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## MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

**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 2nd. We are lucky to have such a wonderful facility and we need to make full use of it.

The timetable for curriculum swimming is outlined below. If your child is unwell and not able to swim, you will need to 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.

**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 themselves, will, unfortunately, have to be excluded from the lesson.

### 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

**The after-school swimming sessions** will start on 2nd 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.

**Creative Week (June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>).** During creative week we are hoping to celebrate the wonderful diversity that there is within our school community. If you speak another language and would be prepared to read a story or undertake a musical or art activity with the children please contact your child's class teacher. The children would also love to sample foods from different cultures.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break. School reopens on Monday June 1st.

Yours sincerely

S.J.Dorrington

**The school gardening club** is well under way and many children are enjoying planting, weeding and watering the crops on our school allotment. So far we have broad beans, potatoes, shallots, carrots and sweet peas planted in our raised bed areas.

Gardening club has proved hugely popular with an overwhelming 230 children wanting to join!! In order to give everyone the chance to participate in this club I have been working with a different class each Friday lunchtime. The children are thoroughly enjoying this activity and return to class with various pots of seeds to look after.

It has become obvious that a greenhouse would be of huge benefit to gardening club. However our greenhouse is to be a little different! We would like to build our own greenhouse from recycled plastic bottles! The picture below gives you an idea of how this will look.



For this project to be successful we need to collect 1,400 clear and 150 green two litre plastic bottles. Although this does sound a large number it actually works out as only 2-3 bottles per child. It would help us immensely if you could flush out the bottle with warm soapy water and soak off any labels. Finally could you remove the bottle cap and cut off the **base** of the bottle. Due to storage difficulty can you please hold on to your bottles and bring them to school week commencing June 15th. The assembling of the greenhouse project is to take place during creative week.

The greenhouse base will need to be prepared before creative week. If any of you have links with companies who may be willing to help us with this, or indeed feel that you could contribute yourselves, we would be delighted to hear from you. Also during creative week itself (22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June) we would really appreciate some adults with D.I.Y. skills to help assemble the wooden frames, roof, door etc.

More information is available in school if you are interested in helping out with this project. We hope you will agree that this is a really exciting project. It is also a great way to teach children that an otherwise disposable material can be recycled to create something entirely new and extremely beneficial to our school. **Mrs O'Shea**

You are invited to **Messy Praise** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009 3-5 pm at All Saints' Church, Church Lane, Milton. For more details please contact the Church Office 441007.

**Milton Country Park** has been nominated a "Perfect Picnic Spot" in the Observer. To vote in the final round see [www.welovebread.co.uk](http://www.welovebread.co.uk).

**Blood Donor Sessions** in Milton on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 1.00 to 3.30 & 4.30 to 7.00 at Milton Community Centre, Coles Road. Call 08457 711711 or visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) for more information. Save a life, Give Blood.