



Dear Parents/Carers

New Vision and Values Statement

I am pleased to be able to share an important piece of work that has been undertaken in school. Governors and the Leadership Team decided in 2008 to develop a vision and values statement to guide the work of the school. The need was identified as part of the discussions on community cohesion. Governors used a framework to identify what was important to them about the way that the school operates. At a meeting Governors identified words and phrases which described various aspects of the school including the:

- environment of the school,
- behaviours that are experienced at school,
- skills and capabilities used at school,
- beliefs and values which guide the work of the school
- identity of the school and its purpose.

At an Inset day, the staff undertook the same exercise and identified more words and phrases. Over the next term, each class also identified their own words and phrases. Once everyone had had a chance to contribute, the School Council reviewed all the words and phrases. From the shortlist of child friendly language our 'vision and values' statement was developed:

Milton Church of England Primary School

Vision and Values

In our school which is welcoming, safe and fun

Everyone will be, working hard, learning, smiling and enjoying themselves

Using our skills of listening, caring and teamwork

**Because we all believe that everyone has a part to play in our school and
can be themselves**

We are a brilliant school with a Christian ethos

Whose purpose is to develop a lifelong love of learning

This statement of vision and values sits alongside the school ethos statement and guides the work of the school. All policies and procedures and activity within school, reflects the sentiments of the vision and values statement.

This statement is displayed in the entrance with some wonderful photographs showing our vision in action.

Bi-Lingual Network Meeting

The bi-lingual network meeting that was cancelled due to the snow has been rescheduled to take place at All Saints church hall at 2.00pm on Monday March 2nd.

World Thinking Day

Thinking Day for the Guide and Scout Association is on Sunday 22nd February. This is when Guides and Scouts remember their founders and think about members all over the world. To celebrate Thinking Day we would like to invite Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to wear their uniform to school on Friday 27th February. No jeans please.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break. School reopens on Monday February 23rd.

Yours sincerely

S.J. Dorrington
Head teacher

MSA SUMMER BBQ - NEVER TOO SOON TO START

The MSA are planning a '**PRODUCE STALL**' for the Summer BBQ and would like to request all budding gardeners or domestic goddesses to make a little extra. If you are about to start sowing seeds or take some cuttings etc. please could you consider producing a few extra plants to donate to this stall. Other ideas would be homemade jams, chutneys or jellies. Perhaps you may have other home produce that you could make a little extra of or even have some home grown vegetables or fruit available by early July that could be donated. All these items would be much appreciated.

Blue Peter

What: The World's Biggest Bring & Buy Sale

When: Wed 18th February 2009 from 4.30-6.30pm (live on BBC1 from 4.35pm)

Where: Lakeside Shopping Centre*

How: Hold a stall / visit the sale

On Wednesday 18th February 2009, Blue Peter is hosting 'The World's Biggest Bring & Buy Sale' at Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock, and we want you to get involved! Blue Peter will broadcast LIVE on BBC1 from the event, which will feature our presenters and other celebrities, as well as the many bringers and buyers.

The event is being put on to raise money for Blue Peter's Mission Nutrition Appeal. The appeal has the ambitious target of putting 2 million meals on the plates of children around the world and Blue Peter is working alongside three charities - ContinYou, The Federation of City Farms and Gardens and Save The Children, to make this happen.

If you can't get to Lakeside, why not hold a sale locally? Get an adult to order a fundraising pack from www.missionnutrition.org.uk. Get them to register the sale on the map (make sure it's for February 18th) and we can mention it on the show. Let's make 18th February a national event!