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## MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Website: [www.miltonprimary.co.uk](http://www.miltonprimary.co.uk)

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

Dear Parents/ Carers

As always the children still seem to have had a very busy few weeks and now everyone is looking forward to the opportunity to relax and enjoy the spring sunshine. School closes tomorrow so it will be a non uniform day. As you are aware the children will be taking part in the sponsored walk to raise money for shade in the school grounds; we hope that lots of children will come dressed in their 'shades' (sunglasses and hats). This should be a very enjoyable ending to the term.

### Robin Hood

I am sure those of you that saw a Y3/4 performance of Robin Hood will agree that it was a big success. The children sang beautifully clearly enjoying the story line and the mock skirmishes. I think the songs were particularly appealing lending themselves to some great dancing. The children should be very proud of themselves; many of them achieved some important personal goals. A big thank you to all who helped with costumes, scenery, make up and dancing.

### Family Holidays

As some of you will be making plans for family holidays I thought it advisable to remind you of the current regulations.

*Pupils of school age must, by law, attend school regularly. Leave of absence for a family holiday should be avoided if possible as it can seriously disrupt a child's continuity of learning. If you are unable to avoid taking your holiday during school time you will need to complete a holiday form. Please try to:*

- *avoid asking for absence when your child is preparing for, or taking, end of key stage tests (KS2 SATs will take place in the week beginning May 11th).*
- *avoid the beginning of a new academic year when classroom routines and new groupings are established;*
- *give at least two weeks notice that your child is going to be away.*

*School cannot legally authorise more than ten days school absence in a school year unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where a pupil is absent without prior authorisation or without verbal or written explanation on return, the absence will be treated as unauthorised. Absences relating to individual children are recorded on the parental report in July. When absences are high, for whatever reason, the school welfare office will become involved.*

### School Meals

Please can I remind you that the cost of a school meal is £1.90. Money can be paid termly (£110.20), half termly (£43.70) or weekly (£9.50). 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. Dinner monies **MUST** be paid in on Monday morning when secretarial time is set aside to do the accounting.

Finally can I wish you all an enjoyable break and safe journeys if you are travelling. School reopens on Tuesday April 21st.

Yours sincerely

**S J Dorrington**  
Head Teacher

## Go Club

We have been having a friendly Go competition running at the club throughout this term (around 20-30 children have been playing in it)

In the end there were about 40 children who played at least one or two games in the competition. We gave out the prizes this week to the players in the top three places: Thomas Danes, Renzhi Zhou and Jennifer Johnson. Jennifer was third; Thomas and Renzhi will play off to see who was first and who was second. Next term we will have our heat of the UK Go Challenge. **Paul Smith**



## SUMMER PRODUCTIONS

with the

**Helen O'Grady Drama Academy**

Join our drama classes next term and get involved in putting on a play. In the Summer term all Academy classes work on a short, specially written play, to be performed for parents and friends in July. Lower Primary students may be guests at Marty's wedding celebrations, or they could assist the Sultan as he tries to find a husband for the difficult Princess Yasmin. Upper Primary students could find themselves involved in a swashbuckling drama aboard a pirate ship or living in Abilene – the cleanest little town in Texas.

Drama sessions run here at Milton Primary School, every Thursday afternoon; 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. No experience is necessary and we have lots of fun.

To find out more about our programme and how to join the Academy, contact our office on 01223 208731.

*Please join us at Milton Country Park*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009*

*For the launch of our*

*New Play Area!*

*Meet us at 11 am by the play area for the ribbon cutting  
and Childrens' Easter Egg Mini Hunt.*

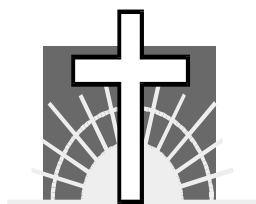
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You are invited to a  
**Mini Messy Praise For Easter**  
on SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 3-4pm  
at All Saints' Church, Church Lane, Milton  
A short time together thinking about Easter  
with crafts, songs & Bible story  
ending with hot cross buns for tea  
For children with their families

**For more details please contact Sue 861747 or Eleanor 413343**