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MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Website: www.miltonprimary.co.uk

16th July 2009

Dear Parents / Carers

This school year has finally come to a close and the children are clearly tired and ready for a break; we are very proud of their achievements.

We have a talented group of children who have impressed our school community with their willingness to accept new challenges and share their skills. Once again we have really enjoyed some wonderful performances by the children; Milton youngsters seem to sing and dance with great skill and enthusiasm. This was seen most recently at the fabulous performances of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Some of the older children have also worked with local schools and shared their skills to wider audiences at Kings' College Chapel and at the 'Rubyat' performance at IVC. We are also pleased that as the instrumental provision has increased, more children are involved in small groups or the orchestra.

Creative week this year was very special as we were able to share some of the different cultural experiences of our families. We have also had some significant sporting successes with children playing extremely well in matches in netball, football, kwik cricket and athletics. The children have also enjoyed the experience of taking part in 'mini Olympics'; and tournaments with local schools.

We were very pleased to achieve 'leading school' status in recognition of our work in PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) and SEAL (Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning). Helping children to develop an awareness of health related issues has remained a high priority. Our travel plan has stalled due to planning permission but we are hoping to have new bike sheds early next term. The school allotment has progressed well with children developing a real enthusiasm for caring for the plants. 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 are very tired now and deserve a well-earned break.

I would like to thank the MSA committee for the time they have devoted to organizing events throughout this year. The children really enjoy the 'extras' such as the visiting theatre and Christmas crackers that are funded by the MSA. As well as fund raising, the MSA events 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 and creative week. 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!

Inevitably at the end of any school year there are some staff that will be leaving. I am sure you will join me in wishing John Cattermole, Amy Kitson and Diane Nunn every good wish for the future. They have all contributed much to life at Milton School and we will miss them.

During the summer break Y1 will be completely refurbished. The area outside class 3 will be filled in to create a mini ICT suite for the children. 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. During the holidays we will also be working on the construction of the new school website which we hope will be completed by the end of September.

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 children 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 all the children and their families who are moving on to new ventures, the very best of luck in the future. On behalf of all the staff I hope you all have an enjoyable break and safe journeys as you travel on holiday. School reopens on Thursday September 3rd.

Yours sincerely
SJ Dorrington

Dinner Money

Please can I advise parents that the cost of a school meal has gone up to £2.00. Money can be paid termly (£142.00), 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.

Seatbelts When the PCSO visited school recently she was concerned by the number of children arriving in cars but not wearing seatbelts. Your child should be bringing home a leaflet for your information.

This summer the University of Cambridge Community Sports Scheme and Activities for Cambridge are running FREE sports activities at Manor Community College. The sessions will run for the first three weeks of the summer holidays from Mon-Fri 10.00am – 12pm. Application form available from the office.

Join the Impington Academy: 17 - 21 August 2009 The Academy returns to Impington Village College for the 3rd year, offering an exciting musical theatre summer school for ages 8 - 16. This year the theme is Hairspray, and there will be workshops in singing, dancing and acting. No experience necessary – but you do need to be ready to work hard and have fun!

The Academy runs from 9.30am - 5.00pm each day (with a supervised chill out session 8.30 - 9.30am and 5.00 - 5.30pm). The cost is £112 per week, and £75 for siblings or families on low income. Our staff are fully training and CRB checked. For more details visit www.myspace.com/startacademy or to book contact Amy Wormald, Arts Development Manager for Cottenham and Impington on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Milton Colts - Masquerade Ball Saturday 26th September 2009

Milton Community Centre Tickets: Only £25.00 each

Tables for up to 10 can be reserved – please advise when booking. To book tickets please contact:
Charlotte Collen – Tel 01223 503741 / Rebecca Aldhouse – 01223 575272

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