



Number 6

MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you to everyone for their shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. 203 boxes were collected which is brilliant.

Children in Need - We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported last Friday's Children in Need fundraising. The children certainly entered into the spirit of it and in assembly there was a sea of yellow and spotty clothes. The after school cake stall run by the school council was very popular and overall £400 was raised.

Anti-Bullying Assemblies - On Friday the children presented their work that they had been completing in PSHE over the past two weeks as part of our Anti-bullying topic on 'Stop and think – words can hurt too'. All the children have worked really hard thinking about anti-bullying and it was clear from the pieces of work presented how much the children had learnt. The children shared some excellent pieces of writing, some wonderful posters and used their drama skills to act out various situations. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us.

The school allotment keeps on growing! - Children from Year 6 have been hard at work. Despite a very dry and stony soil, they managed to dig and plant 6 fruit trees for our school orchard with the help of Mrs Findlay from the RHS. As a leaving gift to school Mrs Keller very kindly gave us an apple and cherry tree. These are now planted in the orchard. We look forward to enjoying the fruit at school and also sharing it with the hospice as part of our Foodshare donations.

Netball - On Tuesday three year 5/6 netball teams travelled to Cottenham to play the first leg of their netball tournament. The teams played very well, leading to an amazing 5 wins and one draw. In addition to playing so well, all the children showed fantastic sportsmanship and represented Milton school fabulously! Congratulations to: Amin, Harry, Annabelle, Beth, Ellen, Bethan, Nicole T, Luke D, Jennifer, Eleni, Halle, Amy B, Louise, Eleanor, Rowan, Thomas, Ben, Anya, Amy T, Megan and Ciara.

Blue smile competition - Key Stage 2 children recently participated in Blue Smile Christmas card competition. Milton was one of a number of schools in the area that took part. We are pleased to announce that Luke in Year 6 was runner up in the competition and his cards will be on sale at the Christmas Market. Well done Luke.

Congratulations to - Noah, Ben D, Ronan and Joseph who were all presented with a "Top Award" last weekend by the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, at the Cambridgeshire Scout Association's special ceremony! When they were all in Beavers, they earned their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, by working towards a series of challenge badges.

Starz Update - We are pleased to be able to inform you that the Starz online learning platform will once again be available for children to use from early on in the spring term, the children will be receiving their usernames and passwords after Christmas.

Foundation Christmas Assembly - A reminder to Foundation parents that it is Foundation's Christmas assembly on Friday 2nd of December at 9.30a.m.

The Big Crib Exhibition – The children have been involved in making a large nativity scene. You are very welcome to go with your children to see it at St John's Church, Waterbeach. The Church is open everyday from Friday 25th November to Monday 5th December.

Countdown to Christmas - The term seems to be passing very quickly and the festive season is approaching fast. Knowing this is a very hectic time for many families we have put together 'a countdown to Christmas at school', we hope you find it useful.

December	
1st	Children's Christmas market during the school day. 3.30 – 4.30 - tea, mince pies, seasonal music and the MSA raffle after school in the large hall. All welcome
2nd	Foundation Stage Christmas assembly for parents 9.30am
6th	KS1 Christmas production 'The Little Fir Tree' – classes 4 & 6 - 9.30 & classes 3 & 5 - 2.15.
7th	KS1 Christmas production 'The Little Fir Tree' – classes 3 & 5 - 9.30 & classes 4 & 6 - 2.15
9th	GenR8 Christmas assemblies
12th	Christmas Parties –Foundation & Y3
13th	All classes to All Saints Church for Christmas services. Christmas Parties – Y4 & Y2
14th	Christmas Parties – Y5 & Y1
15th	Christmas lunch
16th	Non uniform day. Christmas Party – Y6 School closes for the Christmas holiday 3.20pm

Christmas Market - Last year's market was a big success as the children really enjoyed choosing presents at pocket money prices for their families. Many thanks to all who have sent in contributions to the market.

Today the children will bring home a packet containing 3 labels. It would be helpful if these could be returned on December 1st with the name of the person for whom the gift is intended and the money that your child has to spend (up to £2.50). This will aid the older children who help the younger ones with their Christmas shopping.

On 'market day' we will decorate the hall and children will be able to visit the stalls during school time. Some of the children will act as stall holders, others will accompany the younger children as they chose and pay for their gifts.

At the end the MSA will be serving tea and cakes in the large hall. The choir will also be singing and groups of musicians will also be providing entertainment. Following this the Christmas raffle will be drawn.

ALL WELCOME – this should be a great start to the festive season.

Reminder – proposed industrial action 30th November – The school meals service will be operating for those in school. The Lane Academy dance classes will continue as normal.

Class 1	Not in school
Class 2	Not in school
Class 3	In school from 1.15pm
Class 4	Not in school
Class 5	In school as usual
Class 6	Not in school
Class 7	In school as usual

Class 8	Not in school
Class 9	Not in school
Class 10	Not in school
Class 11	In school until 2.30pm
Class 12	In school until 1.30pm
Class 13	Not in school
Class 14	In school from 1.15pm

Yours sincerely

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