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MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

This school year has almost come to a close and the children are clearly tired and ready for a break. It has been a very busy year with some very important achievements for the school community. As always our talented group of children has continued to impress us with their willingness to accept new challenges and share their skills.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed some fantastic performances by the children. This was seen most recently at the wonderful performances of 'Who's Star Struck?' Some of the older children have also worked with a national composer and shared their musical skills with a wider audience at West Road. For the first time Milton took part in the Cambridgeshire children's film festival. Y2 wrote the scripts and made two short animated films which were entered into the competition. Class 5 were delighted to be awarded 2nd place in their age group. We also had success at the Y5 Maths Challenge at Duxford.

The children have also enjoyed the experience of taking part in 'mini Olympics', and sports tournaments with local schools. The variety of extra curricular sporting opportunities has also increased this year.

The allotment has been a huge success with many children keen to become involved in the 'foodshare' project. Anglia Television visited school and filmed the children for a feature about the initiative. The head gardeners also had success at RHS Hyde Hall when their 'growing to give' garden received the head of site's special award. The publicity relating to this project has been very positive and has helped to raise the profile of the school in the local area.

The school council has shown a huge commitment to regular meetings and has been involved in many projects. Children have also responded to the needs of others and raised money for those less fortunate than themselves. We are pleased with the many significant personal achievements by individuals throughout the school; the children should be proud of themselves.

We have also had two successful inspections which have recognized our strengths and identified issues for further development.

I would like to thank the MSA committee for the huge amount of time they have devoted to organizing events throughout this year. As well as fund raising, the MSA help to encourage the 'community' feeling which was very evident at the summer barbecue and is an important part of life at Milton School.

I would also like to thank the many parents who have helped in school on a regular basis and those that have supported classes on trips, and at events such as sporting activities. Special thanks to those that have helped run the after school swimming sessions that are much appreciated by the children. We could not do without you!

During the summer break the KS1 hall will be completely refurbished. Windows in the corridor will also be replaced. Workmen will be on site from Monday but should you see anyone else on the field or premises can I ask you to contact the local police.

Can I take the opportunity to remind you that school does not authorize holiday absence in September as the impact on individual children and classes is too significant. **Could I also ask you to continue to regularly check your child's hair during the break so that we can start the term 'nit' free.**

The children should have brought home their PE kits today. Please will you check them carefully to ensure that they have all of their own belongings. We will be sorting the lost property tomorrow and unnamed clothing will be recycled within school or taken to the clothing bank. **As always tomorrow will be a non uniform day.**

Finally can I wish the best of luck to all the children and their families who are moving on to new ventures. On behalf of all the staff I hope you have an enjoyable break and safe journeys as you travel on holiday. School reopens on Thursday September 2nd.

Yours sincerely
S.J.Dorrington
Head teacher

Congratulations and Good Luck to Jordan F Class 14. Jordan has recently signed his 4th Year contract with Cambridge United Football Club Centre of Excellence. We wish him all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Roella S, Kelda S, and Mark S for their recent successes in the UK Go Challenge finals in London.

Dinner Money

Please can I advise parents that the cost of a school meal is £2.00. Money can be paid termly (£140.00), half termly (£72.00) or weekly (£10.00). **Please make cheques payable to Milton Primary School.** All payments sent to school should be in an envelope clearly labelled with the child's name and class and handed to the class teacher on **Monday morning please**, as this is the day allocated to banking money. Meals should be paid for in advance as we are not in the position to give credit. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please call into the office for a form, all enquires would be dealt with in the strictest confidence. School meals menus are displayed near the dining hall, on the notice boards by both playgrounds and on our website.

Mid-day Supervisor

We are looking to appoint a mid-day supervisor for Tuesday & Thursday each week. The ideal person would also have the flexibility to cover the occasional absence of other lunch time staff. Mid-day supervisors work from 12.15 – 1.30 term time only. (£6.84 per hour) Experience of working with groups of children would be an advantage. A full CRB would be required. Please contact the office for further details. Closing date for applications is 3.00pm Friday 10th September 2010.

Support Breakthrough Breast Cancer

Mike and Lillian Leedham (parents of Amy Leedham, class 2) are aiming to complete the London to Cambridge bike ride in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer on Sunday 25th July 2010.

If you would like to support the very important work done by the scientists at Breakthrough, why not skip that slice of cake with your next coffee or cycle to work instead of taking the bus or the car and use the money you've saved to sponsor Mike and Lillian by visiting:

www.justgiving.com/mikeandlillian

Thanks for your support!

DRAMA CLUB AT MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join our weekly drama club and have some fun. You will develop your acting skills, build your confidence, plus having the opportunity to appear in our shows.

The club runs every Thursday afternoon, in the main hall: Lower Primary (5 – 7 years) from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. and Upper Primary (8 – 11 years) from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. Classes start back on Thursday, September 16th.

To find out more about how to join the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, contact our office on **01223 208731** or visit our website: www.helenogrady.co.uk.