



MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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22nd October 2010

Number

5

Dear Parents/Carers

As always the half term seems to have passed quickly, the children have settled well into the new school year but judging by the recent increase in the number of absences they are all well and truly ready for a break. School will be closed for the half term break for the week beginning Monday 26th October followed by a training day on Monday November 1st.

It has been a very busy time with the children out and about and involved in lots of activities. The older children enjoyed many new challenges during their residential visit to Grafham Water. Y4 also enjoyed their 'Tudor Day' with 'hands-on' activities which have really brought their history work to life. They also went to Ely and were involved in the annual 'Cathedral Day' focusing on pilgrimage. Y3 and Y6 have taken part in sports tournaments at IVC with peers from local schools. Pictures of some of these activities can be found on the website.

The children should be bringing home their PE kits today for washing. Before they are returned please can you check that they are still clearly named.

Staffing Update – Mrs. Newton is starting her maternity leave this half term; Mrs O'Shea will be assuming class responsibility for Class 8 in her absence. From November Mrs. Kirby is reducing her hours by 10% each week; Mrs .Taylor will be increasing her commitment to Class 4 by a similar amount as well as covering PPA time for Class 8. Mrs Dingwall will be covering PPA for Class 6.

Children's Contact Details - I am sure you will understand the importance of keeping children's contact information details up to date; if there have been any changes please will you put them in writing and take them to the school office. Alternatively if you would like to check the details on record, please call into the school office.

Parent Information Sessions - Information relating to 'Phonics' and 'Moving on from Phonics' will be put on the website for those interested parents that were unable to attend the sessions.

Health & Safety – Please can I remind you that the turning circle at the front of the school should be used for 'dropping off' children only and not as a parking space.

School Dinner Money - Dinner money up to the end of term is £68.00 (02/11/10 to 17/12/2010), or if paid weekly, (£10 per week, £2 per day). **Please ensure that money is sent into school with your child to ensure that it is with the office on Monday morning as this is when time is set aside for this purpose.**

Privacy Notice – Data Protection Act 1998 - Please note this information is available on the School Website - www.milton.cambs.sch.uk under the school info tab.

Operation Christmas Child – The school will be participating again this year. Leaflets will come home today.

I hope you enjoy the break, let us hope that the children can be out and about in the autumn sunshine.
School reopens on Tuesday November 2nd.

Yours sincerely

S J Dorrington

Head Teacher

Congratulations to Tommy P in Class 7 for completing his first year of Motorcross Racing finishing in sixth place overall. He will be collecting his trophy at the annual presentation during half term. Tommy also won 2nd place in the Royston Rockets under 9 yrs BMXing Summer Championships.

GIVE BLOOD IN MILTON - Monday 25th October 1.15 – 3.15 & 4.30 – 7.00

MILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, COLES ROAD MILTON We recommend booking an appointment for this session by calling 0300 123 23 23 or visiting www.blood.co.uk

DRAMA CLASSES ON YOUR DOORSTEP - MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy runs drama classes at Milton Primary School every Thursday afternoon. The programme is open to all children between the ages of **5 and 11 years**. Sessions are fast moving, affordable and fun (£42.00 for the remainder of the term); every week there's something new! Classes run in the main hall: the Lower Primary class (ages 5 – 7 years) from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m., and the Upper Primary class (ages 8 – 11) from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. For more information phone **01223 208 731** or visit our website: www.helenogrady.co.uk.

Family Learning Festival - The Scout Hut, Waterbeach Primary School Tuesday 26th October 10 – 12 pm for more information contact: www.welovelearning.co.uk

Black History Month 2010 - Set It Off - Brownsfield Community Centre, Green End Road, Cambridge, CB1 1RU – 1.30pm – 4.30pm Saturday 23rd October

Top tips for safe trick or treating at Hallowe'en - For more information contact Cambridgeshire Police – 0345 456 4564 - www.cambs.police.uk

Milton Netball Club - Live Band 'Easy Living' 60's to present day - Saturday 23rd October 2010 – 8pm till 11.20pm - Milton Primary School – Bring your own drink and nibbles – Super raffle prizes – Tickets £7.00 call – For more info contact: 07906 659945 / 07784 031406.

Kids Direct magazine is no longer being printed. Parents can subscribe free of charge via the Kids Direct web site (www.kidsdirect.org.uk) and will then receive an e-newsletter just prior to each school holiday. The next issue for the October half term holiday is now available. If you would like to see a copy of the e-newsletter, it is available at <http://issuu.com/kdeditor/docs/issue10>.

Bike Club

Are you interested in cycling?

Do you want to get into cycling?

Would you like to cycle with your child on a regular basis?

MILTON SCHOOL wants to establish a bike club where school and community can meet on a regular basis to cycle together or learn how to undertake repairs or even create a bank of safety equipment, lights etc. What our Bike Club should do, will be down to the members.

Other Schools in the Impington Cluster are also looking to establish a club and we are looking at ways in which, once established, these clubs can undertake joint activities.

Bike Club is a new national initiative to encourage people to enjoy cycling which in turn leads to better health and fitness outcomes. A small grant is available to help establish clubs and pay for expertise to deliver one off sessions and provide equipment.

Would you like to join such a club with your child, meeting once per week probably a Saturday or Sunday?

Would you be interested in volunteering to run such a club?

If enough people come forward you will be invited to a meeting in school to find out more. In the meantime please return the form below by 5th November 2010.

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Yes I would be interested in finding out more about starting a Bike Club at SCHOOL

Name of Child(ren) Class.....

Would you be interested in volunteering to run the club - yes / no