection rates in all age groups;
- b. Case detection rates in the over 60s;
- c. The rate at which cases are rising or falling;
- d. Positivity rate (the number of positive cases detected as a percentage of tests taken); and
- e. Pressure on the NHS, including current and projected occupancy.

This announcement makes little changes for Education and we will continue to remain open for all pupils. Please see attachment for clarification of what this means.

The government released their [guidance for schools for opening](#). The guidance starts with this '*There are no substantive changes here for schools*' so it all follows on with the current arrangements to be honest. The changes relate to alteration of tiers.

The key headlines from the guidance are –

- Attendance - School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including: parents' duty to secure their child's attendance regularly at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age), schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence and the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct
- Pupils - pupils who remain in the clinically extremely vulnerable group is that they should return to school from 2 December at all local restriction tiers unless they are one of the very small number of pupils or students under paediatric or NHS care (such as recent transplant or very immunosuppressed children) and have been advised specifically by their GP or clinician not to attend an education setting.
- Educational visits – day visits continue to be supported. The DfE continue to advise against domestic (UK) overnight educational visits. In February 2021, the DfE will review the possibility of changing our advice for overnight residential education visits to resume from Easter 2021 on the proviso the scientific evidence supports any such change

- Performances - *we would advise that schools restrict attendance by parents, and instead host audiences using alternative methods where possible, such as through live streaming or recording*

Hot off the press is the latest news around **Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessment**

- For primary assessments, key stage 1 tests in English reading and mathematics, and the English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests at key stage 1 and 2 will be removed for one year, in recognition of the challenges posed by the pandemic.

This means that Year 2 pupils will not have SATS tests this year, but judgements will be made using teacher assessment. Year 6 SATS continue, but without the grammar paper.

- Schools can take a flexible approach to the administration of the key stage 2 tests and phonics screening check, by extending the original timetable by a week, until 26 May and 25 June, respectively.
- Primary performance data will not be published, teacher assessment in English reading, writing and mathematics at key stage 1, and all other assessments at key stage 2, will remain. These measures will help to understand pupils' lost time in education and support those that need it most, providing vital information to parents and assisting with pupils' transition to secondary schools.



Children in Need

With Year 4's additional contribution the final figure was £1155.15- amazing!

Y6 Slipper Project – Can you help?

At the end of this half term the Year 6 pupils will be completing their slippers project in DT. They use underlay for the base of the slippers. If you have recently had your carpets changed, or are planning to do so soon, and have any spare underlay- or similar material- please contact the year 6 team who will be happy to take it off your hands. Any amount, small or big, will be greatly appreciated. Please leave any donations in the foyer entrance. Thank you

New competition for young fire service enthusiasts



It's [#TeamCamsFire](#) competition time! We want to hear from all of our young fire service enthusiasts in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (under 12 years old)!

We know things have been a little different this year, and we haven't been able to hold our open days like normal. We know lots of children have been disappointed they haven't been able to see our big red trucks up close or meet our firefighters.

And we've missed seeing you all too!

Inspired by Junior Firefighter Darcey earlier in the year, we're running a little competition. We want to see video clips of our aspiring firefighters.

Post them on our social media pages, send them to us at pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk or message us privately on social media. Make sure you include names and ages. The deadline for entries is Monday 7 December 2020.

Be as creative as you like. They could tell us why being a firefighter is the best job in the world, or an important fire safety message.

We'll have a special prize for the best entries in each age category and we'll even make sure they arrive before Christmas.

We look forward to seeing our next generation of superheroes!

Online Safety Concerns

We have been asked to make parents aware of a disturbing child-abduction horror film that is currently going viral on 'Tik-Tok' and 'You Tube', some 9 years after its initial release. Children and young people are naturally curious, especially when influenced by their peers to go online, however the content of such films contain violence, abuse and can be extremely distressing to viewers.

The advice to parents/carers is to sensitively check in with your children, particularly if they have been showing behavioural changes or seem upset or withdrawn. Do this by having an open conversation and suggest that you've heard there is some disturbing content being circulated online or via TikTok and ask if they've heard of anything like that? This is the best way to open an indirect conversation that enables your child to talk to you about any concerns without inciting them or their friends to seek out the actual content.

Please ensure that children and young people in your care know who they can talk to if they come across something that upsets or distresses them online.

Christmas Reminders



Christmas dates so far:

Talent Shows

The children will be performing their acts to their year group peers. We are combining this with a **dress up for Christmas** day. You could come as a reindeer, Father Christmas or just wear something festive of your choice. Please could we ask for a **donation to support the MSA funds**.

Christmas Parties

Please could we ask for a **50p donation** towards food that we will be providing.

Children can come to school that day in **party clothes**.

Talent Shows KS1:

Monday 7th December - Y1 Talent show
Wednesday 9th December - F Talent Show
Thursday 10th December - Y2 Talent Show

Parties KS1:

Monday 14th December - Y1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th December - F Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th December - Y2 Christmas Party

Talent Show KS2

Monday 7th December – Year 5 talent show
Tuesday 8th December – Year 6 talent show
Wednesday 9th December - Year 4 talent show
Thursday 10th December – Year 3 talent show

Parties KS2:

Monday 14th December – Year 6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th December – Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th December - Year 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December – Year 3 Christmas Party

Christmas cards/gifts

This is more of a logistical issue this year due to COVID requirements. If the children would like to bring in Christmas cards for their year group only, they can bring them to school on **Friday 11th December** where they can be posted in their class post box. We will then isolate them over the weekend so they can be handed out in the final week of term.

Neighbour Complaint About Parking

We have received a complaint from a neighbour about very bad parking by a parent near Gunnell Close this morning. We are told there are regular occurrences of bad parking during school drop off and pick up times.

Please can we remind all the Parents/carers to ensure they are respectful of residents and other road users when parking near the school.

The incident this morning has also been reported to the police and parish council by the resident.

Flu Inoculations

These will be administered in school on Friday 11th December.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anna Reeder