



Number 4

**MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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October 8th 2010

### **Dear Parents/ Carers**

I hope you found the recent consultation sessions and Maths and Literacy booklets useful.

Can I thank those of you that sent in contributions to last week's harvest celebrations. The Foundation and KS1 produce was sent to Mencap (Edmund House) in Milton and KS2 raised £118.50. This will go towards the cost of sponsoring Nga Ha Thi in Vietnam.

**Thank you** very much for the Tesco vouchers which were donated in the summer term. The order has now arrived and includes a fantastic range of ICT, art and gardening equipment. We have 5 new visualisers; these are web-cams which can take both pictures and videos enabling work to be shared instantly on the interactive whiteboard. Foundation stage and KS1 will be able to extend their growing area as we have some new raised beds, and Gardening Club are very excited about using the new forks and spades to create our fruit garden in our allotment. **C Phillips**

### **Health and safety**

**Parking** Once again neighbours have expressed concern about the parking and speed of traffic in both Butt Lane and Woodman Way. Please can I ask all parents to take great care in both areas and to be considerate of the needs of local people who need access to their drive ways. The Butt Lane car park is for staff vehicles and should not be used as a turning area for cars as this is a danger for pedestrians. The PSCO will be monitoring the traffic at peak times.

**Scooters or Bikes** Children are not allowed to ride scooters or bikes on the playgrounds.

**School Gates** The playground gates will be unlocked by the caretaker from 3.10pm

**After School Activities** are enjoyed by many of the children. In order to ensure the safety of all please:

- Ensure arrangements are in place for taking your child to the activity. This is particularly important for the younger children.
- Inform the tutor if your child is not attending the session. This is particularly important for older children attending early morning activities.
- Ensure your child knows the collection arrangement.

Please do not wait for your child in the classrooms. You are welcome to use the entrance foyer.

### **Parental Questionnaires July 2010**

Each year in July we consult parents/carers in Y1, 4 & 6 in order to gather their views on different aspects of our provision. The responses are collated by a governor and parental views and suggestions taken into account in our future planning.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parents' questionnaire for years 1, 4 and 6. Your feedback is very helpful to show what the school is doing well and where there are things that could be done better. Just under half of parents with children in the three year groups completed the questionnaire. The full governing body looked at the questionnaire responses at their most recent meeting at the start of this term.

The large majority of parents of the outgoing Y6 were very satisfied with the progress their child had made whilst at Milton. Most parents reported that they thought their child had had a broad and balanced primary experience with a range of extra curricular activities that met the needs of their children.

Most parents of Y4 children reported that they were pleased with their child's progress. There were a number of specific and helpful comments. In response to these it is hoped to give children more opportunities to use the library and to provide more ways to enable parents to be involved in school life. One common theme across the year groups was that whilst sports and music provision is good there is a lack of extra-curricular art, which is something that Miss Dorrington intends to address.

The parents of Y1 children were all satisfied with the academic and social progress that their child had made, but they did not feel that they had the same level of face to face contact as they had in Foundation, so steps have been taken to improve this for Y1 this year.

As a governing body we have focussed on IT in recent years. It was good to see that parents found the new website useful and the ParentMail service has been recognised as a great improvement. A number of parents made helpful suggestions about how we could further improve electronic communication with parents and the governors Technology Task Force will look into these over the coming months.

### **The Governing Body**

**Can I remind you that school will be closed on Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> for a staff training day.**

**Photographer** in school Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, to take individual and family photographs. (With pre-school children from 8.30am in KS1 hall)

**Yours sincerely**

*S J Dorrington*  
**Head Teacher**

#### **MSA 200 Club**

The first draw of the 200 club will take place after half term, so it's not too late to buy your shares at £5 each. Forms can be downloaded from the school website.

There is at least one £10 prize each month with larger prizes at the Summer BBQ in July. This is a great way to raise money for the MSA as well as winning something too.

#### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be back at school this term from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We will be open from 3.15pm to 3.45pm each day and every book raises 60% commission for the school. (Friday & Monday in the small hall and then Tuesday onwards held in the foyer). There will be a fantastic range of books on display and we hope you will all be able to visit with your children. We do hope you can support this very worthwhile event.

**Congratulations to George and Art**, who as members of Bassingbourn Race Team have had yet another successful year skiing. At the weekend in the final competition of the season Art won two silver medals and for the overall season he won the series trophy for his age-group. He was also delighted to be awarded the UK Resource Cup for Best Newcomer (Male). George was very pleased with his silver for the team slalom event.

**Jessica P**, class 10 is delighted to have achieved her 600 meters, breast stroke swimming certificate this week. Well done!