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MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

The tired faces of the children clearly show they are ready for a break. It has been another very busy year but as always the children have risen to the challenges, achieved much and should feel proud of themselves.

This year teachers have been planning in a more creative way, linking subjects together to make learning more interesting and meaningful. We have also tried to make better use of the local facilities to support the children's experiences, so classes have been out and about in the village; needless to say Milton Country Park has been a firm favourite! We have also had lots of visitors including NAPP the local pharmaceutical company, who undertook exciting science based activities with most classes.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed some fantastic performances by the children. This was seen most recently at the truly wonderful performance of 'Olivia'. Music has been high profile with more children playing instruments and all KS2 children having the opportunity to experiment with rhythms on the African drums. Last week the choir sang beautifully to a very appreciative audience in King's College Chapel. Once again Y2 entered the Cambridgeshire children's film festival and the children enjoyed 'dressing to impress' and attending the presentation evening at the Corn Exchange. The children have also enjoyed the experience of taking part in 'mini Olympics' and sports tournaments with local schools.

The allotment has continued to be a big success with many children keen to become involved in the 'foodshare' initiative. The 'grow, cook, share' project was a very special event with lots of media interest in the children harvesting vegetables and cooking the minestrone soup and focaccia bread for the homeless residents at Jimmy's night shelter.

As always the school council has shown strong 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 also pleased with the many significant personal achievements by individuals throughout the school; the children should be proud of themselves.

I would like to thank the MSA committee for the huge amount of time they have devoted to organizing events throughout this year. As well as fund raising, the MSA help to encourage the 'community' feeling which was very evident at the summer barbecue and is an important part of life at Milton School. This year the committee is losing several key members who have served the MSA well for a number of years; new members will urgently be needed in the autumn term!

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. 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!

During the summer break classes 11, 12, 13 & 14 and the KS2 corridor will be repainted. 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.

Tomorrow we will be saying 'goodbye' to Lynn Keller who will be relocating to Wales in the autumn. She has been a very strong and positive influence in school. Mrs. Thompson will also be starting her maternity leave as her baby is due in September. We will miss both of them; I am sure you will join with me in wishing them both the best of luck in the future.

The children should have brought home their PE kits today. Please will you check them carefully to ensure that they 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.**

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.

Dinner Money

Please can I advise parents that the cost of a school meal is £2.00. Money can be paid termly (£138.00), half termly (£68.00) 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.

Finally can I wish the best of luck to all the children and their families who are moving on to new ventures. 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 Tuesday September 6th.**

Yours sincerely

S.J.Dorrington

Head teacher

Advance notice – September 8th

Classes 13 & 14 – 'Welcome to Y6' meeting for parents 3.30 – 4.00

All parents welcome to make informal visits to the classrooms 3.30 – 4.00pm

GO MATCH

A team of six players from the school Go Club played a match against St Paul's School, Cambridge on Friday. The first round was very close and finished at 3 wins each. But our team did slightly better in the second round and in the end won a narrow victory by 7 games to 5. There were lots of close and exciting games. Well done to our team of Roella S, Mark S, Kelda S, Edmund S, Martin E and Miranda S.
Paul Smith