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MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## Dear Parents / Carers

This is the end of a very busy four weeks in school. I am sure many of you will be aware that all Y6 children have been involved in national tests in English, maths and science. The children have worked hard and deserved their strawberry picnic to mark the end of a demanding week.

Last Thursday, as part of our involvement with their outreach programme we were pleased to welcome choristers from King's College into school. The boys joined class 11 to sing a number of pieces; needless to say they all sounded wonderful! In June our children will be involved in a concert at King's College Chapel.

Another group of children in class 12 have also been involved in a dance project with the dancer in residence at IVC. They will perform at several venues including the Junction.

We are also very pleased that the allotment project is progressing well with vegetables such as potatoes, beans and tomatoes planted by various children.

## Cycle Storage

As you may be aware for the last year we have been looking at providing extra bicycle storage. This is still our intention; cycle storage has been selected and Waterbeach Barracks have kindly offered to do some of the groundwork for the cycle racks at the rear of school. Unfortunately we have not been able to move forward any further with this project because we have to go through the planning process. Our plan has been submitted and we hope to hear the outcome early in July.

## School Packed Lunches

Just a reminder that as a 'Healthy School' we do encourage the children to eat a healthy packed lunch. Recently there has been a noticeable increase in the amount of chocolate some children have in their lunchboxes. Previously our School Council put together some suggestions for lunch boxes to encourage the children to eat more healthily.

These were the suggestions

- Brown bread instead of white
- You could try one side brown bread and one side white bread
- Chocolate and crisps one day of the week only
- Fruit salads
- Vegetable salad like chunks of carrot, cucumber, tomato or red pepper
- Breadsticks instead of crisps
- Water or fruit juice instead of squash

It would be great if you could help with this.

## PSHE and SEAL

Each term the school follows one of the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) themes as part of PSHE. After half term the theme will be Changes. This theme explores feelings within the context of our important relationships including family and friends. The theme aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.

<http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/66429>

***You might be interested to know as part of the independent review by Sir Alasdair Macdonald looking into PSHE in schools; Milton was visited and is named in his report.***

### **Staff Changes.**

On Wednesday we interviewed candidates for the vacancy for the teaching position. We were very lucky to be able to select from a very large number of applications. I am pleased to be able to tell you that in September Ms. Kelly Sewell will be joining the team.

### **Health & Safety**

Since our last letter the possible flu pandemic has been high profile in the news. At the moment guidance to schools is advising us that there is still a low risk of contracting Swine Flu. We are however following general infection control practices and good hand hygiene which can help to reduce the spread of all viruses. Children are being encouraged to

- Cover the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue (NOT handkerchief) when possible
- Dispose of dirty tissues promptly and carefully by binning them
- Maintain good personal hygiene, e.g. washing hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from hands to face or to other people

We hope families will support this message and practice at home. We are also cleaning toilets and hard surfaces more frequently. **We updated the children's contact details in September; if you have made any changes please ensure that the school office is informed.**

### **Walk to School Week: 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009**

The school will be taking part in the forthcoming Walk to School Week. For a whole week, children all around the country will be walking to school to help cut pollution on the school-run.

Clearly, the distance children need to travel to school can affect their ability to take part, but there are ways for everyone to be involved. For example, if you drive your child or children to school, why not try parking away from the school and walking the last half mile or so? Simple ideas such as this can help cut school-gate congestion whilst improving the health of your child and yourself.

### **Class Photographs**

Can I remind you that the photographer will be in school on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to take class photos.

Yours Sincerely

*S J Dorrington*

**THANK YOU ALL** - a fantastic result on the sponsored walk. Everyone seemed to have a great afternoon, the only complaint being that the children wanted to walk for longer!! So far we have collected just under £2600. With the gift aid collections we hope to raise nearer £3000 towards the Shade project. If you have not yet brought in your sponsor money, please could you pop it into the lovely shade box in the reception.

Don't forget our grand CAR BOOT SALE on Saturday 6 June, if you have misplaced your booking form they are available to download from the school website, or collect one from the school office.

**If you're 16 or under it's free to swim in South Cambridgeshire from 1 April.** It's free outside school hours and it's a great way to have fun, get fit and stay healthy. For a swimming timetable, please contact the three participating pools direct on:

- Impington Sports Centre: (01223) 200415
- McSplash Pool, Melbourn: (01763) 263313
- Sawston Sports Centre: (01223) 712555

### **Children's Praise Party! Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008 @ Ely Cathedral**

6:45 till 8:30 – Doors open at 6:30 Our Theme this year will be centred on Street Children and the Toybox charity with hands on workshops, non-stop fun with cool music, exciting stories and Puppets. With a guest appearance from the Genr8 team! For Bookings: Pam Lyon, [pamela.lyon@homecall.co.uk](mailto:pamela.lyon@homecall.co.uk). More details: Linda King, 01954 780924, [laking1@btinternet.com](mailto:laking1@btinternet.com) To ensure a place please book ASAP for our planning purposes. However you may pay at the door on the night, cost will be £3:50 per person in association with GenR8, Counties and Ely Diocesan Children's Council