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MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents / Carers

I am sure you are aware that next week is half term; hopefully the weather will continue to be good so that the children can have the opportunity to be out and about in the sunshine.

Hyde Hall Competition

Today the head gardeners have gone to Hyde Hall to create their 'growing to give' competition entry. Hopefully you will be able to view their garden on the RHS website listed below.

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/Gardens/Hyde-Hall/What-s-on/May-half-term>

Can I thank everyone that supported the recent cake and plant stall. I am please to be able to tell you that £93.22 was raised for the allotment.

Swimming

The pool is ready for commissioning and the water will be heated to an inviting temperature during the half term break ready for the new season. We will allow Monday for any last minute preparations and start curriculum swimming on Tuesday June 8th. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us so that we can make good use of this wonderful facility this summer. The timetable for curriculum swimming is outlined below.

Class Swimming Timetable

	9.30	10.45	11.35	1.30	2.20
Monday	1	2	10	13	14
Tuesday	7	8	9	11	12
Wednesday	3	13	14	5	6
Thursday	3-4	8	7	9	10
Friday	4	5	6	11	12

If your child is unwell and not able to swim, please send a note to the teacher. Each child will need trunks or a one-piece swimming costume and a towel in a suitable waterproof bag. Shoulder length hair will need to be tied back. No talc or spray deodorant please. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL CLOTHING IS CLEARLY NAMED.** Please regularly check that your child has his/her own clothing as it is easy for it to get muddled. If your child needs to wear goggles for medical reasons please send a note to the class teacher. The pool can be a bit of a sun trap so **please can I remind you of the need to ensure your child has a sunhat.**

The after-school swimming sessions will also start on 8th June. For the safety of everyone please observe the rules of the pool. A 'responsible' adult must accompany and watch each child in the pool. (No more than four children swimming with any one responsible adult.) The good behaviour of children whilst at the pool is the parents' responsibility. We cannot accept responsibility for children who are dropped at the pool and left. Due to insurance regulations the sessions are for Milton School pupils only, not pre-school children. Our thanks to the parents who have kindly volunteered to act as supervisors for the after-school swimming; without their support these sessions would not be able to take place.

Health & Safety Guidelines

Cambridgeshire County Council are quite specific on their Guidelines to schools concerning the wearing of earrings during swimming lessons.

"All watches, jewellery, etc must be removed. This includes earrings, studs and sleepers. If earrings cannot be removed, the individual is not prepared in an acceptably safe way and **cannot** continue with the activity. Schools should not accept responsibility for either removing or storing rings or studs."

In the light of these regulations we have to ask that **no** earrings be worn during the swimming lessons. Studs should be removed before coming to school on the day of swimming, as teachers cannot be held responsible for their safe storage. Any child wearing studs, which cannot be removed by him/her, will, unfortunately, have to be excluded from the lesson.

Family Seal

The next session of Family SEAL will be on Thursday 10th June at 2.00p.m. in the small hall. The theme will be Relationships.

Healthy Schools Status

As a result of all the work we did to promote health and well being our school achieved Healthy School Status in 2007. Since then an Enhanced Healthy Schools status has been introduced and we have been asked to be one of the first cohort of schools in Cambridgeshire to work towards Enhanced Status.

This programme involves the whole school community and we will be letting parents know through school newsletters how they can help and be involved.

One of the steps we now need to take is to establish a health and well being development group. This group will be made up of people from our school community.

At the moment we are in the process of reviewing all the work we do to be a healthy school as well as identifying two key priorities which will be the focus of our work over the forthcoming years.

Alison Lycett

Bike It and Bikeability Update

At the moment we are busy planning in a range of activities for the children linked to cycling. The Bike It Crew (Year 5 - Tom S, Carlie, Kate, Ben H, Year 6 – Fiona, Tom W, Amy, Matthew) will be meeting on a regular basis over the coming term to think about what areas of cycling we can focus on for this term and into September. We have already planned a playground cycling skills session for Years 4 and 5 (more details to follow) and Outspoken training (formerly known as Safer Cycling) for Year 6. The project will continue to be run in conjunction with Maya Stratton-Brook from Sustrans. Please have a look at the following link for more information: <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-we-do/bike-it>

James Fraser

Supermarket Tokens

Many thanks to everyone who has sent Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers into school. We would like to get our orders sent this month so would be pleased to receive the last tokens by Monday June 14th.

School Dinners

CCS are working hard to increase the meal numbers in every primary school through our three year '10/10 campaign' and the promotion of the My School Lunch website.

As part of this we need to accurately record and reconcile the number of meals served and those ordered on a daily basis. With effect from Monday 7th June 2010 any meals that are ordered by children who subsequently go home ill will be charged for if the kitchen is informed of their absence after 11.00am.

Richard Ware – Head of Services

Yours sincerely

S J Dorrington

Head Teacher

Woodwind Taster Sessions On Monday June 21st and Tuesday 22nd I will be running some woodwind taster sessions. These are aimed at children in current year 3, 4 and 5 who are interested in learning the flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon or saxophone. If you would like your child to have a taster session please fill in the slip below and return to the office by Monday 14th June. You will be informed on Friday 18th June when your child should attend. Further information about woodwind lessons will be given to your child at the taster session. **Mrs Ashman**

Name Class

My child is interested in a taster session on(instrument)

Signature