

SEPTEMBER 2017

Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break. I am sorry I was not there to welcome you all back but my long awaited operation has been brought forward due to health complications I have had over the summer. Later this week I will be having my operation and it looks like my anticipated return will be after the October break. I will be leaving the school in the capable hands of Mrs Matter who will be Acting Headteacher in my absence. Any issues or questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Matter or any other members of the Senior Management team.

Looking forward to October already.

Lorraine Fitzpatrick
Headteacher

Hello!

Welcome back to everyone. I hope that you all had a nice summer and are rested and raring to go! I would like to say a big hello to all of our new children and their families, welcome to Milton Park.

We had such a brilliant year last year. Lots of children took part in The Trust's Got Talent and everyone got up to lots of exciting things both in class and on the numerous trips and adventures that the children took part in. To top it off we also had a 'Good' Ofsted inspection which children, staff and governors are very proud of. I can't wait to see what amazing things the children will get up to this year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or the office if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you all around the school soon.

Louise Brogan - Chair of Governors.

School Dinners: All meals must be paid for via Parentpay. If you have requested a school meal and you have insufficient credit in your Parentpay account your child will not be allowed a school meal until payment has been made. **The school is not obliged to provide food, its duty is to provide education. The option of providing food is a service that parents either pay for or are eligible for free school meals.** The description of debt refers to all monies owed to the school. If for any reason your child is going to be late for school, please contact the office with their choice of meal before 9.30am.

If any parents would like support in setting up a Parentpay account or have any Parentpay queries they can come to the Finance office on a Thursday before the end of the school day and someone will be available to help you.

School App: Please remember you will need to download the school [eschools](#) app to receive messages and all details from school. All letters and communication will be sent to you this way so you will never miss important information again. Please pop to the office if you need any help with the app and to get your username and password if you haven't got them already. Please ensure the office has your current email address or you will not receive letters and important messages.

Uniform: We believe that the wearing of school uniform encourages children to take pride in their appearance and gives them a sense of belonging to Milton Park Primary School. We feel that the children's appearance will help encourage high standards of behaviour and personal achievement. Also, every child must have a PE kit in school.

GIRLS

Grey or black skirt, pinafore or tailored trousers (not leggings)

Red & white checked dresses in summer

White polo shirt

Burgundy sweatshirt with or without school logo

Black low heel shoes (NOT Trainers) (sandals in the summer if you wish but they must be appropriate and hold the feet)

Burgundy fleece

BOYS

Grey or black tailored trousers/shorts (not jogging bottoms)

White polo shirt

Burgundy sweatshirt with or without school logo

Black shoes (NOT Trainers)

Burgundy fleece

PE KIT (To be kept in drawstring bag on child's peg)

Black shorts

White t-shirt

Black daps

Please note that all jewellery is not permitted during PE or Swimming. Children will need to have earrings and any other jewellery removed before these classes.

Please ensure your child has a waterbottle, sunhat and suncream in school when the weather is warm and a coat for when it is wet or cold. If your child arrives to school wearing inappropriate uniform, parents will be contacted.

Parking: We ask that you do not park on the yellow zig zags outside school. Please park sensibly and responsibly. We will report offenders to the Police for inappropriate and dangerous parking. Residents are becoming increasingly frustrated as they cannot access their driveways when parents are parking inconsiderately across their drives. We have advised them to take registration numbers and pass to the Police.

Attendance: If your child is unwell please contact school by 9.30am detailing child's name, class and reason for absence. 01934 624868. Please remember that if your child has sickness /diarrhoea they are not allowed back in school for 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting/diarrhoea.

Contact Details: Please ensure that we have correct phone numbers, email addresses and addresses for yourself, partner, and any other contacts so we may keep your child's file up to date should we need to make contact with you if your child is ill, if a club is cancelled etc.

Breakfast Club: £3.00 per session 7.45-8.30am Monday to Friday. Advance booking with payments prior to attending only. Please note that if your child is booked in and does not attend without contacting us you will still be charged.

Tel: 07517 859876

Afterschool Club: £10.00 per session 3.15-6.00pm Monday to Friday. Advance Bookings with payments prior to attending only.

Please note that if your child is booked in and does not attend without contacting us you will still be charged. **Tel: 07516 555149**

Attendance and Term-Time Holidays: Milton Park is a good school (OFSTED 2017) and we recognise the importance of regular attendance as a key factor in our pupils' achievement. It is therefore essential that parents work in partnership with the school and understand that term time holidays have a detrimental effect on their children's education.

A child with 90% attendance at the end of the school year will have missed ½ a day per week and that is equivalent to 4 weeks absence.

Greater attention is now paid to overall absence by the Department for Education and by OFSTED. Therefore **we do not authorise any term time absences for holidays** and will only authorise an absence in exceptional circumstances. All such unauthorised absences will be referred to the Local Authority Education Welfare Department for issue of a Fixed Penalty fine.

A reminder of the school times;

Reception – 9.00am - 3.10pm (Doors open at 08.40am)

Rest of School - 8.45am - 3.15pm (Doors open at 08.30am)

Gold Mark: Milton Park has achieved Gold Mark for the Your School Games PE accreditation! This is a fantastic achievement which the PE team and School are very proud of.

A big thank you and well done to all of the children for their efforts in PE

Mr Hartley, Ms Lee & Mr Dempsey

Big Day out: It's nearly the end of September which can only mean one thing! On the 29th September, we are again bringing together all children from Years 1-6 from all our Multi-Academy Partner schools to celebrate our collaboration and co-operative working at the famous [Tropicana](#) on Weston's seafront.

This is a very exciting and fun packed day! We can't wait to see all of the children come together to take part in various activities, including building sand sculptures and sports events. As you can imagine we require a lot of adult support to make this day a success, if you are able to volunteer on the day please speak to the office for more information. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please see separate letter for further information.

NSPCC Day Wednesday 18th October: Non-uniform/wear something Green day. We would welcome the donation of £1 which will be donated to NSPCC