



MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Website: www.miltonprimary.co.uk

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope your family enjoyed the summer break and that the children are now relaxed and ready for an exciting new year at school. As always in September many new families join our community; if you are one of them, can we take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to Milton School.

It has been a busy few weeks in school with work on the next phase of our programme of improvements; the upper KS2 classrooms, corridor and large group room have all been repainted and are looking considerably fresher!

Staffing

As always in September there are a number of staffing changes; we are both looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of working together in the shared headship role. Each week Miss Dorrington will be headteacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Lycett on Thursdays and Fridays. We view this as a unique opportunity to trial different ways of working whilst ensuring continuity of the leadership of the school. Joint headship is a model that is receiving a lot of national attention as an effective model adopted by successful schools. A number of Cambridgeshire schools already operate this model of headship. We will be working closely together on all issues so please feel welcome to contact either of us should you have any queries.

We are pleased to welcome two new teachers, Mr Austin and Mrs Hurworth and two new teaching assistants, Mrs Butler and Mrs Payne. Mrs Newton is returning following maternity leave and will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to them.

Class Teachers Autumn Term 2011

<u>Key Stage</u>		<u>Teacher</u>
Foundation	Class 1	Miss Walton
Foundation	Class 2	Miss Kidd
Key Stage1	Class 3	Mrs Gray
Key Stage1	Class 4	Mrs Kirby / Mrs Taylor
Key Stage1	Class 5	Mr Austin
Key Stage1	Class 6	Mrs Walker
Key Stage2	Class 7	Mrs O'Shea
Key Stage2	Class 8	Mrs Webb
Key Stage2	Class 9	Mrs Farr
Key Stage2	Class 10	Miss Mordue
Key Stage2	Class 11	Miss Kitson
Key Stage2	Class 12	Mrs Hurworth
Key Stage2	Class 13	Miss Phillips
Key Stage2	Class 14	Mr Fraser / Mrs Newton

Joint Headteachers:

Miss Dorrington
Mrs Lycett

Deputy Headteacher

Mr Fraser

PPA Teachers

Mrs Howes
Mrs Dingwall
Mrs Newton
Mrs Goodchild
Mrs Lycett

French Teacher

Mr Hicks

Music Teacher

Miss Moulton

Since September 2005 **PPA** (planning, preparation and assessment) time has become a legal obligation in all schools, so each week on a regular basis your child will be taught by another member of staff. We are also fortunate to have a skilled team of teaching assistants who regularly work with teachers and their classes. **This week you will receive a year group newsletter which will inform you of the names of all the adults working in your child's class.**

Information Sharing

We will continue to try to keep you informed of school events and issues through regular newsletters sent on Fridays via 'ParentMail' or with the children. Newsletters are also put on the website so you can check if you think you may have missed some important information.

On **Thursday 8th September** (3.30 – 4.00) you are welcome to make an informal visit to your child's class. We are sure the children will enjoy showing you around their new rooms. Y6 will also be holding a welcome meeting at the same time.

You will see from the dates attached that parent/ consultations are in the last week of September. Boards will be up in the in KS1 hall from, 7.30.am Thursday September 8th until 5.45pm Friday September 9th for parents to select an appropriate time for a consultation meeting with their child's teacher on either 28th or 29th September. They will also be available in the school office on Monday September 12th.

However if you need to discuss any issues before then please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. They are all out on the playgrounds at the end of the school day.

Children's Clothing

Please can we remind you of the need to clearly name all of your child's clothing. It is also essential to regularly check that your child has brought home his/her own uniform as it is easy for it to get muddled. Parents are understandably cross when named items get lost. On Thursday 8th September recycled uniform will be on sale in the main entrance - all items of clothing are sold for 50p.

Yours sincerely

**S J Dorrington and A Lycett
Joint Headteachers**

For those new to school -

- **Parent/teacher consultations for all classes** – this will provide the opportunity for a discussion about how your child has settled into his/her new class. Lists of available appointment times are put in the small hall. Parents sign up against a convenient slot. The lists are kept up for at least two days so that parents can sign up either before or after school. The school office will confirm appointment times within seven days. We try to give advanced notice of these dates so that working parents can make the necessary arrangements. **These consultation sessions are very important as we want to work closely with all parents.**

If you have a concern about your child at any time during the year please feel welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

- **Parent assemblies** – each class or year group holds an open assembly during the school year. Parents are warmly invited to attend these assemblies.
- **Non uniform days** – the last day of each term is always a non-uniform day for the children.